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The parking gods have been angry

SHELLEY WILSON STAFF WRITER

If you think parking is a problem at UCF, you're not

Students, faculty, and staff alike have been calling Parking Services during the past few weeks complaining about the lack of parking spots and to see what can be done about it.

Throughout the year, the primary complaint regards parking tickets, but this time of year everybody calls concerning the number of parking spots, said John Clark, manager of Parking

One reason for the concern is the growth that UCF has experienced over the last 10 years. The headcount for UCF in 1989 was approximately 20,000 students. This year there is nearly 32,000 students. By the year 2010, UCF estimates the headcount to be over 48,000.

Many students feel UCF just cannot keep up with that kind of growth.

"Realistically, traffic is always terrible at the start of the fall semester, but in my four years here, I've never seen anything this frustrating, senior Jessica Smith said. I am thoroughly disappointed in this university's ability to accurately project the growth in the student population. Because the parking is so severe, many students are



The university's growing student population, 12,000 students in 10 years, has aggravated the parking situation. Parking services is working to alleviate the problem, two parking garages are in the works. By 2010, the population may be over 48,000.

peripheral lots and even makeshift grass lots everyday.

with the enrollment has been a near the Education Building, challenge.

"The goal is to at least keep up with enrollment in some form of fashion. We're not getting ahead of it, but we're trying to match it so that people who need parking can have it when it becomes available."

Parking Services has tried to fully utilized for parking. They

forced to park in the Arena accommodate more parking spots while building two parking garages, which hold 1,300 park-Clark said that keeping up ing spots each. The West Garage, opened in January of 1998, and the East Garage, behind the Engineering Building, opened in August 1998.

The garages have helped according to Clark.

"This is the first time that I've seen the East Garage being

have both helped tremendously, easing the parking problems

However, some students feel that the garages just aren't enough, and that students are suffering because of the lack of

"I was late for my classes the first week of school due to driving around looking for a spot to park, said Julie Anderson. I live right across the street at Knight's Krossing so it takes me about five

minutes to get here, but about half an hour to find a spot to park."

Students have different ideas on how the parking problem could be fixed.

Anderson believes that not allowing freshmen and sophomores to park on campus could help the situation. Senior Ron Keller, a transfer from FSU, said he thinks another parking garage could be the answer.

I think parking is almost like you're hunting for the scraps, he said. I have to leave 45 minutes earlier to get a spot and to get it, you have to follow a person around which is hazardous since everyone wants his or her spot. Another parking garage in the front where people come in at would help that.

Two more parking garages are on the way for UCF students. The parking lots behind the Student Resource Center will be transformed over the next year into a garage starting on Sept. 7. It is set to open sometime next fall. Another garage will soon be under construction near the Arena. Garages are not cheap, costing around \$10 million each.

The sales of the permits and parking fines go to pay for these garages and lots while also maintaining [building, resurfacing, resealing, and cleaning] them, Clark said. A lot of maintenance requirement is made by the user,

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UCF set to host Purdue Saturday

SPORTS EDITOR

It's showtime.

After a summer of voluntary workouts, two-a-days, sweat, and pain, UCF will see just how far its come, hosting No. 23 Purdue, the highest profile team ever to visit the Golden Knights at the Citrus

Are they ready?

"Emotionally, I don't think we're quite there yet," defensive coordinator Gene Chizik said following last Saturday's Golden Knight Game, the final scrimmage before Purdue. "However, I don't want us to be just yet. I know the guys will be hyped to play on Saturday, but that's Saturday. For now, I want us focused and relaxed."

Chizik's defense is now considered the strength of UCF, which has relied on its Daunte Culpepper-led offense to win the past four years. Their daunting task? Stop Purdue's Air Strike '99 from ever getting off the ground.

As evidenced by their bold slogan, the Boilermakers make no secret of what they plan on doing.

Junior quarterback Drew Brees enters the year as a Heisman Trophy Candidate and hopes to start his campaign by lighting up the Golden Knight secondary. Brees set Big 10 season passing records for passing attempts, completions, yards, and touchdowns in his first season as a starter, and added an NCAA record by attempting 83 passes in one game. His arm is durable and strong.

"We know all about Drew Brees," Coach Mike Kruczek said. "He's a great quarterback, but we also know that he's going to have to be stopped, and we have the personnel to do that."

UCF's personnel is a bit banged up, however, as senior middle linebacker Deaubrey Devine suffered an elbow injury in the last scrimmage and is doubtful for the contest.

Defensive linemen Mary Richardson (eye surgery) and Jeff Mauldin (knee) may be limited as well.

"We got dealt a tough blow," Chizik said. "But we know we have to go with who is available and we have confidence in the ability of every member on this

If Devine is indeed unavailable, senior Chris Gunn, who himself has been limited by a broken leg during his UCF career, gets first crack at making an immediate impact.

Senior Jeff Fye, junior Davin Bush, and sophomore Travis Fisher will have perhaps the biggest impact on the contest, as they are the ones responsible for covering Purdue's corps of receivers.

Fye has been looking forward to this contest from the moment the Golden Knights walked off the field at Purdue's



Purdue's Drew Brees hopes to start his Heisman Trophy campaign by lighting up the Knights in UCF's highest profile home game

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Senate elections may be postponed

Lack of commissioners to blame for this year's wait; 2 to 4 week delay expected

There's no reason

approved and

there's no reason

why the elections

Andy Cupicha

SHELLEY WILSON

UCF Student Government is usually gearing up for Senate elections during this

This year, however, they are waiting to see if the elections will be held on

Due to not having enough election commissioners, the elections might be postponed two to four weeks.

If that happens, this would be the second year in a row that the Senate elections would not be completed during the time specified by SG statutes.

The Senate elections are supposed to be held during the fifth week of school

Last year the elections were canceled after the first day because of statutes the election commission broke, according to then SG President Jason Murphy.

There are approximately five commissioners left from last year, but SG statutes state 15 is the minimum to hold an election. Some senators said the extra time a cancellation would provide would be useful, but it could also create a bad image for the organization.

"The elections being postponed has a good and bad side to it," said Bob Williams, chair of the Legislative, Judicial, and Rules (LJR) Committee. "If they are, Andy [Cupicha, SG president] would have

then the Senate would have more time to confirm them. This would also allow I'm absolutely those commissioners to have more training for the tired of playing

"On the other hand, it these games. makes Senate look bad because it looks like we're trying to extend our term in these people

Other senators believe shouldn't be the elections should continue as scheduled.

"In the statutes, it says the elections should go in order and we should hold them in that order," said Sen. Kristian Cosme. should be pushed "Maybe if the Senate would stop not confirming people, then maybe more would people involved."

The issue of not con-

last week's Senate meeting.

The only candidate there has been for chief elections commissioner, David Dobin, came up for confirmation before Senate and was not confirmed by a vote of 4-7. Three other election commissioners were also up for confirmation by the Senate. Only one of them was confirmed.

Student Body President Andy Cupicha issued a letter of non-compliance because of the lack of appointments by the LJR Committee.

Cupicha told the Senate he does not understand why people he has appointed to positions have not been approved.

"I'm absolutely tired of playing these games, he said. There's no reason these people shouldn't be approved and there's really no reason why the elections should be pushed back. We look ridiculous enough to the student body over the past four months as it is." Sen. Jody Burch said that the fault is not entirely Senates.

"I want to see these elec--Student Body President tions go on as much as anyone else," she said. "However, you've given us

firming candidates was a topic discussed at eight appointments over the past month and 14 tonight. Don't throw this only on shoulders because not going to happen."

> The Senate is comprised of 50 seats, which are apportioned by college. Senate membership now is 17 people. Dr. Tom Huddleston, interim vice president for Student Development and Enrollment Services, addressed the lack of representation in a memo the day before the Senate

"I have serious concerns that the student body is being deprived of appropriate representation in the SGA Senate as a result of the delay in appointing an Election Commission and in the resulting delay in student Senate elections.

"Neither the student body nor the SGA benefits from this situation...It is imperative, therefore, that action be taken to fill vacant seats on the Election Commission, to appoint a chief election commissioner and to set a date for elections. Every effort should be made to complete this task at the next Senate meeting."

Huddleston continued by saying SG should notify the student body of the delay, a proposed course of action and the intended date for the elections.

Students on campus have different views on the effects of a delay.

"I think it's a good idea," said junior Lucious Taylor. "A lot of students now probably don't know that many people. This allows people to get more settled in and to become involved on campus."

Others feel the delay would be a disservice to students.

"They'll be somewhat cheated in that the people who are willing and ready to run for Senate are not being afforded that opportunity," Graduate Student Nick Haffey said. "Likewise, the students who do participate in electing their college representatives are being left to the decisionmaking of senators who they didn't elect."



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GREEK BEAT

UCF's Sorority Rush second largest ever

Approximately 640 women registered for the 1999 Sorority Rush which concluded with Bid Day August 13

BENNETT FORD
STAFF WRITER

Sorority Recruitment got underway on August 13 with Rush Kickoff at the UCF Arena, and ended with Bid Day on August 18.

Despite the summer heat, there was a great turnout.

According to Greg Mason, Greek adviser for UCF, approximately 640 women registered for 1999 Sorority Rush, making it the second largest in UCF sorority history.

Rush is an opportunity for sorority members to meet rushees and showcase their organizations.

Every woman who registers for Rush has the opportunity to visit each of the seven sororities.

In the past, skits have been a major part of the Rush parties.

This year the skits were replaced by a 12-minute video, as an attempt to get away from just entertaining rushees and letting them see what sorority life is really like.

UCF women will have another chance to rush during the fall 1999 semester when Delta Gamma undergoes a chapter revitalization.

Also, there is the possibility of another sorority joining the UCF Greek system in the spring semester.

Fraternity rush started on August 24 with Rush Kickoff at the Arena, and was followed by three open nights of Rush from Thursday to Saturday night.

