Point guard faces felony charges

KRISTY SHONKA
STAFF WRITER

UCF point guard Al Miller found himself in Orange County Jail in the early morning hours of Jan. 2 after police arrested and charged the senior with armed robbery. The incident led to Miller's indefinite suspension from the men's basketball team.

Orlando police stopped Miller because he matched the description of a man who had just robbed a Taba dice policy at gunpoint. He was arrested after officers found $200 each and a credit card with the victim's name and photo, according to a police report.

The victim said he had just gotten off work and was counting the $800 he had earned when a black male approached him with a gun. According to the police report, the robber said, "Homeboy, what's up? Give me all your money." Before the robber left, he frisked the victim for more money.

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A nation in PROTEST

JASON IBSAY
STAFF WRITER

They endured the winter chill, traveling to Washington, D.C., on a psychedelic bus, for different reasons but with one common goal.

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The occasion united several seemingly mismatched groups. The Unitarian Church and the Socialist Workers of America together voiced their opposition to American military action against Iraq.

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Time out: University try to curtail athletes' party hours, pushing for stricter standards.

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STAFF WRITER

Had Hitt, 82, been selected to take charge of the University of Alabama, he would have led a significantly smaller school with a population of 19,633, compared with UCF's 38,608 student population.

When University of Alabama officials announce the finalists for their university's presidency, President John Hitt's name will no longer be on the list.

On Thursday, Hitt officially told Alabamians he was no longer interested in the job and would remain at UCF.

The Alabama presidency, which has been open since May when former president Andrew Sorensen left to lead the University of South Carolina, has attracted several prominent candidates besides Hitt, including Robert West, president of the University of Texas at Arlington.

But few people at UCF knew Hitt was considering other jobs, even after trustees granted Hitt a $300,000 raise in hopes of keeping him here. The trustees also agreed to give Hitt a five-year contract that would increase his salary of $295,000 each year based on an annual evaluation.

While some at UCF were stunned to hear that Hitt was considering other offers, Dan Holsenbeck, vice president of university relations, called Hitt's decision to consider other offers "standard business."

"He gets approached fairly frequently by individuals he knows or by firms who are hired to identify candidates [for administration and faculty positions]," Holsenbeck said.

"Any professional would be remiss not to look at an opportunity that presented itself," he added. "I think it is recognition of what this institution has come to be and [Hitt's] absolute essential role in getting it to where it is."

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Outlining false degrees

The North Dakota Legislative Assembly is on track to pass a bill that would punish anyone trying to use a degree from a diploma mill as a legitimate credential.

Under the bill, anyone who uses a fake degree for employment, education or other personal gain could be charged with a Class D misdemeanor.

No specific punishment is laid out in the legislation, leaving the courts free to administer fines or jail time. The bill defines a diploma mill any institution that is not accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or a foreign equivalent.

A handful of other states, including Oregon and New Jersey, have statutes dealing with diploma mills. State Rep. Roen chimpanzees, a Republican who is chairman of the House Education Committee, introduced the bill, learning that the number of diploma mills that advertise on the Internet is growing. She said people may not realize that many of these advertisements are scams.

Although there have been no recorded instances of someone passing a fake degree off as real in North Dakota, state officials are concerned that illegitimate institutions are undermining the names of legitimate ones, she said.

Debre Fish, administrator for educational equity and private postsecondary institutions for North Dakota's State Board for Vocational and Technical Education, testified at an Education Committee hearing that an institution located on the Caribbean Island of Dominica is called Concordia College & University. Many North Dakota students attend Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., located on the border of the two states.

The institution in Dominica advertises on its Web site that it usually awards degrees within 12 hours, based on an applicant's life experience. No classes or exams are required.

Associate and bachelor's degrees cost $2600, master's degrees cost $3000, and doctoral degrees cost $5000. Usually, shipping and handling is free. The institution's Web site advertises that a person who receives a degree will be sent a certified diploma and two transcripts, complete with watermarks in the paper.

Unwanted hard drives often reveal secrets

Amending a new report by two graduate students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, individual computer users, institutions and government agencies too often fail to erase data on hard drives properly before donating or reselling the drives. Sensitive information can be passed on to anyone who obtains those hard drives.

The two graduate students, Simon T. Garfinkel and Abhi Shelfish, bought 158 used hard drives from November 2000 to August 2002, but also from small businesses and used computer stores. Of the 129 drives that worked, 40 had recoverable information.

The resourceful students found on these drives, among other things, corporate personnel manuals, pornography, credit-card numbers and a letter to a doctor from a man who said that his 7-year-old son's cancer treatment was inadequate. One drive appeared to have been used in an automated toller machine, and contained account numbers, transaction dates and balances.

Garfinkel, who was a technology journalist for many years before he decided to pursue a doctorate in technology policy, said that the press occasionally highlights cases in which private information leaks out through the transmission of hard drives. But, for the most part, "this is a huge problem and nobody is aware of it," he said.

There are already many products on the

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Brain aneurysm kills 23-year-old student

Studen death of Delta Upsilon brother shocks family and friends

RACHEL ZELL

STAFF WRITER

The Delta Upsilon fraternity recently remembered James Schaller, 23, at a candlelight memorial service Friday evening after the senior died last Wednesday of an aneurysm that burst in his brain.

His death shocked and friends who say Schaller never showed signs that he had any symptoms of an aneurysm — a ruptured blood vessel in the brain — which is a rare condition for young adults.

Schaller, a communications major, transferred from St. Petersburg Community College to UCF three years ago and planned to graduate in May. He pledged the Delta Upsilon Fraternity during the spring 2000.

"He told me he spent his best times in life when he was at UCF," said senior Mike Critchet, 21, Schaller's fraternity big brother. "He was a very active member — he worked a lot — but when he wasn't working, he was here.

"He loved his fraternity, it was the best thing that happened to him," said Karen Schaller, James Schaller's mother.