Fraternity Rush follows the basic National Inter-Fraternity Counsel's open Rush format.

Under this format, each person is encouraged to visit all of the fraternities during designated times.

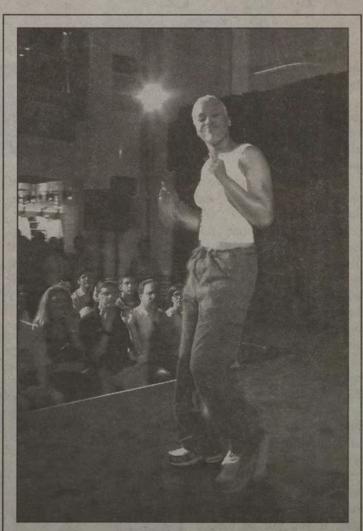
However, they are not mandated to which ones and how many they may visit.

Because you do not have to register for fraternity Rush, it is difficult to get the exact number of men who come through rush.

However, the number is generally the same as sorority Rush.

Fraternity Rush will take place again at the beginning of the spring semester.

If you are interested in Rush, you may pick up information at the Greek Affairs Office in the UCF Student Union.



CHRIS RAMIREZ/ WIREPIX

Rappin' school fashions

Rap Star Eve, of the Ruff Ryders, models her Nike ACG Cargo Pants and white Total Body Conditioning tank top for a back-to-school fashion show at NikeTown, New York City on August 28.

Clubs shine during campus Knightlife

SHELLEY WILSON STAFF WRITER

Last Wednesday, UCF hosted KnightLife on the south patio of the Student Union.

Clubs and organizations were given a chance to advertise themselves and sign up possible new members.

Some of the clubs that were there: Golden Key National Honor Society, Kappa Alpha Psi, Outlanders Club, Amateur Radio Club, Catholic Campus Ministries, Cypress Christian Life, Filipino Student Association, Caribbean Student Association and the College Democrats.

"We're here to get people interested of different races and to get participation from students," said Anderson Brooks IV, member and executive board member of Hispanic American Student Association. "The membership is free and we hold weekly meetings for people inter-

Sharing information with students was the main goal of the majority of clubs

"We want students to know we're all about Jesus, said Sarah Scanlan, director for Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. "We don't want them to be too intimidated to ask questions.

"We're a non-denominational organization and the biggest misunderstood concept about Jesus is about rules and religion. We try to focus on small groups and get people involved."



UCF clubs gather on the south patio of the Student Union to promote their organizations and sign up new members.

many organizations in attendance looking for people to go diving.

prices of regular diving trips as well as provide a fun and educational experience/hobby," said Alex Frets, president of

"You can get certified through us and

same time."

Meg Dutnell, associate director for the "We are a club that greatly reduces the Office of Student Activities, said the event

> "I have never seen such a high number of students come in," Dutnell said. "It might be the enrollment going up, but you would hope it was the music there and

The UCF Dive Club was among the help promote marine life awareness at the clubs that made the students want to be

"A student becoming involved and giving it a good word of mouth is better than any advertisement that we could have

"A lot of clubs came out and said they had a lot of students interested, and that's what it's all about."

Buses alternative to parking hassles

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but there is also normal wear available for those who want it. and tear.

The surface and stripes wear away and you have to replace them. These major fees fall when road structure is pushed to its limit.

Parking Services is trying to make buying permits easier and students feel the parking situamore convenient.

For the first time this semester, students can purchase their decals online at http://parking.ucf.edu In the first month, close to 18,000 decals were purchased at the site. Another convenience is buying parking permits through the mail. As of Aug. 21, 6,133 parking permits were mailed, totaling over

Clark said that although the parking problem will get worse before it gets better, it is tempo-

"People perceive this as a big major problem, but it's a problem that eventually goes away. If you just be patient, there will be spaces available that may or may not be next door to your class. Into the semester there's not a crunch there is the first weeks of class-

Clark said there are alternatives for students instead of waiting for parking spots.

Public transportation is Laser buses and the transit system could take students to and from their classes. Parking on campus is a privilege. Buying a permit does not guarantee a spot will be available, he said.

Despite everything, a lot of tion is improving.

"The garages have alleviated some of the problems," said UCF student Rob Fallon Jr. "They're moving upwards instead of downwards and that's

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(As of Fall 1999)

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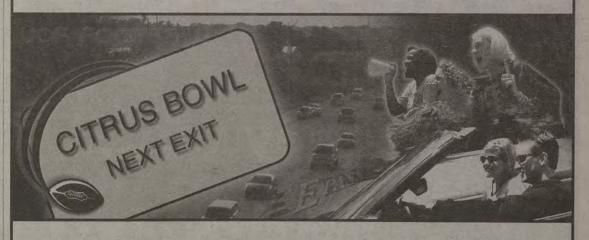
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Religion, health, ethics reasons to be vegetarian

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MELODY CARPENTER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This is the second article in a two-part series on vegetarianism

With millions of vegetarians in the world, here are many different reasons that individuals choose a vegetarian lifestyle.

Here are four main reasons why people would choose to be a vegetarian: the love of animals, religion, health reasons, and personal ethics.

Animal lovers/activists say they love animals too much to eat them. Vegetarians think of a cow or a pig like their cat or dog. Many Vegetarians' motto is "Animals are my friends and I don't eat my friends."

"I began to think that animals are not just things to be eaten," Greg Rivera said. "It's not our right to exploit animals. I began to realize it is healthier for the environment and it is compassionate. I've always been compassionate to people, so why not animals?"

For others, vegetarianism is a part of their religion.

For thousands of years it has been a principle of health and environmental ethics throughout India-especially Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism.

"You don't even think about being a vegetarian in India, since most people there are vegetarians," Lakshmi Katakam said. "It's here in America that everyone says 'Oh, you don't eat meat?' It is just simply a normal thing there."

"Religion in India has consistently

or animal," wrote Satguru Sivaya Subramuniyaswami hinduismtoday.com.

way, and I've never eaten meat. Hindu's drink milk for Vitamin D."

don't eat meat because we believe in many gods. The gods are in everything such as every crea- The gods are in ture, book and wall. You learn to respect everything. You shouldn't harm animals because they shouldn't harm have some God in them."

Some vegetarians are forced to become one they have some because of health reasons. If a person has high blood God in them pressure or heart disease, sometimes their doctor recommends they become a vegetarian.

Others believe it is ethically and morally wrong to kill animals to eat. They make a personal decision and live by them as a life decision.

That life decision will change the health of a person's body. The numerous health benefits are a lower risk for obesity, heart disease, high-blood pressure, diabetes, and some cancers. Healthy vegetarians must concern themselves with creating a healthy diet. Many vegetarians must ingest protein, calcium, iron, zinc, Vitamin B complex and Vitamin D from multivitamins or dietary supplements.

Michelle Rodriguez, a nutrition con-

upheld the sanctity of life, whether human sultant at UCF, said: "Vegetarians need to watch what they eat. They should take a supplement pill to get their nutrients. They need to get their protein in other ways. Katakam said: "I was brought up that They should eat beans for protein and

> "My vitamins are expensive," Rivera said. "I take multivitamins and veggie fuel. Veggie fuel is soy protein. You can still be healthy without the animal protein. I eat a lot of raw veggies and fruit. I try to eat balanced meals."

> Ranae Phelps, a registered nurse and vegetarian, said vegetarians are sometimes healthier than people who eat

"I recommend it, as long as - Lakshmi Katakam they combine the right foods and watch their protein

intake," she said.

Katakam said, "I only recently started to take one Centrum Multivitamin a day. I get my protein and other vitamins from my mother's Indian food she cooks for us. I eat a lot of beans and vegetables. My mom can take one vegetable and make 10 different things out of it. She uses many different kinds of spices and beans."

Vegetarian entrees can be obtained at most Mexican, Asian, Middle Eastern and Indian restaurants.

Many fast food restaurants like Taco Bell and Subway now serve vegetarian entrees.

McDonalds offers a vegetarian burger in it's mostly meat menu.

Papa John's offers cheese-less pizza, which is popular with many vegans.

Katakam said she eats vegetarian Mexican meals at Taco Bell and Don Pablo's.

"Sometimes it is hard to find a place to go," she said. "I hate it when you go out to eat and they don't offer vegetarians anything on the menu. There won't be anything for me to order except for something such as fries."

Rivera said: "I eat at the Garden CafE in Orlando since most of the menu is vegetarian. I also enjoy the Maracas Valley in Altamonte Springs since it is all vegan. The Maracas Valley has fake meat dishes like chicken, beef, eel, and frog legs."

Supermarkets are also getting into the increasing trend by offering many vegetarian selections, such as Linda McCartney TV dinners, Garden burgers, Boca burgers, Harvest burgers and tofu hot-dogs.

Rivera explained how he enjoys the taste of ice cream, without eating dairy

"You can get it at Publix and Goodings supermarket. I eat this ice cream called Tofutti. It's made out of tofu and it tastes just like the real thing-maybe better. It also comes in ice-cream sandwiches and other great flavors."

A meatless diet is a lifestyle choice and a lifetime decision.

"It can't be pushed on anybody," Rivera said. "Vegetarianism is a personal decision that requires real dedication."

Money — that's what we want

JOSH MURDOCK STAFF WRITER

A college student's most and least favorite word is money.

It all depends on if you are receiving the green or shelling it

College students pay, pay, pay and pay some more.

If they get lucky, a few dollars might float in their direc-

According to the College Board, the 1998-1999 average cost of a college education was \$10,458 for students attending public universities, and \$22,533 for students at private colleges and universities.

Out-of-state students attending public universities ever happen anytime soon, but were averaging a total cost of \$15,632.

That is a lot of money.

And it does not even and food.

It all adds up fast.