Schaller loved golf, fish and scuba dive and wanted to work in an administrative career field, she said. Motivated and determined, James Schaller knew exactly what he wanted out of life, his mother said.

"He was the best kid a mother could ever have, and had a great sense of humor," she said. "He was very warm-hearted and caring. He got me through some tough times. Certain people just have an aura about them that draws people to them, and he was one of those people."

Junior Tasha Milian, 21, called Schaller a man with a huge heart.

"He was like my hero," she said. "When he took me and Tasha on his on little sisters during Homecoming in 2000, it was one of the best nights we had."

Karen Schaller is thankful for everyone who has offered condolences.

"Being surrounded by all his fraternity brothers and friends is very comforting," she said. "It's good to know he was so well loved.

Schaller is survived by his parents, Karen Schaller and James Schaller Sr., and sister, Meghan Schaller, all of St. Petersburg.

Detecting aneurysms

While brain aneurysms are uncommon for young people, right to 10 million Americans will develop aneurysms — swollen blood vessels — over their lifetime. Most aren't fatal because they are too small to rupture, but nearly 25,000 to 30,000 cases of ruptured aneurysms occur in the United States each year. Forty percent of the people who suffer bleeding from a brain aneurysm die within the first month.

People with certain conditions, including polycystic kidney disease and genetic disorders in the nervous system, are more likely to develop aneurysms. Significant evidence suggests that cigarette smoking increases the risk of a ruptured aneurysm. A smoker is 10 times more likely to sustain an aneurysm rupture than a non-smoker.

The initial symptom of a brain aneurysm is often a sudden, severe headache followed by neck stiffness, nausea, vomiting, light sensitivity or fai­ly to light, a dilated pupil in one eye or the inability to move one or the other eye. Victims may also suffer pain above or behind the eye, in the temple, in the back of the skull or the neck.

Most people will not be aware that they have an aneurysm in the brain until the aneurysm ruptures, causing the severe headache. For the majority of people, symptoms do not come directly from the aneurysm, but rather from its complications.

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Faculty Senate president joins Board of Trustees

**Board welcomes public to discuss master plan**

**Krista Zilizzi**  
STAFF WRITER

Faculty Senate President Michael Mullins will join UCF's 15-member Board of Trustees as its newest member when the trustees convene for the first time this year on Thursday.

Mullins' position on the board is a representative status, created as a result of Amendment 11 that passed in November. That measure established a permanent seat on the Board of Trustees for faculty senate presidents and created a board to oversee each of the local boards of trustees across Florida's 11 public universities.

The position is similar to the seat on the board held by Student Body President Marco Pedia — a guaranteed slot that grants the sitting Faculty Senate leader responsibility for representing the opinions and interests of UCF's faculty members.

"It's absolutely critical to have a professor on the board because someone has to articulate the viewpoints of the faculty," Mullins said. "In the past, it's been a guess as to where the faculty viewpoint has been understood."

"It's an important as having a student serve on the board," he added.

Mullins' role as a UCF trustee will be short-lived; he resigns his position as Faculty Senate president in April after serving as its chairman for almost three months.

The incoming chairman will take over once the 68-member Faculty Senate elects a new president in April. Faculty Senate presidents at UCF are elected on an annual basis.

Thursday's meeting will also be the first time the Board of Trustees convenes since Amendment 11 went into effect Jan. 7. The same members remain on the board, with the exception of Ava Parker who was appointed to the Board of Governors.

The Board of Trustees will also adopt the five-year update of the master plan for UCF's Orlando campus. The board will hear public comments regarding the plan in a public hearing during the day. Those interested in speaking should submit a request to Board of Trustees secretary Beth Barnes by 5 p.m. today.

**SGA senators vow to lobby for deferred student loan payments**

**Ben Baird**  
STAFF WRITER

Student Government Association Vice President Brian Kirlew decided Thursday to petition lawmakers to defer federal student loans once the SGA Senate approves the plan.

"Student loan deferrals are an option and the SGA is already lobbying hard for a resolution that states it," Kirlew said.

Kirlew plans to introduce a resolution which would call for UCF's lobbying firm and the Florida Schools Association, a group that lobbies for Florida universities, to petition Congress and the White House for deferrals on federal student loans once the SGA Senate approves the plan.

The Federal Student Aid program requires students to begin repaying their loans within six months of graduation. Kirlew and other student government officials want that time extended by 12 months for a total grace period of 18 months.

"President Bush introduced a stimulus package that addresses several concerns with the economy, however, these do not address help for students whose economic situation is getting worse and worse," he said.

Kirlew believes that the loan deferrals could be a viable part of Bush's economic stimulus package. The current $600 billion package includes extending unemployment benefits, accelerating 2001 tax reductions, ending taxes on stock dividends and creating new incentives for business investment.

If the resolution passes, Kirlew plans to contact all the congressional members from Florida, members on the appropriate congressional committees, the White House, the Department of Education and major media outlets.

Kirlew would also like to see the other schools get on board.

"We felt that President Bush's economic package should do more to help students and those of us in debt," Kirlew said. "We are student lenders and I don't know of any loan more important to students than money.

**Student suspended after explosion**

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**Arab student contests suspension**

A woman who was suspended from Sanford College, in Israel's Galilee region, on the basis of accusations that she failed to prevent a suicide bombing is demanding to be reinstated.

The college says the campus will erupt in violence if her suspension is overturned. But Garfinkel says that in most cases data can still be retrieved.

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D.C. protesters include 19 from UCF

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Not In Our Name, a mostly youth movement, marched with veterans and senior citizens calling for a peaceful solution to the crisis with Iraq.

The UCF protesters made the 800-mile journey to express their disagreement with the Bush administration's stance. The trip challenged them physically and mentally, but their devotion to the cause made the trip worthwhile.

Some students, like senior Jennifer Kryshka, 21, felt obligated to voice their opposition to war. "I don't believe in war," Kryshka said. "It's not economical or ecological."

Others, like freshman Dan Holbert, 18, opposed the reasons for the war. "I think if we went to war a lot of people will die, resources could be used better, and I'm afraid of the power it could give the government," Holbert said.

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Iraqi scientist accuses U.N. of 'Mafia' tactics

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An Iraqi physicist who was interviewed and had his home searched by U.S. and British inspectors on Saturday said he was offered to help with his wife’s medical treatment out of concern for her health, rather than a desire to spirit him out of Iraq. Hassan said the offer came when the inspectors interviewed him at his home in the outskirts of Baghdad, then traveled with him to arrange for his private car to take him to a hotel.

Hassan, 55, was one of two scientists whose homes were visited by inspectors Thursday morning in a first unannounced search of private residences since the latest round of inspections began in late November. Hassan said he and his family were cleared to leave Iraq, arguing that debriefing sessions are getting into a U.N.-authorized vehicle with a large box of documents.

Bush launches year with plenty of conservative proposals

WASHINGTON — President Bush has launched the new year with a flurry of conservative proposals, portraying his most loyal backers as thinking and acting with his support from independent voters and moderate Republican lawmakers.

Last week, he rejected a plan by four GOP moderates in the Senate to provide a way to provide tax cuts in the 1990s. The plan was defeated by a margin of 58-36, the lowest since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and down from highs in the 80s.

Bush advisers say that is nothing to worry about, as they are trying to pass laws to restrict or limit abortions. The politicians have been circulating a letter to the Senate calling for a constitutional amendment that would allow the states to ban abortion.

From medical research to evacuating the human embryo in its early phases. Jeffrey Bell, a Republican political strategist, has been leading a campaign to undermine the logic of Roe v. Wade. He is trying to pass laws that would restrict or limit abortions, and to prevent the states from allowing them.

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Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

WASHINGTON — As the nation approaches the 30th anniversary of Roe v. Wade on Wednesday, the reasoning that the Supreme Court used to define a constitutional right to abortion is facing sharp and novel challenges.

From medical research to legal status of the embryo, Blackmun concluded that a woman has a privacy right to terminate a pregnancy in its early phases. Jeffrey Bell, a Republican political strategist, has been leading a campaign to undermine the logic of Roe v. Wade. Bell is trying to pass laws that would restrict or limit abortions, and to prevent the states from allowing them.

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Anti-war activists plan another event Feb. 15

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come together like that," she added. "To be the right age at the right place at the right time, it's really rare to capture that on film.

Anarchists made their presence felt, climbing light poles and harassing law enforcement.

One freshman who made the trip, Shannon Brady, 19, called the protest a life-changing experience.

"It was one of the most memorable events of my life," she said. "It was reassuring to see that there are so many people who feel the way I do."

Freshman Sarah Gomez, 19, said she did not know for sure how she felt about the war before the protest, she said she had heard strong arguments both for and against it. "I was trying to figure out what I believe... and educate myself," Gomez said.

Now she definitely opposes it.

Freshman Richard Jones, 19, had no regrets about the trip. "It was a life trip to Washington. I got to help out," he said. "I'm ready to go again."

The organizers of the trip, seniors Emily Ruff, 21, and Mike Tiner, 22, were pleased with the outcome of the trip and the protest. "I'm really glad that so many people showed up, both from UCF and in general," Ruff said.

"There was a lot of unity and solidarity in the crowd," Ruff said. "I hope as college students we can take that unity and solidarity to campus and continue the movement there."

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How do UCF students feel about Al Miller's recent arrest?

He should not be allowed to play because he committed a crime and he's not representing our school any well.

-MIKE ORWIN, JUNIOR

I don't think he should be allowed to play but I don't think he should be kicked off the team until he's proven guilty.

-MIKE ORWIN, JR.
Athletes score academically

Though standards keep student athletes successful, universities push for more

GARY GRAYSON
SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

Senior Sheila Marti, 21, isn’t the stereotypical dumb jock. Although she spends 17 hours a week practicing and training as the captain of the UCF women’s crew team, she also is a resident assistant in the Libra housing community, serves as co-chairman of the Resident Student Association’s Charity Ball and maintains a 3.4 GPA.

According to Dennis Kamrad, Marti’s coach, at least 15 of the 77 crew team members have a 4.0 GPA.

“We are very fortunate to have excellent students,” Kamrad said. “Most of the athletes on our campus are in good academic standing.”

Although the crew team may be in better shape than others, UCF athletes generally perform in the classroom at the level of the overall student body.

Said Alan Goode, the assistant head coach for football, “[Athletes] are held to a higher standard than any other student on this campus.”

In addition to the 30 hours of practice per week during the season, freshmen football players are required to attend weekly study halls and their class attendance is monitored. During the off-season, the team continues to spend up to eight hours per week on physical conditioning.

According to Kirk Speraw, UCF’s head basketball coach, all of his players are monitored to insure their academic success. Students who do not maintain an acceptable GPA are required to attend frequent study halls and to meet with their advisor once a week.

“We want our guys to make sure that they’re focused on their classes,” Speraw said.

The basketball team has a similar practice schedule, starting with conditioning at the beginning of the fall semester and then with seasonal practices starting in October. The team takes a couple of weeks off at the end of the season and then returns to conditioning in the spring.

Karl Mooney, director of Academic Services for Student Athletes, credits UCF’s above-average requirements for the success of its student athletes. Like all other UCF students, athletes must maintain a 2.0 GPA or face academic probation. This, as well as many other UCF guidelines, exceeds those mandated by the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA).

Although athlete GPAs from last semester have not yet been compiled, Mooney estimates that the margin between athletes and other students is minimal and that in many programs the athletes surpassed the general UCF student body.

Both the Ivy League and New England Small College Athletic Conferences (NESCAC) now require that athletes teams take off seven weeks during the school year, in which there can be no organized practices or training. These conferences generally place more limitations on athletic teams so that student athletes can be successful, involved students.