Tuition is rising in Florida again this year.

and this year tuition will rise another 6.7 percent.

So what does that mean?

It seems college students aren't getting any richer these days.

We still eat Ramen Noodles for dinner, write checks for 55 cents and conserve lint to make a

Okay, well maybe most of us don't do that last one, but there are always a few.

I don't think most college students will continue paying increase after increase until we meet how much the state wants us to pay.

If that happened, we would be paying 100 percent of our education.

Ouch, and you think you pay a lot now.

Really I don't think that will you will be paying 25 percent of your total cost of tuition in the next few years.

Students will continue to eat include the cost of cars, dates at Taco Bell and bring their clothes home to wash when they visit mom and dad.

Students will never come out on the fair end of the money Last year it rose 7 percent deal until that wonderful day when they pay us to go to col-

Let's all get down on our Yes, money, money and more knees and pray for that day to come really soon.

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Marching Knights give UCF something to blow its horn at

ANDY LURIG STAFF WRITER

The roar of the crowd was overwhelming.

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The drums cut through the cheering like a lions roar.

A surge of energy filled band members instantly, and only grew as the trumpets started their introduction.

Then the moment band members had long waited for finally arrived - the Marching Knights took the field.

This excitement is what the Marching Knights, UCF's marching band, feel in the tunnel before the pre-game

It is one of the most humbling, exhilarating, and empowering experiences in a band members life.

The band is celebrating its 20th season, and is excited about sharing this with Purdue, the University of Florida, Georgia Tech and

over 30,000 UCF students.

Thanks to Troy Driggers, the first drum major and founder of the Marching Knights, the band has built a solid reputation since its first

Driggers died in a car accident in 1982 and is honored in front of the Rehearsal Hall with Driggers Rock.

The Marching Knights have over 230 members, who are full of talent, spirit and a love for music and UCF.

From percussion to Starlet Knights, each member practices two hours a day, five days a week.

They also practice all day on Saturdays.

Director of Bands Richard Greenwood and Assistant Director Ron Ellis want to ensure that the performance is modern, unique and will keep fans hyped and supportive of the football team.

What routines should fans look for this year?

Will Jimmy Buffett return?

Halloween costumes?

What the band can

promise is a power-packed rock show, full of classic rock tunes, including hits like Santanas Oye Como Va and Queens Bohemian Rhapsody.

To catch all of this, fans should show up at the stadium

The pre-game show starts 30 minutes before kickoff and if you have never seen it, you're missing out.

Buy your drinks early and run to the bathroom before the two-minute warning in the second quarter.

This way, you will be back in time for the halftime

If you don't know the chants, the band and cheerleaders will guide you.

There is no greater feeling for the football team, Marching Knights and cheerleaders than 50,000 fans all singing the chant and waving their hands together.

And one time, at band camp... No comment. You will have to ask us yourself.

We're easy to find, every-Will the dancers be in day from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. next to the football practice field, just follow the music.



CHRIS RAMIREZ/ WIREPIX

How many people can you fit into a mini?

Twenty-five people cram into a 10x4x4 mini automobile, breaking the wold record for the most people who could fit into the vehicle. The record was set at BMW Group's 40th anniversary celebration in Manhattan August 25. The previous world record was set in 1967 at the Montreal World's Fair when 24 people were stuffed into a 1967 Austin Mini Super Deluxe.

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Education secretary warns of Y2K effects on student aid

MATT BERGER U-WIRE

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON —

Education Secretary Richard Riley said many colleges and universities are not ready for the expected Year 2000 computer crisis and that student-aid delivery may be affected unless improvements are made.

"With less than six months remaining in 1999, only 20 percent of the responding post-secondary institutions have completed the renovation of their mission-critical computer systems," Riley wrote in a recent letter to college presidents and chancellors.

Because older computer systems are programmed to only read two digits for the year, many computers will be set back to 1900 at the turn of the millennium. Experts are undecided whether this worldwide problem will have disastrous or minor effects on life in January.

The secretary said 40 percent of college respondents do not expect to have their mission-critical systems — computer systems which are necessary for student aid allocations — in place until October. He also said he was disappointed only 32 percent of schools responded to the survey. Riley said a follow-up survey will be sent directly to the schools' chief officers.

Terry Hartle, senior vice president of the American Council on Education, said he believes the computer problem will not have as much of an impact as Riley fears.

"We think the Y2K issue will be a really insignificant issue on college and university campuses," Hartle said. "In general, colleges will be in very good shape on Ian 1"

He said the survey the education department released only used a very small sample and said the results may be flawed because the survey was distributed in the summer. But, he said the issue of fixing computers on college campuses is complex.

"What makes things harder for colleges and universities is that unlike other places, they don't have a single database," Hartle said. "There are a lot of databases on campus that need to be brought up to speed."

The Department of Education received high marks recently from a Congressional subcommittee reviewing the government's preparedness for the Y2K computer problem.

But, because student aid programs rely on data partnerships with the colleges and universities it serves, it cannot be sure information flow will not be affected, Riley said.

In fact, the Education Department's inspector general said colleges and universities were at "high risk" of being unprepared for delivery of student-aid information. Riley said only 22 of the more than

5,800 schools have tested their student-aid programs against the department's software.

According to the "Year 2000 Survey of Post-secondary Educational Institutions," released by the Department of Education in early August, 60 percent of schools said their mission-critical systems will be ready by the beginning of October, with all but one percent expecting to be ready by the new year.

"It appears that many post-secondary institutions will have little time left to adjust if schedules slip or problems are discovered," Riley wrote.

The survey found only 27 percent of schools have an institution-wide Y2K project team.

"Of course, institutions should be assessing, renovating and testing all of their critical data systems and business processes, not just those related to student aid," Riley wrote.

Man to be tried for murder of Illinois student

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(U-WIRE) CARBON-DALE, III. —

The Williamson County State's Attorney in Illinois will seek the death penalty, and the defense may plead insanity in the trial of Steven Crutchfield, who is accused of killing Southern Illinois University student Michael Sasso.

After several delays this summer, the trial is now slated to begin Oct. 5 in Williamson County.

Crutchfield, 30, is charged with three counts of first-degree murder in connection with the stabbing death of Sasso, 20, who was a sophomore in administration of justice.

On April 3, Crutchfield allegedly broke into the home of his estranged wife, Tracie Crutchfield, where he confronted his wife and Sasso and repeatedly stabbed Sasso.

Crutchfield was under a court order at the time to stay away from his wife and daughter.

The trial was delayed during the summer when Charles Garnati, Williamson County State's Attorney, elected to seek the death penalty, and defense attorney Larry E. Broeking in turn asked for a second attorney.

Broeking indicated July 14 he may rely on an insanity defense and the testimony of Dr. David Waushuer. Waushuer was appointed to determine Crutchfield's mental competence to stand trial and whether he was sane at the time of the killing.

Because of the possible insanity defense, Garnati has requested Judge Ronald Eckiss to a appoint another clinical psychologist to examine Crutchfield.



Substance abuse problem on campuses across the country

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(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON -

Screams and tears are the most recent memories one mother has of her daughter who died in an alcohol-related accident a few years ago at Pennsylvania State University.

"My daughter fell to her death," the mother wrote in a letter read by Penn State President Graham Spanier at the National Press Club Thursday.

Spanier relayed this letter to the Washington audience days after another PSU student almost faced the same fate and in the wake of a new report showing drug use among college students nationwide is rising.

In this week's incident, the female student turned 21 and tried to celebrate by drinking 21 drinks and, by the end of the night, she had a blood alcohol level of .683.

"Obviously, she and her friends didn't hear the message," Spanier said.

He said this student's near-death highlights the urgency with which administrators must react to binge drinking, which he called the number one problem facing colleges today.

Penn State will head and launch a national anti-drinking campaign beginning Sept. 10.

He said the nation-wide campaign will include full-page advertisements in at least 15 national newspapers and many college publications.

Spanier said these efforts will combat

the rash of deaths and near-deaths that have plagued colleges in recent years.

Spanier said he learned that more than half of students who use alcohol say they drink to get drunk.

But Joe Hadge, the alcohol and drug coordinator and counselor at the College of New Jersey in Trenton, said the substance problem is not as big as some claim that it is.

He said his department is working on a "misperception campaign," designed to show students that fewer people are abusing alcohol than they think.

He said focusing on the positive is the first step toward minimizing the drinking problems on campus.

"People want to fit in. They want to find a group or be part of a clique," he said. "If they think everyone's drinking, they might too, and the truth is not everyone is drinking."

According to internal surveys at TCNJ, most TCNJ students drink four drinks or fewer when partying.

Like many universities, Hadge implemented the standard CORE survey to determine the extent of drug use on campus, provided by Southern Illinois University, and said he plans to conduct the survey again soon.

Cornell University Health Educator Janis Talbot said she plans to combat alcohol abuse similarly to Hadge.

Cornell conducted the CORE survey last fall and found that 62 percent of Cornell students drink 0-3 drinks when partying.

She said students should know that

heavy drinkers are the minority.

According to the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, which was released last week, drinking is not the only problem facing college students.

Drug use among 18- to 25-year-olds increased in 1998, according to the survey results.

Of those young adults surveyed, about 16 percent reported they used an illicit drug in the past month, an increase from 14 percent in 1997.

Substance abuse advisors at various universities said drinking was the biggest problem, but drug use definitely was an issue on college campuses.

Jeff VanSyckle, the alcohol and drug program coordinator at Binghamton University in New York, said he thinks more students are using marijuana, and that might account for increases.

Binghamton also completed the CORE survey and VanSyckle said the results showed about one-quarter of Binghamton students used marijuana in the past year.

Talbot said 18 percent of the Cornell students surveyed reported using marijuana in the last 30 days.

According to the national survey, about one-third of the people surveyed reported using marijuana at least once in their lives.