Recent changes in restrictions in both the Ivy League and NESCAC may prompt the NCAA to follow suit in the near future. NCAA’s new president, Miles Brand, is pushing for stricter academic guidelines for student athletes.

“The NCAA is just catching up to UCF,” Mooney said.

NCAA athletes are currently required to take at least 12 credit hours per semester and they must make satisfactory progress towards degree completion. Starting in August of this year, requirements for degree completion will become stricter and athletes will have to remain on track to graduate in five years or less.

These rules are made in an attempt to make student athletes become better-rounded, however UCF officials question if they might create more problems than they solve. According to Goode, the football team trains up to 8 hours per week in the spring with 2 weeks of actual practices.

According to Goode, spring football practices at UCF are already problematic before spring break so that athletes can focus on academics, prepare for exams and enjoy spring break like a normal college student. If the NCAA tightens its restrictions, injuries may increase due to athletes not being as well prepared because of lack of time. She added, seven weeks of required break time would substantially cut into organized conditioning that occurs in the spring.

Although the women’s crew team is exceptionally well-rounded, with some members working up to 15 hours a week maintaining above average GPAs, and joining sororities, sometimes something, such as social activities, must be sacrificed in order to benefit the team, Kamrad said.

Students who already lead successful academic and social lives may suffer athletically from further restrictions with- out any real gains.

“To be ready to perform to your sport, you’ve got to practice your sport,” Goode said.

With concerns about increasing athletic fees and coaches’ salaries already mounting, UCF could face bigger problems if its teams stopped performing at competitive levels.

Nevertheless, the success of UCF student athletes is up to the athletes themselves.

Success comes back to the individual,” Speraw said. “Most people are motivated to get their degree and educate them- selves.”

Marti agreed.

“You assume that when you go to college, people will take responsibility,” she said. “They shouldn’t be here if they don’t intend to graduate.”
Opinions
Tuesday January 21, 2003

OUR STANCE:
Where is campus activism?

Sad! UCF students don't seem to care much about anything. With all that is happening in the world today, most of them either do not notice, or they do not feel strongly enough about issues to do anything about it.

This, it is refreshing to see that some of them do care. In fact, 19 UCF students cared enough about the potential war with Iraq to drive 16 hours to Washington, D.C., to protest U.S. military action.

They gave up their weekends—a foreign concept to most students—to demonstrate their disapproval with American foreign policy. They traveled 500 miles on an unheated bus to join thousands of other Americans in the peace movement.

Campus activism can be much easier than that. Students should take advantage of the expanded free speech zones on campus this semester to speak out on a number of topics that should concern them.

As the country prepares for war with Iraq, the military sends thousands of young men and women—the heroes of UCF students—to the Persian Gulf. However, the war plays out, it is highly likely that many of those soldiers will not come back alive. The war will take a heavy human toll on both sides, and the war is not necessary.

At the same time that the U.S. government sends young people off to die, it demands that certain foreign college students, including those at UCF register with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, so the INS can monitor them.

Seemingly students get too caught up in their own lives to notice the bad things happening right in front of them. It's time to start paying attention and speaking out.

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OUR STANCE:
Raise can't buy security

Tuesday, UCF's president, John Hitt, took his name out of the running for the open presidency at the University of Alabama—more than a month after UCF's Board of Trustees voted to give him a $90,000 raise and make him the highest paid president of a state university in Florida.

Hitt confirmed he had been a candidate at Alabama for several months. In voting for the raise, the trustees cited Hitt's long tenure at UCF as evidence of his commitment to the university. However, Hitt raises questions about whether he would have left the University of Florida if the Alabama offer had been more enticing. Will he be back? If another university offers him even more money and perks! While the UCF community can certainly feel proud to have a president that other universities would have liked to have, Hitt's actions raise the possibility that UCF will not have him for long.

Even after the trustees approved his pay raise, while UCF faces budget cuts and its employees make inadequate money, Hitt continued to consider other offers. Perhaps he would have left if the Alabama offer had been more enticing. Will he be back? If another university offers him even more money and perks!

In the wake of the trustees' decision not to raise Hitt's salary, the university community can certainly feel proud to have a president that other universities would have liked to have, Hitt's actions raise the possibility that UCF will not have him for long.

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OUR STANCE:
Athletes should be role models

Although the NCAA's policy of punishing athletes for off-field improprieties by restricting their on-field eligibility seems highly effective in deterring criminal activity by student athletes, student athletes face more scrutiny and pressure than average students, but they also benefit from perks not available to average students. In exchange for these benefits—like tuition benefits, free travel, and the smallest registration times—student athletes must accept that they will encounter strong penalties when they screw up like Al Miller did.

Student-athletes who commit crimes should be suspended from play, if not kicked off their teams. They certainly should not be allowed to play. In our society, in which athletic prowess is perceived as a highly noble ability, student-athletes are role models. They should not break the law, but when they do, the NCAA punishes them.

Professional sports should model their disciplinary policies after the NCAA model. If pro athletes knew that they could not play at all if any violation team and/or league policies, such as committing crimes, and that if they recognized that their profession makes them role models to the youth of society they should commit fewer crimes.

Furthermore, since most professional athletes move on from the college ranks, the NCAA should do a better job of teaching its athletes to act as role models. Before they get the chance to achieve athletic glory, student-athletes should learn that they have the responsibility to obey the laws of the society that glorifies them.

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Letters to the Editor

Gay students already protected by anti-hate laws

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Of mice and men?
Score 1 for the mouse

MENTAL DODGES

Christopher Arnold
staff writer

Call Mickey Mighty Mouse.
No doubt Hollywood is doing just that in light of a recent Supreme Court ruling that allows copyrights to be extended by 20 years. The legislation, known as the Sonny Bono Act and passed in 1990, changed the length of a copyright term from 50 years after a work's creation to the life of the author plus 50 years. This new law would have allowed popular works of art and music to remain in copyright for another 20 years. These works include Mickey Mouse's "Steamboat Willie," Paul McCartney's "Yesterday," Johnny Cash's "I Walk the Line," and the theme from "In the Heat of the Night." That's right, Mickey Mouse could theoretically own the copyright to his creation for another 20 years. How much more absurd can the world of copyright law get?

The Supreme Court overturned the Sonny Bono Act, thus saving the public domain. The court ruled that the public domain is protected by the First Amendment and is essential to the process of free expression. The court also noted that the extension of copyright terms would lead to millions, even billions, of dollars in lost revenue for the Disney corporation. These copyright extensions would not only benefit Disney, but would benefit other companies as well. The court stated that this type of legislation would lead to millions, even billions, of dollars in lost revenue for the Disney corporation.

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But instead of giving up, UCF continued to quiet doubters. In the Knights' first game without Miller they easily best reigning Atlantic Sun champions Florida Atlantic. The Knights faced more adversity as their leading scorer, Ray Abellard, injured his ankle in the FAU game and was hampered in the Knights' game two nights later at Kansas State. UCF lost that game, but made a comeback late in the game without Abellard, illustrating the resiliency the team has shown all season.

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Still, the Golden Knights mounted a late run just before the intermission, with guard Jessica Schuler hitting a three-pointer that put UCF up 26-25, with 1:16 remaining in the half. A pair of made free throws by both teams kept the halftime margin at one.

But when the second half began, it became obvious that the sequence to end the first half didn’t shake the Golden Knights from their unimplanted play. Meanwhile, Troy State began getting contributions from more than just Alexander.

After power forward Tasha Allen, UCF’s leading scorer, got her first and only basket of the game to put the Golden Knights up 33-30 three minutes in, Troy State mounted a 13-0 run, with nine points coming from center Trica Herring.

Herring and guard Kevi Fisher each scored 11 second-half points to go along with Alexander’s 12, as the Lady Trojans gradually pulled away. The Golden Knights kept within five points of the Lady Trojans for the remainder of the game, but Troy State ultimately won 77-71.

“Collectively, we have to step up in the next game,” said guard Erica Garcia, who finished with 14 points.

UCF got offense from unusual people

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“They were making it up, going zone, coming back man,” said Stetson guard Alex McMillan. “We start most of our plays from the wings and they denied it good, and that really frustrated us.

With leading scorer Ray Abellard limited offensively by a sprained ankle suffered earlier in the season, the Knights received plenty of help from their supporting cast. Forward Dexter Lyons added 15 points and five assists, and freshman Will Bakunowsky scored a career-high 15 points. Abellard scored only four points, his season average of 15.2 points per game.

“I told Ray: ‘It’s your presence on the court that’s gonna make the difference,'” said UCF Coach Kirk Speraw, likened what he saw from his team. “You’re seeing signs of other people stepping up and doing a little bit,” Speraw said. “Collectively you’re seeing people step up in his (Abellard’s) lack of being 100 percent.

UCF entered the game starting a stretch of four games in eight days. UCF hosted Jacksonville on Monday before it hit the road to play Jacksonville State on Thursday and Georgia State on Saturday.

“The best thing we can do is continue to play our game, continue to go to our strength, which is our defense,” Boyd said.

Forward Dexter Lyons echoed his teammate’s sentiments. “Offense sells tickets, defense wins championships.”

Roberts surpasses career block record

From the Sports Desk

Track team opens indoor season at Gainesville

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Senior Erica Garcia finished 11th in the 200-meter sprint, while freshman Diana Chin took 15th in the same event. Chin also placed ninth in the triple jump and 11th in the long jump.

The Golden Knights’ next meet is the Bengal Bayou Classic in Baton Rouge, La., on Jan. 31.

Baseball team appears in third national poll

The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association ranked UCF No. 24 in its preseason top-30 poll.

This is the third national poll the Knights have been ranked in so far, as UCF was ranked 29th by Collegiate Baseball News and 36th by Baseball America. The USA Today Sports Weekly/ESPN Coaches Poll is the last preseason poll to be announced.

The NCUSA ranked two other Atlantic Sun Conference schools in its poll; Stetson was ranked 21st and Florida Atlantic was voted 29th.
UCF quiets doubters

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Next up for the team was a trip to Troy, Ala., to play the Trojans, who UCF handily beat. Abalckar struggled in the next game, and Mercer handed the Knights their biggest loss of the season, but they rebounded again, beating Stonies Saturday night. The Hatters managed to keep both the Knights' leading scorers to single digits, but newcomers Desert Lopez, Roberto Mandarano and Will Balanovsky all registered double-figure point totals. This inconsistency has plagued the Knights all season long, both with and without Miller.

They began the season with an unimpressive loss at Navy before demolishing Niagara in their home opener. The Knights went on to win the New Orleans Knockout, which included a win over Tulane on its home court. But then came a one-point loss to Florida A&M. Again UCF rebounded, this time crushing them-No. 25 College of Charleston. True to form the Knights fell to Tennessee-Martin before sliding into Chicago State. After the Knights held off Gulf Coast, a tough Miami team outlasted the Knights for their only home loss of the season, and that was the last game Miller played in.

Senior Marcus Boyd stepped into Miller’s role at point guard, with help from freshman Tori Linebeck and Abellard. For the second year in a row Boyd has seen his role grow with the loss of another player. Last season Boyd played very little before Dotson broke his leg. After Dotson’s injury, Boyd became the team’s defensive stopper and source of intensity on the team. He maintained that role through the beginning of the season, until Miller’s suspension. Since then Boyd has taken over ball-handling responsibilities and recorded a career-high in points (13) and assists (11) Saturday against Stonies.