VanSyckle, who is a recovering addict, said marijuana is the substance that can threaten a student's academic career the most. According to VanSyckle, smoking pot or hash makes people lethargic and lazy.

Candace Miller, manager of the Substance Abuse and Prevention Council at the George Washington University agreed and added that she noticed a recent increase in the use of "club drugs," such as ecstasy.

Miller said universities need to educate their students because students cannot be sure what they are purchasing.

VanSyckle said, according to the survey, "club drugs" are not as popular at Binghamton, which he said might be a result of Binghamton's location.

Only two to three percent of students surveyed said they used ecstasy in the last year, he said.

VanSyckle said schools need to find new approaches because the traditional ideas about educating young people about drugs and alcohol are outdated.

He said most students have heard those lectures "every year since the third grade."

"What we've done up to this point is not working," VanSyckle said.

He said administrators should sponsor late-night activities to prevent students from going out and drinking or using drugs.

Talbot said Cornell already is implementing programs with the help of Renaissance, a group dedicated to making social change on campus.

Despite taking different approaches in preventing use on campus, educators agreed changes need to occur because the consequences can be grave.

"I know schools that haven't had a death are lucky," VanSyckle said.



College students not first to enjoy easy-tomake ramen noodles

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THE STATE NEWS

(U-WIRE) EAST LANS-ING, Mich. —

When cooking ramen noodles, most people don't realize they're about to eat something that's centuries old.

Ramen noodles, made primarily of flour, water, salt, dough conditioner, seasonings and spices, are a Japanese modernization of a noodle that originated in China around 220 B.C. The goal was to adapt the noodle to better serve people with busy lives. According to an online project by The Hartford Courant, in 1957 the Japanese invented Instant Ramen, a convenient, inexpensive meal that was packaged in shiny plastic.

However, the rage didn't hit the United States until the '80s, when Americans became attracted to the virtually foul-proof preparation of the noodles.

The price of the noodles is also appealing: around \$.20 per package and usually sold in bulk at five or six packages for a dollar.

The noodles have become a popular means of nourishment for students on the run or those who are just not in the mood to cook a more complicated meal.

These benefits are not usually present with the average quick meal, said Funny Lee, a spokesperson for Nong Shim America Inc. in Los Angeles, a manufacturer of ramen noodles.

"It's so popular among college students, and people in general, because it's convenient and instant yet is like a full meal," Lee said. "The price also contributes to its popularity because it's not expensive and is fairly easy to get."

With flavors such as Oriental, chicken vegetable, spicy beef and shrimp, Lee said that the best-selling Nong Shim America flavors are kimchi and the basic hot flavor.

This ready-made meal is relatively low in fat as well. Some containers produce just 12 grams of fat

However, there is quite a bit of sodium and preservatives (especially considering that ramen can be stored and is edible for up to a year). The noodles also run about 150-200 calories per package.

The popularity of ramen can be seen in on Nong Shim America's Web site, www.nongshim.com, which shows that approximately \$450 million worth of ramen was sold in 1997 (about 2.2 billion packages).

OPINION

What they forgot to mention at orientation

ANDY LURIG STAFF WRITER

So, you spent two days learning every bit of history, golden rule, and registration information about UCF... and what do you remember?

You got it, you remember that your O-Team Leader once went to a party and watched someone get so trashed they danced naked on a pool table.

It's amazing what people remember.

So you ask yourself, "Now what? What DID-N'T they tell me?"

Well, allow me to alleviate some of your stresses. There are a few (okay, maybe more than a few) things that your O-Team Leader probably didn't mention because it wasn't in the script, and not vital to surviving at UCF.

In most cases, they'd be right... but as usual, it all depends on how you look at it.

So let's start at the beginning: parking. Having trouble finding a space? There is hope, but not anytime soon.

By now, you've probably already experienced the first week of hell, during Add/Drop.

It's about the only time during the year you are GLAD to see a UCF Bike cop and also the time when you have to resist the temptation to give them a love tap with your car for that ticket you got doing 21 in the 20 mph zone by the water tower.

After the first week, the parking becomes tolerable, and becomes downright easy after the withdrawal deadline passes.

Until then, when all else fails, you have two options: 1) park at the Arena, 2) sit in the parking lot "staking out" a section of the lot for 30 minutes until classes get out for the hour. Yup, you guessed it: Sucks.

You finally get to class, and notice that the light isn't on and the door is closed. What will you ever do?

OPEN THE DOOR, turn on the light, and go inside. Don't worry, no cops will drag you off to jail, it's perfectly okay. If you do stand in the hall-way, you might as well be more obvious than you already are being and go ahead and wear a large sign around your neck that says, "Freshman".

You have gone ahead and been a normal person and entered the class, but have realized you are REALLY thirsty, thanks to the blistering heat outside, which to your dismay, melted all your textbooks together (We all have \$300 for another set right? Wrong).

As you step into the hallway, you pass your professor entering the class and now you are contemplating what to do: die of thirst or get your beverage and drink it REALLY quickly as you rush into class when you're done.

The answer: NEITHER.

Buy your drink, open it, sip it, and walk into class with it.

Unless you're working in a Chemistry or Computer Lab, nine times out of 10 you'll be okay, especially since the professor probably has a drink that's not only larger, but most likely laced with some "unknown" substance (though I hear vodka is very popular this year...Just Kidding).

It is now 2 weeks into the semester, and you've arrived at class, a few minutes have passed and the professor hasn't shown up yet. Suddenly, you notice that a few people have begun to leave.

What do you do? Well, for once, there is a pretty straight forward unwritten rule that covers this exact situation.

It's affectionately called the 5-10-15 rule. The numbers refer to the number of minutes you wait for your professor to show up. In the case of a Mr. or Mrs./Ms., the wait is 5 minutes. With a professor 10 minutes, and with a Dr. it is 15 minutes.

NOTE: If you are failing or close to failing a class, DO NOT OBEY THIS RULE.

Disobeying this rule also applies for teachers of Comp. I & II, because if the professor eventually DOES show up, it may be an absence, and if you get 5, you fail without discussion.

Finally, you are walking to the Union one Wednesday afternoon, and you notice that FREE T-shirts and teddy bears are yours for just signing up for a credit card, no commitment required... You can just destroy the card and not activate it right?

Wrong.

As soon as you get a card in the mail that says, "\$1000 credit limit," and you realize you've lived off of noodles and cheese for the last month, you'll activate that card in a heartbeat and go shopping.

And history has a tendency for repeating itself, which translates to 5 credit cards maxed out on things you don't use, and a credit rating that couldn't get you approved for government reprocessed cheese.

Take notice, a single credit card is a good thing, if you manage it right... it's not that hard even if you have to put down \$40 a month if it's maxed out, as long as it's not a late payment. Everyone needs a credit rating, and this is a great way to do it, especially since with 1 card you will eventually reach a limit that is reasonable enough to deal with.

Anything left?

Sure, there is always something else to learn, just remember to pay attention, and if necessary, wear a paper bag on your head.

The rest of us can't be seen with you in public.

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Advice to freshmen: go ahead — be selfish

DAVID PITTMAN

COPY EDITOR

To the incoming freshman class, I offer these helpful words of advice—be selfish.

Go beyond your normal state of being self-centered.

Make a conscious effort to think about nobody but yourself.

For instance, if you're the tallest person in the class, make sure you get the best seat, and don't worry about the short guy sitting behind you with the thick glasses.

Don't stress about the classes you are taking either.

As long as the state of Florida is paying for most of it, you are okay.

Be aggressive. Even to the point where you become rude.

Shove and push your way through that financial aid line the day before fees are due. And when the nice lady who has been working there for eight hours tells you that you don't qualify for any more money, throw the biggest tantrum and go insane (like you did when your parents wouldn't buy you that Mustang convertible).

Stalk people in the parking lot with your car and fight your way into their space as they are leaving.

And when your roommate mistakenly uses your dishes, make sure that kind of thing will never happen again.

Set the air conditioner to the temperature that you want.

You pay to live there too.

Don't get involved. Campus activities and services really aren't that important anyway—unless of course they help to serve our first goal, which is to be selfish.

And when that particular

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The grades you get were not earned. A professor who is equally as selfish and cares only about getting tenure gave them to you.

organization or activity becomes too time consuming and you can't do the really important things, like being selfish, then drop it.

Getting to class on time should be the least of your worries.

Make sure you get enough leep.

And if you are that tall guy we talked about earlier, make sure to get that same seat again, no matter whom you have to displace to do it.

To my friends who like to bike, blade or board to and from class, remember this axiom — you can always go faster and hit harder than those who choose to walk

And to those who walk, I want you to remember this — getting out of the way is purely an option.

The sidewalks are big enough for you and your friends to walk side by side.

The bikes can ride in the

Don't return phone calls or emails, because doing that will only make you feel more responsible. No need to be nice to the mailman — he's never on time anyway.

Don't call your parents — they probably don't think about you much anyway or they would have given you more money.

Take their lead and become more selfish.

The grades you get were not earned.

A professor who is equally as selfish and cares only about getting tenure gave them to you.

You might forget this in a year or two.