Dotson and Abalckar had both taken ease of the scoring with both averaging double figures. But with the Stonies win, the Knights proved they can win even when both are shut down. The Knights even get a spark from junior college transfer Robert Ross, who scored his first points of the season with back-to-back three-pointers in the second half. Ross came in during the first half after Boyd went down with a scary head/neck/ back injury and Abellard tweaked his ankle again. Coach Kirk Spivey said he didn’t really have anywhere else to go when he put Ross in, and that he was happy with the way he played. It was the first time Ross has seen playing time since the Knights’ Dec. 15 loss to Tennessee-Martin.

If the Knights can continue to spread the scoring around while allowing Abellard to get healthy, this surprising season should continue down its positive path. Abellard’s more presence on the court distracts defenses and if other players take advantage of that, it will make the sharp-shooting Abellard that much more dangerous when he recovers from his injury.

Whatever happens the rest of the way, the Knights’ accomplishments so far have quieted those doubters down to mere whispers. And Miller’s suspension looks like it’s headed for the list of obstacles UCF has overcome in this surprising season.

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My first tattoo
Tonight is a first for junior Sarah Body. Standing with three friends inside Exotica Tattoo and Body Piercing, it’s not her first time in a tattoo parlor, but it is the first time she’s deliberating what kind of design she wants inked on her skin.

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While getting a tattoo is not an unusual concept for many college students, it’s the closest Body, 20, has ever gotten to serious body modification. Body’s friends, Sarah Greene, 20, Nicole Posada, 20, and Julianna Valencia, 21, have been trying to convince her to get a tattoo for a while, they say. Tonight Body tries to back out a few times, but is again persuaded by her friends to stay. Now that she’s rid of an ex-boyfriend who didn’t want her to get a tattoo, the time to do it is now, they urge.

Valencia has three tattoos herself, a flower on her ankle, the Peruvian national emblem on her left thigh and an Inca goddess on her right thigh. “It does not hurt that much,” she assures Body.

But Body is still a little apprehensive and thumbs back and forth through the tattoo samples, trying to make her decision. The only problem now is deciding where to put it.

Tonight is a first for junior Sarah Body.
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Serving up some fun for the Super Bowl

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Making a permanent mark

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yell to be heard over the chorus of three needles.

After a while, Body admits that it doesn't really hurt that much. It just feels like a "tingling, prickling" sensation.

Twenty minutes later, the procedure is over. Body's skin around the tattoo is red and already starting to swell, but she doesn't notice. She's too busy examining the design in the mirror.

She doesn't say much, but she smiles and says she is pleased with her tattoo.

As the girls leave Exotica, they know it will not be their last time back there. Passada and Greene want to get their belly buttons pierced, and Valencia wants the goose tattoo.

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But now what? Your heart starts pumping and the questions race through your head. What to wear? What to say? How to act?

There are a few incredibly simple steps that can be taken to avoid a nightmare interview.

Before the interview

Know that getting ready for an interview should take place at least two to three days before the actual interview occurs. Nothing should be last-minute when it comes to preparing for the interview.

Consider the perfect interview outfit based on the position and company you are seeking.

Clothes make the man (or woman).

PARTS: Men should wear long pants, preferably pleated slacks, and women should wear either a skirt, suit, or slacks. Never wear shorts.

SHIRT & SUIT: Men should wear a freshly pressed long-sleeve button-up shirt and women a long-sleeve blouse or dress. Short-sleeved shirts can sometimes leave a bad impression. T-shirts should never be worn.

TIAS & JEWELRY: Men should wear a necktie that complements the dress shirt. Avoid clip-on ties at all costs. Jewelry can be worn but should be kept to a minimum.

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The UCF Career Resource Center will hold its Spring 2003 Career Expo from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Jan. 22 at the UCF Arena.

More than 80 organizations will be on hand to answer questions and make employment and job opportunities for students.

"It’s a big networking opportunity," said Earnestine Jackson, assistant director of the Career Resource Center.

The expo provides a variety of organizations, with representatives from Florida Power and Light to Kraft Foods scheduled to attend.

The Career Resource Center holds job expos once a semester and hosts a statewide expo during the summer semester usually in May. Jackson added that some of the organizations come to the expos on a regular basis.

"Those that continue to come to campus want to recruit UCF students," Jackson said. "We provide interview rooms on the spot if an employer wants to use them."

Students are encouraged to attend the event. Dress for a job interview and bring several copies of a resume to show employers. Registration through the Career Resource Center is not required to attend the expo.

To view a list of the organizations scheduled to attend the expo, go to the Career Resource Center’s home page at www.ucf.edu.
Juggling classes, family, work, fun

Finding right balance takes dedication and organizational skills

SAMANTHA FREDDICKS
STAFF WRITER

Senior Kelly Diedrich, 21, remembers a time she was working a full-time job, averaging 40 hours a week, taking 12 credit hours at the University of Central Florida, and serving as vice-president of her national honor fraternity. "I needed to prioritize my health and mental and physical well-being over some of the other less important demands upon her," Diedrich said.

"It was the first time that I actually stopped long enough to realize I was pushing myself too hard," Diedrich said. "I ended up stepping down to part-time associate position and dropping a class that cost me a scholarship, but I just couldn't do all the things I needed to do.

Though she has managed to pace herself better, Diedrich still suffers from anxiety/panic attacks that are a direct result of her packed schedule of work, school, and community involvement. Working an average of 30-40 hours a week, going to school full time and being an active member of her fraternity, Diedrich says she is lucky to get at least five hours of sleep and rarely has time to sit down and eat a meal.

"It's hard for me to focus sometimes, and staying awake and paying attention in class can be difficult. I feel run-down but I can't just stop because too many people count on me to get things done, so I find a way to do them," Diedrich said.

For students who are forced to work on top of going to school, Being can be a real balancing act. With the average salary ranging from $4-8 an hour, working 30 to 40 hours a week is sometimes necessary in order to support one's self. This is a top of taking classes and attempting to have a social life can be a serious strain on a person, both mentally and physically.