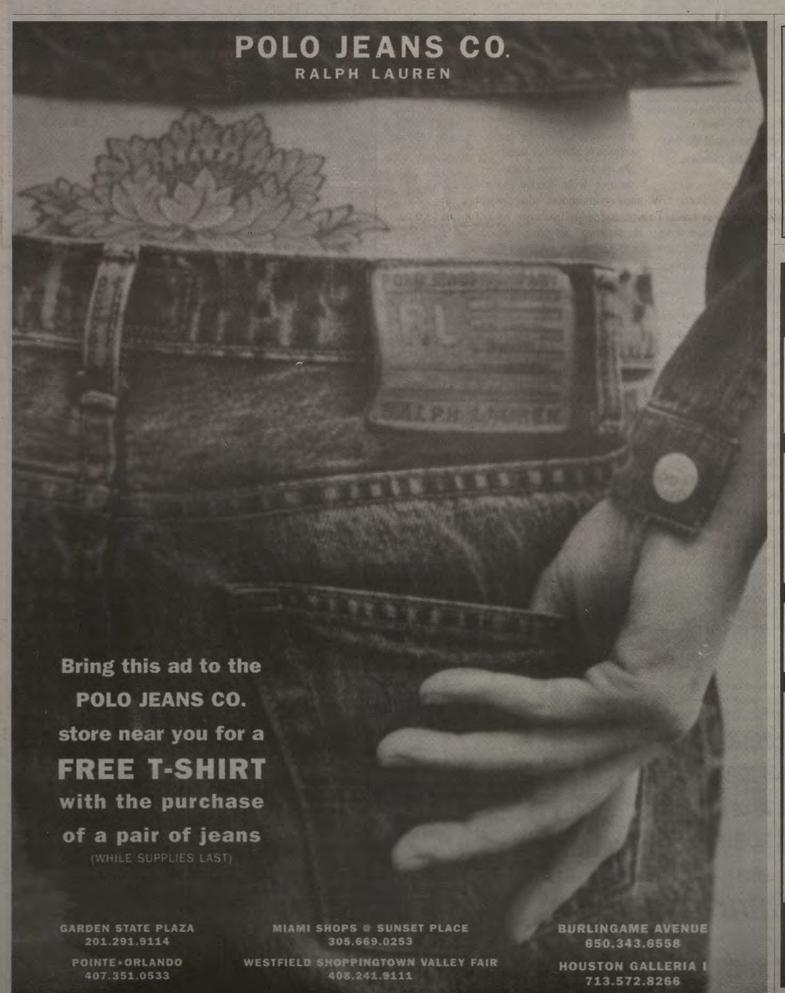
Maybe you will grow up to be a mature college student.

Maybe you won't.

Maybe one day you will become more considerate of others.

Maybe you won't.

But for right now, just remember my initial advice — be selfish.



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Thursday Knight Jive Outbursts Creative Talent On Campus

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Julian C. "The Poet"

Washington hosted the first

reading of the semester.

MAGGIE GUNTHER STAFF WRITER

Live poetry performance is perhaps the trickiest and most gratifying way to appreciate poetry. For a live poetry performance to be great, the audience must not simply listen to what is said, but mance and announcements with the works

empathize with the reader and leave the performance with a new perspective. Many of the speakers and musicians at the Thursday Knight Jive not only fulfilled these requirements but went beyond them.

The first Thursday Knight Jive of the fall took place at the UCF Bookstore Café on Thursday, August 26, at 7:30 p.m. The Jive, which was put on by CAB, was hosted by Julian C. "The Poet" Washington. Keturah Bailey, a student poet, kicked off the event by reminding the audience

that "The mic is open. Is your mind?"

Julian Washington, a UCF alumni, began the reading by performing his two most well known poems, "Black "Black President", and "Homeless". President" expressed hope for a world in which there would be the opportunity for a black person to be the President.

Before performing "Homeless", Washington expressed his unique perspective on the subject. "The Poet" laughingly told the audience of his plan to get himself on BET a few years ago. In order to get on BET he had to go to Washington, D.C. He said he had a friend who told him he would put him up in the Capitol, but found the address to be for a homeless shelter his friend worked for. He never made it on BET, but ended up staying at the shelter for over a year. Through his experiences living at the homeless shelter, his perspective on the homeless was greatly changed. He reminded us that even Jesus Christ had no home, and called everyone to unite and help the homeless-"treat him like a

His later performance of "Homeless Vets" was dedicated to some of his friends at the shelter who had died. Washington, an inspiration many of the student poets, frankly describes his life experiences through his poems.

Washington alternated perfor-

of student poets. Kathryn Rowe wittily pondered the motives of people-from the "girl in black" to the "fraternity boy". She asks the question of whether people represent themselves in a certain way because that is how they truly are, or because that is how they think they must represent themselves. Nia Dillon literally kicked off her shoes and aggressively vented "a few things to get off her chest" in three powerful raps about her life.

Washington came back to the mic with "Pretty girl".

"Pretty Girl" showed his appreciation for a naturally beautiful girl, and his hope of a later love. He followed up with "Who Considers the Flight of the Dove" a metaphoric representation of love as kinds

The students continued, and to the delight of the audience, a startled student read some short humorous poems from a book titled Lonzie's Fried Chicken. The student said he didn't know he was going to read that night. Keturah Bailey seized the attention of the audience with her hard-hitting raps one moment, and quiet reflections on the world the next. She immediately proved herself as a strong presence behind the microphone. She reminded me a lot of Lauryn Hill as she preached social racial equality and powerfully stated that "Small minds will not keep us down forever." Bailey writes poetry under the name of "Queen Beat". In one especially riveting rap she demanded to know "What's up with all these school age murderers?". She blamed individuals,

not society, for the plague of violence America. Keturah was the to accompanied by "The Band"trio accompanists that consisted of bassist Blackford, saxophonist Philip Martin, and pianist Harrison Their Light. jazzy accompaniments were the final touch in evoking everything you'd expect from a true coffeereading.

Julian Washington opened another door of his personality to the audience with his poem "What is fool?". He expressed his love for poetry as his dream and pondered question whether a person is a fool if they follow their dreams over a search for money or material things.

Tracy McMillon treated us to some poems, love describing the beauty of "flaws" black appearance. Tynika Williams

declared her independence as she followed Tracy with some tough words for "Mr. Shady" and any man that would jilt her. Robert Hoffman's "Do the trees dance when no one paints them?" expressed his unrequited love for a girl. Melissa



PHOTO BY PATRICIA CANEDO

top: Keturah "Queen Beat" Bailey was one of the highlights of the night with hard-hitting slam poetry. bottom: (L) Ben Blackford, Philip Martin and (R) Harrison Light.

> Williams captured our attention as she related sexuality to the ocean, and Andrea Lynn then expressed her fury for men that would dare to do her wrong in "Don't be Sweatin' Me" and came back later to per-

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UCF Professor Peter Telep Releases New Book

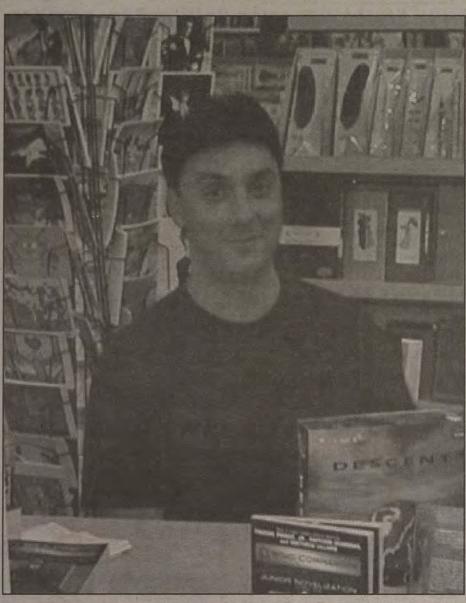


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UCF English professor Peter Telep is releasing his latest novel Pilgrim Stars this month. He is also the author of other 12 books, including the Descent and Wing Commander series.

SARAH DINGLE STAFF WRITER

Science fiction novelist and UCF professor, Peter Telep, had a book signing on Saturday, August 28 at the Oviedo Marketplace Barnes and Noble.

Telep, began writing 10 years ago and his inspiration came from his freshman composition instructor. He holds a Bachelors and a Masters degree in English-both from UCF.

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—UCF English professor

Peter Telep

to love (the work).

You've got to be

determined.

Telep returned to UCF and teaches composition, creative writ- You've got to be coming, and fiction writing classes. Telep currently has 12 published books and 5 still under contract.

He says that it is easy to get ideas for stories and mentions that he reads newspapers for many of his ideas.

His first series, Descent, is based on the computer game Descent.

Wing Commander, his second series, is based on a computer game and the motion picture Wing Commander.

He is currently working on an original science fiction novel and is col-Jaborating on a book with Babylon 5 actor Jerry Doyle.

Telep says that he often puts people that he knows in his stories. Although, he always "kills them off in [his] fiction."

He wonders why if he likes them and they are all his friends, he keeps killing them off. Kathleen Cresswell, a long time friend and "Communications Supervisor" from Telep's first novel Descent, visited her friend at his book signing. She is unfortunately killed off later in the novel.

Peter is currently working on a 3 novel series for Berkley publishing about firefighters and paramedics. This

> series will be set in Los Angeles and is non-science fiction.

For some ideas, Peter often rides along with Seminole County's Fire Department.

Telep says that he didn't always want to be a writer, he actually wanted to be a guitar player in a rock band at one point.

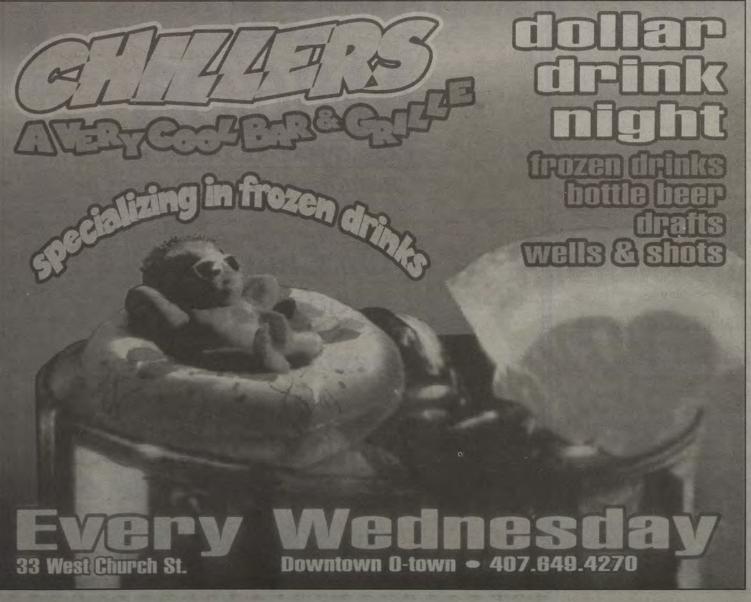
But, he is happy as a writer and often suggests his books to fellow readers in the science fiction aisle of bookstores.