Junior Alicia Reich is also familiar with the stress of balancing school and work. Her average day begins around 7:30 a.m. and is spent on campus, where she is either in class or working for the music department until 5 p.m. After that, either she is doing homework, running errands or going to a meeting for one of the many organizations she is active in.

"I am usually lucky to make it to bed by 1 a.m.," Reich said. "Like Diedrich, Reich suffers physical deterioration from the stress of her schedule.

"By the time the end of the semester comes, I am ready to collapse and I usually sleep the next day or two to gain back my energy. Sometimes my body will physically ache because I am so tired," Reich said.

While with 24 hours in the day, one wonder how students like Diedrich and Reich are able to accomplish everything on their agendas. "I used to use a Palm Pilot, which helped me keep my schedule down to the minute," Reich said. "Now I just memorize my schedule each morning so I have an idea of what my day looks like. Other than that I know I don't have time for a break, so if I have one, something is wrong."

For Diedrich, prioritizing seems to be the key word in keeping herself organized. She says that often the four aspects of her life — school, work, the fraternity and her family — may switch priority levels.

"Time organization is something I have always struggled with. Things tend to overlap with one another and I am forced to make a choice, and it's not a matter of what I want to do but what is the right thing for me to do," Diedrich said. "It's hard to balance everything all the time. What I have found that works is setting up a schedule and sticking to it, because once you get off it, it's very hard to get back into a routine.

So do students like Diedrich and Reich have time for themselves? Does working along with school mean there is no longer time for fun and relaxation? Reich and Diedrich laugh at the idea of free time, but said that on the rare occasion it does occur catching up on sleep is something they try to do.

"I don't sleep as much as I should, and at times I stay awake at night with millions of things running through my mind for the next day. So if I do have some free time I try to take a small nap," Reich said.

Diedrich does admit that the hardest part of balancing everything is not having any personal time. "I feel almost guilty taking 30 minutes of my day for me," she said.

Diedrich is a strong advocate of free time. She says that the little she has is what maintains her overall sanity.

"When I have an actual day off, I go visit my family in Lakeland, but the best thing I do when I have free time is meeting up with my friends for lunch to catch up and talk with them. My friends are my greatest strength. They are what makes each day worth living," Diedrich said.

Though their schedules run them ragged, force them to lose sleep, eat unhealthy, and rarely give them time to relax and enjoy themselves, neither Diedrich nor Reich say they would eliminate anything in their lives, even work.

"All of these things I do are who I am," Diedrich said. "Without any of these elements in my life I would feel incomplete. It's hard and some days I don't have the strength to deal with it and want to walk away from everything, but if I did, I wouldn't know what to do with myself."
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During the interview

Typically, lasting impressions are made within the first 10 seconds of meeting an interviewer. It is the first 10 seconds that can play an important role in determining whether or not the interviewer receives a job. It is always a good idea to open with a good, firm handshake.

Chemistry, or a lack of chemistry, between the interviewer and the interviewee is determined based on both appearance and body language, according to monster.com. Shortly after meeting, an opinion is formed by the interviewer. To avoid a negative opinion, avoid vibes of desperation. For instance, rather than telling the interviewer about really needing a job, comment on the result of possibly receiving the job.

Listen to what the interviewer says and be prepared to explain your interpretation of the information. Also, take note of the tone and pace at which the interviewer talks. Try and copy this pace to keep the conversation on the same level.

When the interviewer begins questioning, avoid saying anything negative about past relationships. This includes both former bosses and coworkers. Also, try to remain calm and focused. Look the interviewer in the eye and talk slowly and carefully. Try not to babble or rush your thoughts.

Body language is very important. Hand gesturing is perfectly fine and also completely natural, but do not get carried away. Do not fidget. Do not play with your hair, tap your foot repeatedly or click the top of your pen. There is nothing worse to make you look more nervous.

Finally, the interviewer will ask if you have any questions. Never, ever say "no." Asking questions proves your interest in the company and job. Ask questions about the responsibilities of the job, ask the interviewer to elaborate on something they mentioned earlier or ask a question about the company.

After the interview

The interview is over, but you did not perform because you followed the simple tips listed above.

Now, seal the deal by sending a simple thank-you note.

Thank-you notes help the interviewer remember you, and also help you to stand out. In fact, it is estimated that only about 5 percent of job seekers send a follow-up note or card. Cards can be handwritten or sent by e-mail. Just make sure to send the card within 24 hours after the interview.

There are a few guidelines for each format.

Handwritten:

- Write the note in pen, not pencil.
- Trash mistakes and start over.
- Proofread carefully. Better yet, have a friend proofread.
- E-mail:
  - Choose a conservative, professional font in black.
  - Avoid e-mails that come across as unprofessional.
  - Do not "CC" or carbon copy the note to others.
- Check spelling carefully.

A key ingredient to a lasting impression is a firm handshake.

In the thank-you note, include strong points that were discussed during the interview and write anything important that you may have forgotten to mention. A sloppy, error-filled note will prove deconstructive, while a nicely written, professional note will improve chances.

Find all these helpful hints and more online at:

• monster.com, "Interviews are Like First Dates," by Carole Martin
• hotjobs.com, "A Crash Course in Interview Preparation," by Christopher Jones.

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In career-related Web sites, visitors can:

Search jobs
Typically, visitors will choose their city and state or ZIP code and a basic category of their job type. Categories will be general such as engineering, financial services and sales. After a general selection, visitors will have the option of choosing from a range of more specified jobs. The jobs will include location, job title and company.

The job title contains a link that visitors can use to inquire about the job and receive some general information about the job including requirements, responsibilities and contact information.

Post a résumé
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EOE
Real world trials after graduation

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Upon coming to that last semester before graduation, a sudden fear overcome many students. No longer will you have the excuse of having classes or homework or whatever reason you may have had to not be able to go to work. Now you are expected to grow up, get a 9-5 job and hope that it will be in some way to what you studied for the last four years.

Maygan Avitabile, 22, graduated from UCF last fall with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She now works as a subcontrac administrator for Lockheed Martin Information Systems. On average day, Avitabile wakes up at 5:30 a.m. to be at work by 7 a.m. and doesn't leave to come home until about 5 p.m. She then does some chores, runs some errands and relaxes for a short time before going to bed at about 9 p.m.

"The best part of having a steady job is that I have a schedule that is consistent, and I have more free time because I don't have classes after work, and I am not involved in extracurricular activities," Avitabile said.

For most students who are lucky enough to land good jobs once they graduate, it is a rewarding experience. Unfortunately though, many suffer through a lot of dissatisfaction when their dream jobs are not waiting for them.

The Career Resource Center offers many workshops and advising sessions to help graduating students with the transition into the career world. Besides workshops for creating a resume and obtaining an internship, the CRC also offers job-searching tips. Web resources and tips on connecting your majors with careers.

Besides the CRC, individual colleges at UCF aid in launching the careers of their graduates by keeping in contact with employers and keeping track of their former student's progress. Most professors and advisers suggest early internships or co-ops to gain experience before graduation. Advisers say that once a student finds a steady job, they are usually able to adjust fairly quickly, but the hardest part is finding that job.

Avitabile said the only real adjustment she had to make in the transition into her job was getting used to the new amount of responsibility that was placed upon her.

"I had a lot less responsibility as a student at all my jobs that I worked. I was also given a lot more freedom to take random days off. I am now expected to full commit to work since school is not a conflict anymore. If my boss wants me to work on a tough assignment or go on a quick business trip, I can't just say, 'Well, I have class tomorrow,'" said.

Some students, like Angie Plemons, 23, advance in the company they were working for while in college. Plemons was an employee of Publix for two years and now works for its corporate office in the franchise-purchasing department. Plemons graduated from UCF in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in art and has been at her job with Publix for a year.

Plemons says she feels much more comfortable with her life now than she did in college. "I honestly didn't enjoy college that much, mainly because I was studying and working while many of my friends were out having a good time. I had no choice. I had to put myself through school by both attaining scholarships and working as many hours as I could," Plemons said.

Even though Plemons is the youngest person in the department where she works, she says the one thing that separates her is that she has a degree. "I know that even though I am treated like a rookie, they respect me for getting the education many of them didn't pursue," Plemons said.

However, even with advice, planning a degree, many students are left with less-than-desirable job opportunities after graduation. Some are forced to continue with wage-earning jobs until they are able to make a break into the field of their choice. Some areas of work are more competitive than others, forcing students to search outside their major for job opportunities. Some majors even suggest having a second degree or a minor to fall back on in these cases.

"I remember if you're having trouble landing that spectacular job with your degree there's always graduate school," Avitabile said.
The good, the bad and the funny jobs
From graveyard danger to poolside pleasure, we have them all

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Whether you earn $8 an hour in a setting where you fear being robbed or shot at, or you work at the happiest place on earth and deal with some of America's least sophisticated customers for just a few dollars less, there are bound to be drama-filled, heart-pumping stories of the good and the bad when it comes to part-time student jobs.

Though most students complain about something at their jobs, ranging from not enough money or working too much or not enough, to not liking coworkers or customers, there are times when there are more unusual circumstances surrounding what makes a job good or bad.

If you enjoy the excitement of danger, then perhaps working the graveyard shift at a convenience store in downtown Miami would be fun. However, Tricia Holting, 24, had a different perspective.

"I worked behind one of those bulletproof-glass windows. It was supposed to be my protection, but it just reminded me of the reason why they had proof-glass windows."

Eric Paulus worked the graveyard shift at a deli in Washington, D.C., and describes the job as "one of the best ways to utilize a college education."

"There were always two cops stationed at the door. They told us it was to make sure no one walked out on the checkout, but we knew it was really in case someone decided to pull a gun and start shooting." Paulus said.

You don't have to necessarily be working in the worst part of town in the early hours of the morning to experience physical hazards on the job, however. Eric Paulus was working as a lifeguard in Gainesville when he encountered an unruly group of sunbathers.

"A few gentlemen had glass bottles on the pool deck, a big no-no, and were asked to leave. They refused to leave and started throwing the bottles. Unfortunately, the 30 or so people at the pool were all related. It was a family reunion, and they perceived my actions as harassment and proceeded to join in with the bottle-throwing and vandalism."

Fortunately, Gainesville police responded quickly with guns drawn and K-9 units. It was a weird day," Paulus said.

Now Paulus works as a lifeguard at Disney and describes the job as "one of the most stressful work environments I have ever encountered."

"It is an advocate for lifeguarding jobs."

"You will never get paid so much for doing so little," Paulus said.

Not all Disney employees enjoy their jobs quite so much, though. Simon Yorinks, 20, who worked in the parks at Disney over last summer, described many encounters with guests as "frustrating, mind-numbing experiences."

"Besides the endless, stupid questions that people ask, nothing compares to the stupid things they do," Yorinks said.

He described one incident in which a man was spotted standing on the front bumper of the Splash Mountain boat, saturating the employee checking to make sure everyone was in their seats.

"The man was standing upright, not in the boat, not even on the seat... No, this bimbo decided that he needed to stand and salute on the front bumper of the log that was about to go off a cliff," Yorinks said.

Some jobs, on the other hand, have some real perks. Monica McCormack, 20, has two jobs. She has not yet. In line and Chris Tucker at her job at the Marriott Hotels, and she has helped cool, naked students get back into their rooms at her job as a RHAP on campus.

"Both jobs have their good points. The RHAP job doesn't require much work but produces some funny stories, and the hotel job gives great benefits, discounts and tuition reimbursement," McCormack said.

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