Telep's advice for up and coming authors is "Don't listen to anybody by yourself."

In order to be a successful author "you've got to be committed and you have to love [the work,] you've got to be determined."

The author's recommendation for his first time readers is Descent, his Telep's newest novel first book. Pilgrim Stars is out this week.

need advice? e-mail Nancy Knows. nancy@ucffuture.com





Pokémon craze is

sweeping the nation.

non that began as a

cartoon series in Japan,

newest trend.

Pokémon has been import-

A phenome-

Cuddly Pokémon Critters Invade Homes with Video Games, Toys

Japanese Toy Brought by Nintendo to the United States Becomes Selling Phenomenon

NICOLE SERENKO CONTRIBUTING WRITER

and bookbags to skateboards.

Gotta catch 'em all! The

ed into the United States by the folks at Nintendo of America, making him Game Boy's best friend and America's

While the '80s gave us the advent of Nintendo and two super brothers named Mario and Luigi, the millennium brings us the sophisticated Pokémon — a cuddly, yellow, pocket-size monster that has won over America's youth.

There are 150 "pocket different monsters" Pokémon, and fans are challenged to collect, trade and nurture them all.

The ultimate goal is to become the world's greatest Pokémon trainer, which is the title of the winner of the game.

But this trend has escaped far beyond the boundaries of a video

game. Pokémon now can be found (freshman-communications). splashed on everything from T-shirts

The appeal of this creature is evident. The 150 Pokémon vary in personality, making them everything from adorable to wicked, such that they appeal to boys and girls of all ages.

> But there is a catch to catching them all.

The most desired product seems to be the trading cards, said John Secreto, sales associate at Comic Swap, 110 S. Fraser St. The very popular and highly collected trading cards are often sold out of the store as soon they arrive, he said.

The collectors' conquest is to obtain all 150 monster cards. But they must do so carefully and strategically, at the risk of losing their treasured trading cards.

Most of the card games require the players to put their cards at stake, as the characters battle one another to vic-

"I worked at a summer camp. The kids are one of those market scams to buy use- crazy about it, but I don't understand less trinkets," said Jess Umlauf it," said Jen Krock (sophomore-art

education).

The target audience for the Pokémon paraphernalia seems to be children between six and 12 years of age, Secreto said.

"It's like clothes - it'll go out in a phase. Give it another month," said Tanya Kako (freshmanpre-medicine).

But it looks like the Pokémon fad is here to stay, at least for a little while.



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Local Poets Read at UCF Event

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form the sexually charged "Chocolate Carmel". This poem had most of the audience blushing or giggling to relieve the extreme sexual tension she had created in the vast café. A newcomer followed Andrea in his first reading experience with a few self-described "sappy love poems", and was followed by Brian Halladay.

Brian was indeed "representing hip hop" with his rap, which supported equality and unity. Halladay was accompanied by bassist Ben Blackford.

If you only had to hear one poem of the whole night, Hope's performance of a poem she wrote for her baby would be the one to hear. I found myself closing my eyes throughout the presentation to hear the lyrical and musical beauty of her poem. She was accompanied by pianist Harrison Light.

An acoustic set was performed by Josh Brookoff, Dave Hines, and a shoeless Kris Nichols, of the band Darby and Joan. With Brookoff on mandolin, and Hines and Nichols on acoustic guitars, the trio performed two of their own compositions, entitled "Idle Motion" and "Birth". The music seemed to share the rhythms of the presentation, fast and slow, fervent and peaceful. The night concluded with their set.

After the show I had the opportunity to talk to Julian Washington. I asked him from whom he drew his inspiration for his poems.

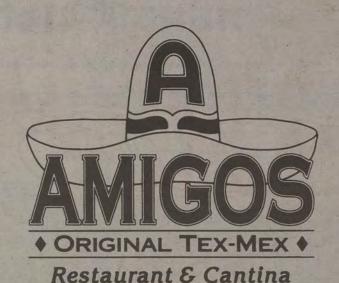
He said that Jesus Christ and the Bible, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Langston Hughes were his greatest inspirational figures, although one could easily tell this by simply listening to his works. Many of his poems reflected the way he values education.

In his poem "Life in the 90's" he warned the audience to "stay away from the drug game" and "go back to school". Washington is currently trying to get into graduate school here at UCF, but he has to take the GRE.

He isn't daunted by the idea of returning to school, though. He says studying for it should be "just like any other test". Julian Washington will be reading his poetry for the gospel on September 23rd on Star95 FM.

There will be Thursday Knight Jives each month, a treat for poetry and music lovers. The night did what it intended to-it provided me with a new perspective on the world through the eyes of others, and left me with lots of things to think about. It also helped me to see a mere fraction of the creative talent we have on campus.

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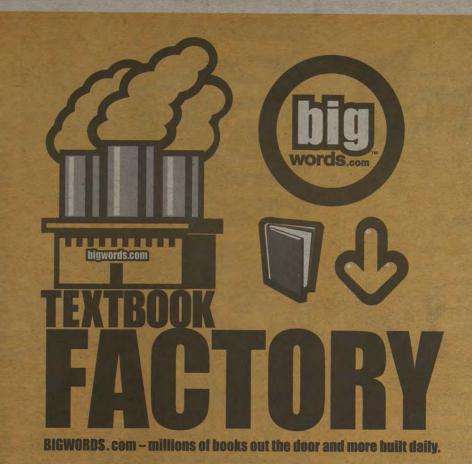
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I hate my roommate. All he does is smoke weed all day and blast DMX. I can't study when he's around—which is all the time. I feel it would be best to move out but I really like my other two roommates and don't want to leave them. What should I do?

Sincerely,

Well, dude, is he stealing your food? Is he lessening your chance of survival? Do you NEED to study?

OK, seriously now... I have three views to offer you on this:

1. Smoke some pot with him, maybe you'll mellow out enough not to care so much about studying or you'll grow to love DMX.

2. Since your fond of your other roommates (hey, that's two out of three. It could be worse; you could hate them all) just be honest with him. Tell him you'd really appreciate it if he didn't smoke the ganja in the room, and about the music just say "hey man, I love DMX and all but it's not real good study music."

Or 3, if you don't feel like confronting him face to face, take a trip to the library when you need to get stuff done; they're open late enough. Anyway, Good Luck!!

I feel that I've always been depen-

dent on men. After a five year relationship of mine ended I went directly into another relationship. It lasted for a year and just recently ended. I was always so occupied with the men in my life that I lost all of my friends. I am very depressed and feel too guilty to ask them to come suggest?

Sincerely, Lost and Lonely

Didn't anyone ever tell you, "men come and go but friends are forever" (the same thing goes for any of you guys who may be reading this but you may want to substitute "women" for "men' or maybe not...)

Anyway, at least you recognize that you have a problem.

That's the first step. There are counselors on campus free of charge that you can work with on these issues and I'm sure your friends have noticed that you have them.

If however they are your true friends, they will be understanding enough to let you back into *their* lives.

So get on the horn and reintroduce yourself before they forget who you are all together.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Under a bill expected to become law next year, the government of the Netherlands recently proposed to loosen restrictions on euthanasia for pain-wracked, incurably ill people, even extending the right to children as young as 12. In principle, those age 12 to 15 would also need parental permission to choose death, but doctors in some circumstances could honor a kid's wishes even without it. (Euthanasia would still be illegal under the bill, but doctors adhering to the "new guidelines would be immune from prosecution.)

Nuclear scientist Eric Voice, 73, told England's The Guardian in August that, as far as he knows, inhaling plutonium (as from the effects of a nuclear war) is not dangerous, citing his own successful test 18 months ago in which he sniffed some to try to allay the public's fears. Voice said nothing bad has happened to him so far and that, in fact, plutonium has never harmed anyone, except for those two bombs on Japan.

Apparently, Another Tragic Affliction of Seniors John Glover, 74, explaining why his car was in the middle of Deal Lake (N.J.), June: gas pedal got stuck. Billy W. Parkham, 68, on why his minivan smashed into a dress shop, Seekonk, Mass., August: gas pedal got stuck. Eleanor Soltis, 76, on why her car ran out of control in downtown Chicago, killing three people (and who agreed to pay a \$1.5 million settlement in August): gas pedal got stuck. Marie Wyman, 87, on why her Buick crashed through the Lobster Trap &

Cultural Diversity

Latest Holy Icons: Crocodiles, in a lake near Karachi, Pakistan, where thousands brought fresh-meat offerings in March to secure blessings for their babies; two frogs, joined in Hindu matrimony in Gauhati, India, in March to please rain gods and end a four-month drought; and six Franciscan priests, in remote Copacabana, Bolivia, who specialize in blessing motorists against drunk drivers, bad brakes and gasoline shortages, based on a mixture of Catholicism and Andean Indian beliefs.

According to a June Boston Globe dispatch, the kingdom of Bhutan, nestled between India and Tibet, recently legalized television-watching for its 700,000 people and began broadcasting the news and other programs. Before that, the country's few TV sets were used only to watch imported videos. (And, according to a June New Yorker travelogue, the Bhutanese landscape is dominated by penis art, which is a tribute to the legendary Drukpa Kunley and supposedly inspires fertility.)

Zimbabwe, which seemed on the verge of a breakthrough on rights for women just 15 years ago, was set back by an April unanimous decision of its Supreme Court that adult females are inherently inferior to males and have a status akin to that of teen-ager. The court cited "the nature of African society" as its basis.

An April Chronicle of Higher Education report reviewed research showing that, in more than a dozen South American societies plus others in New Guinea, Polynesia and India, all men who have sex with a pregnant woman are considered joint biological fathers. In this "partible paternity," the fetus is considered fertilized by repeated contributions of sperm, and at least one society, the Canela of Brazil, believe the baby will most resemble the man who contributes the most sperm at any time during the nine months.

Cliches Come to Life

In June, Panama City, Fla., elementary school teacher Wanda Nelson was reprimanded for confiscating a National Geographic magazine drawings of naked humans in a story on evolution). And two Illinois researchers told a professional convention in May of their findings that telling a lie triggers a release of hormones to the nose, increasing its size.

Sound Like Monty Python Sketches: Clifford Shattuck, 66, owner of the Lighthouse Motel in Lincolnville, Maine, was barred by court order in May from having any contact with motel guests after one complaint too many of his harassing his customers, including once tossing rocks at a potential guest's car. And in July, the first European Swamp Soccer Championship (with 62 teams competing) was played in Hyrynsalmi, Finland, on a playing field purposely knee-deep in mud.

Deborah Lee Benagh, 44, filed a lawsuit

in July in Denver against Six Flags Elitch Gardens amusement park for roller-coaster injuries. Because her shoulder harness did not hold her securely, she said, she repeatedly struck her head during the ride and later suffered headaches and nausea, as well as short- and long-term memory loss. The name of the ride is "Mind Eraser." Never Give Up John Paul Roby, 56, was convicted in Toronto in May of 35 counts of sex (including testimony of 42 victim-witnesses) was produced against him, which in most cases he simply ignored while denying guilt. Highlights: a long colloquy in which he denied that a thoroughly authenticated photograph of him was really of him; a flat denial that "I never masturbate, period"; and repeated assertions that he could never have exposed himself in men's rooms (as witnesses claim) because his bladder control makes urination a rare event in his life.

Update

Michael Robert Wyatt, now 38, made News of the Weird in 1990 when he pushed a woman to the ground in Little Rock, Ark., and began sucking her toes. After several such incidents, he was ordered into counseling and has since stayed out of the news, getting married and taking a job as a mechanic in West Plains, Mo.

However, in August 1999, Wyatt was arrested in Fayetteville, Ark., for allegedly harassing several women by telling them they would really look hot if they amputated some of their toes. Some women in West Plains reported similar incidents

Least Competent Criminals

In Calgary, Alberta, in June, David Thomas Poole, 49, was sent to jail for one year for perjury committed while challenging a routine traffic ticket. Poole submitted a photograph of the intersection at which he was ticketed showing there was no left-turn-only lane, as the ticket stated.

Actually, the left-turn lane had been reconfigured recently, and though Poole swore that he had taken the photo at the time of the incident in January, the judge was struck by the scene's green grass and trees in full flower.

(Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 18737, Tampa, Fla. 33679, or Weird@compuserve.com.).

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Filter Title of Record

If Trent Reznor decides not to reclaim his title as rock's most important one-man powerhouse, Richard Patrick of Filter will be happy to claim it instead.

As the primary and practically only force behind the stylish Chicago metal act, Patrick has practically become the very thing he got away form when he left Nine Inch Nails.

This isn't a bad thing, though. Reznor has always been amazingly creative and talented, and Patrick should be honored he can maintained a position even somewhat similar. With Title of Record, Filter's sophomore effort, Patrick might even surpass his old boss.

Title of Record is Filter's best effort vet. Not only is every song as radio-friendly as past hits "Hey Man Nice Shot" and "(Can't you) Trip Like I do," the excellent collaboration with electronic wonder kids The Crystal Method, but they raise the bar on what we can expect from Patrick and his bandmates.

classic Filter experience are in good the last track on Title worth mentionform on Title, but Patrick seems well aware that variety is the key to wonderful music.

Towards the latter half of Title, Patrick's sound mellows out. The inclusion of both an acoustic track, one of the album's best songs, and a psychaedelic folk song, a piece as unexpected as it is excellent, prove Patrick knows how to be different and still be Filter.

Opening Title with thirtyseven seconds of electronic filler seems pointless, until it seamlessly slides into "Welcome to the Fold," the powerful track currently receiving extensive radio exposure.

"Welcome to the Fold" is just what we've learned to expect from Filter, a combination of melody and aggression.

One of the harder tracks on Title, "It's Gonna Kill Me" rekindles the beauty of Filter's bass guitar, with the exciting addition of drum 'n bass.

The electronic additions may not have the same perfectionist touch of Filter's collaboration with The Crystal Method, but it is still an excellent foray into electronic music.

"Take a Picture" is an unusually soft song for a band associated with hard guitar music, but it is a highlight nonetheless. The acoustic strumming is a fine companion for Patrick's voice, which seems to fly like the airplane he sings about.

The album maintains a softer sound for several tracks, before finding its edge again with "Skinny," a piece co-written by guitarist Geno The screams and chords of the Lenardo. "Skinny" might have been

ing, if it wasn't for the truly unusual finale, "Miss Blue."

Perhaps more intended for a follow-up to the Beatles' Seargent Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, "Miss Blue" is a psychaedelic folk song straight out of the 1960's.

It is an excellent piece, a testament to Patrick's creativity, but by no means does it fit well with this collection of rock music. Even the acoustic "Take a Picture" seems wellintertwined in comparison.

Title of Record is a fine album. It combines Filter's known rock power with variations that only increase their industry credibility.

Richard Patrick may be the poor man's Trent Reznor, but even that is proof that the poor man isn't doing too bad.

-HILTON PRICE



Arch Enemy Burning Bridges

A popular trend in Swedish black metal these days appears to be the emergence of metal supergroups - bands formed from the remains of legendary groups that came before. The Haunted and Witchery are two such groups torching the CD players of American metal aficionados.

Arch Enemy, the third big super-ass Swedish metal outfit, featuring members or ex-members of Carcass, Carnage, In Flames, Candlemass and Mercyful Fate, have unleashed Burning Bridges, their third brutal offering to American eardrums.

The driving force behind Arch Enemy is the killer concoction of guitar riffs brewed by brothers Michael and Christopher Amott.

Fast, furious and unrelenting bass (Mercyful Fate's Sharlee D'Angelo) and drums (blisteringly hammered by Daniel Erlandsson) support, and Johan Liiva is a competent screeching vocalist.

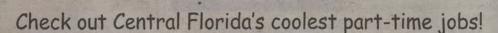
Burning Bridges is fast, aggressive, yet melodic. Meaty hooks combine with progressive metal-esque guitar solos; this approach is best heard on the title track and "Seeds of Hate."

For something faster, consult "Demonic Science" and Immortal."

Burning Bridges is an excellent addition to the Gothenburg sound of black-metal canon, made famous by several bands from Gothenburg, Sweden, for which the genre was

Assuming Arch Enemy survives into the next millennium, many more bridges will be burnt by this fiery Swedish supergroup.

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Senate Elections Fast Approaching

by Brian McMahon

Student Body President Andy Cupicha has declared a state of emergency and has pushed back the dates of Senate Elections 2 weeks from the statute defined dates.

Due to the lack of confirmed Election

EC - Conduct 3 meetings to explain

(one to be held before Petition of

Cand., and one after).

Petitions may be obtained

Declaration of Candidacy

EC - Check Qualifications of

Candidates and post names

student media

Forum

Senate Elections

Run-Off Elections

election statutes and answer questions

EC - procure posters and advertise in

EC - Notify tickets and student media

of date, time and place of Candidate

Commissioners as well as a Chief Election Commissioner, President Cupicha felt it was necessary to push back the elections.

According to Statute 604.7, "In case of a campus emergency which

may impede the voting process, the Student Body President may, upon consultation with the Chief Election Commissioner, suspend or delay any election and reschedule it within 7 days after the suspended or delayed election or as soon thereafter as is practicable."

"At this time, all necessary appointments have been made to ensure a full Election Commission. It is now incumbent upon the Senate

to confirm said appointments to prevent any further delay in the election process," Cupicha said.

The purpose of the Election Commission is to facilitate and ensure a fair and proper election. It is made up of 15 students at-large, including two from Brevard and two

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Sep 6/7

Sep 13

Sep 20-22

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With the new delay, potential candidates can obtain petitions and election packets at the Stu-

dent Government office (room 214 in the Student Union) on September 13. After obtaining 50 signatures from students in their college, potential candidates can make their official Declaration of Candidacy September 20-22.

Once the Election Commission checks the qualifications of Candidates, elections will be held September 27 - October 1. If needed, runoff elections will be held October 4-8.

Senator Job Description

*This is a fall spring summer commitment. If you are graduating before the end of the Senate term, you may want to consider having another student represent your college.

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*Two unexcused absences will result in resignation of the Senator's seat.

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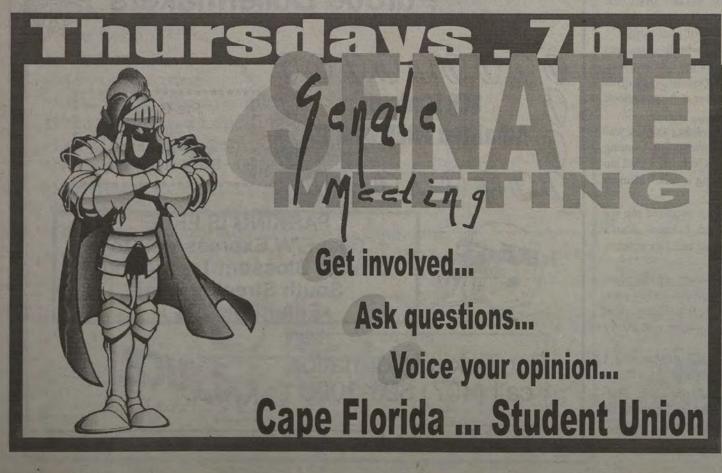
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JEFF CASE STAFF WRITER

Have you ever wondered why seagulls die? Or why fish swim in schools? Just take Piper Morgan out to eat and eventually, you'll get the answers.

Morgan, a sophomore middle blocker for the volleyball team, is often the focus of ridicule at team dinners. Not only does Morgan almost ritualistically order seafood at dinners, she also serves up sea facts to her teammates, too.

"They think I'm weird and when we go out to eat, they call me the Little Mermaid," Morgan said. "Every time I want to go out, I want seafood, I love seafood. If I see something, I'll tell them interesting facts I know about things. I tell them about seagulls and how they go blind and that's how they die.

"They usually just say, 'oh, that's nice Piper.' I guess I'm just weird like that. People would always look at me and wonder how I know about Marine Biology. With my family, we went on a lot of vacations to California and Florida. I was always involved in programs where we'd go look in bogs for microorganisms."

As a marine biology major, Morgan has good reason to be so interested in fish. The self-proclaimed 'science nerd' will likely start in UCF's season opener against McNeese State at home this Friday, a feat in itself considering Morgan at one point thought she'd never play college volleyball.

While attending Milford High School in Loveland, Ohio, Morgan was a four-year member of the varsity squad. She garnered first team All-Greater Miami (Ohio) Conference honors and all-city honorable mention as a senior.

But, Morgan says, her statistics and performance would not have been enough to get her a scholarship.

Junior Olympic volleyball during the winter as a prep player, a league many college coaches use to scout potential players.

After getting few offers from college coaches, Morgan decided to take matters into her own hands.

"I made a video of my skills. I would look through a college book of schools I was interested in with my major and I would send videotapes and letters to that school," she said.

"I had to do a lot of recruiting myself and for volleyball, it's tough to get noticed, so I took a lot of it on my shoulders.

"It was pretty tough. I'd have to call coaches back two or three times to make sure they got the tape and to follow up. At one point, I got so nervous, I didn't think I was going to get

Her worst shock came when she applied to a marine biologist's dream school, Florida Atlantic in Boca Raton. After sending off a video, she waited patiently for Owl coach Jody Brown to call and offer her a scholarship to her dream school. The call never came.

"I sent [FAU] coach Brown a letter and I never had a response from him. I would call him and he would never call me back," Morgan said.

"So whenever we play them, it's more of a personal rivalry for me. I just want to go out and play my hardest and get my name known so that he can look where I am and that we can beat you. I cannot wait to play them again."

Forced to place her FAU dream alongside the 50 or so others that she keeps in a box in her home in Ohio, Morgan didn't have time to be upset for

Former UCF coach Laura Smith took an interest in Morgan and invited her on a recruiting trip. The rest, Morgan says, is history as she fell in love with a new dream school.

"I loved the campus and the people. When I first came on the campus, It was great," Morgan said. "The people here made me feel like I was at home, they're all laid back and it's just real comfortable. I had offers from other schools but it wasn't where I wanted to be."

Morgan is ready to make a bigger impact this season. After playing as a true freshman last year, Morgan struggled with consistency each game.

Coach Meg Fitzgerald said Morgan should play a key role as the Knights try to win their first TAAC title since 1997.

"We expect her to touch a lot of balls and hit a lot of balls just because she can hit over a lot of people if she wanted to. She could be a very impressive middle blocker," Fitzgerald said. "When she reaches over, she Morgan participated in does a nice job and she does a really nice job of penetrating."

Morgan admits she was unprepared for her role last year, but said team conditioning drills have given her a fresh outlook for the fall.

"I really didn't think I was going to play that much. Coming in from high school, I had no idea how tiring it was," Morgan

"I think it prepared me for this year and I know what's expected of me and I'm in better

"I think a love of the game got me through it a lot last year. I'd look at the TAAC stat sheet and I'd see my name and I'd try even harder.

"I wanted to get to the top. I want to be a TAAC First Team member and on the All-Tournament team. I want to be the No.1 blocker in the TAAC."

Morgan goes fishing Big names highlight UCF men's basketball schedule

SPECIAL TO THE FUTURE

A trip to the SoCon Holiday Hoops tournament Thanksgiving weekend, the Nov. 19 home opener against the Miami Hurricanes, and a full TAAC slate highlight the 1999-2000 University of Central Florida men's basketball schedule finalized Wednesday.

UCF will play Atlantic Coast Conference member Clemson in the opening round of the eightteam SoCon holiday tournament Nov. 26 at the Bi-Lo Center in Greenville, S.C.

The Golden Knights will meet either Old Dominion or Wisconsin-Green Bay in the second round. Mississippi, Furman, South Carolina State and Oregon State round out the eight-team field.

A road game at Louisville on Dec. 15 should provide a challenge and in-state rival South Florida visits the UCF Arena for an early season tilt Dec. 3.

Miami and Louisville participated in the NCAA Tournament last year while Clemson and Old Dominion played in the NIT.

"This season might be the best non-conference schedule we've ever had top to bottom since I've been here," seventh year head coach Kirk Speraw said. "The SoCon tournament will be a very tough tournament."

The Golden Knights open their Trans America Athletic Conference schedule Dec. 30 at home against Troy State and will continue home-andhome round robin play until the conclusion of the regular season Feb. 26 at Georgia State.

Seniors D'Quarius Stewart (Lansing, Mich./Sexton HS) and Mario Lovett (Tampa/Leto HS) look to avenge a loss in the TAAC Tournament finals when they face Samford in Birmingham, Ala., on Jan. 8 and at the UCF Arena on Feb. 19.

"This will be the first year we play in a full round robin format, playing everyone in the conference twice, so that will be an interesting twist. The conference schedule will be the deepest and most competitive we've had," Speraw noted.

Other non-conference opponents for UCF include Winthrop (away, Nov. 23), Flagler (home, Dec. 10), Ohio (away, Dec. 13), UNC-Wilmington (home, Dec. 21) and Middle Tennessee (home, Dec.

Jacksonville University hosts the 2000 TAAC Tournament at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum

The champion of that tournament will have almost a two week break before the NCAA Tournament begins Mar. 16.

Practice begins Oct. 16 and the team will play two free-admission exhibition games at home. Korabel Ukraine arrives on Nov. 7 and the South African National Team comes in Nov. 14.

Reserved season tickets covering the 14 regular season home games will be available for \$98 through the athletic department ticket office at (407) 823-1000 and single game tickets go on sale in mid-November through the UCF Arena box office at (407) 823-6006.

Anticipated prices are the same as last season's: \$7 for all reserved seating; \$5 for adult general admission; \$3 for children ages 6-17 and free for students with a valid ID and children under age



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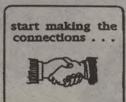
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MEN'S SOCCER NOTEBOOK

Soccer Classic to open season

UCF begins its season with the annual UCF Soccer Classic, which has been a source of great success in the past.

Last season, the Knights beat Long Island 9-2 in the opener and followed that with an 8-1 victory over Coastal Carolina.

This Friday and Sunday, UCF will again face LIU again in the opener, and it faces an old foe on Sunday, hosting Georgia Southern.

The Knights have opened each of the previous two seasons against LIU and have outscored the Blackbirds 12-2. However, the most recent result against Georgia Southern was not as memorable. The Knights will be looking to reverse its result at Georgia Southern in 1997 when the Eagles came away with a 2-1 victory. UCF holds a 4-2 advantage in a matchup that began in 1989.

Off on the right foot

UCF won an exhibition match against Lynn University, 5-2, on Aug. 24. Lynn provided a quality opponent to help prepare the Knights for the 1999 season, being ranked third in the NSCAA for Division II.

Senior forward Ari Nurmi tallied a first half hat trick to help UCF to a 4-2 halftime lead. Nurmi scored in the second and 37th minutes, but the crucial goal was scored in the 44th minutes just before halftime for the two-goal advantage.

Nurmi helped pick up the scoring void left by the absence of Heikki Ritvanen, who was still recovering from shoulder surgery. Senior captain Rami Vehmas added another goal in the 11th minutes, while sophomore Remi Hariz netted the final score in the 66th minute.

Lynn outshot the Knights 14-12, but UCF keeper Antti Laittinen made seven saves in the win against the 1997 Division II national champions.

Ritvanen named Preseason All-American

Senior forward Heikki Ritvanen was named a Second Team Preseason All-American by College Soccer Online.

The honor follows a similar selection by Soccer Magazine last year. Ritvanen earned third team All-America honors from the NSCAA following the 1997 season.

Ritvanen holds the school record for goals (71) and points (150) for a career in only 51 games. He has scored 24, 23, and 24 goals in each of his first three seasons, respectively.

He has garnered First Team Division I All-South honors in each of the previous two seasons by NSCAA, and has been a member of the All-Trans America Athletic Conference First Team each of his three seasons at UCF.

Golden Knights picked to finish second

UCF was picked to finish second in the TAAC according to the seven conference coaches, who selected Jacksonville as the favorite.

The defending champion Dolphins advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament last year and received four first-place votes and 51 points.

UCF received two first place votes and 45 points. The Knights lost in last year's tournament championship game 3-2 against Jacksonville. JU was the only team in the TAAC to defeat the Knights.

The remaining five teams in the conference were ranked as follows: Florida Atlantic, Campbell, Stetson, Georgia State, and Mercer. Stetson received the final first place

—TRAVIS BELL

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WOMEN'S SOCCER NOTEBOOK

Cromwell makes coaching debut with big win

Last Friday night, the UCF Women's Soccer Team opened their season with a 8-0 thrashing of Howard University. As well as being a great start to the season, the game also marked the beginning of Amanda Cromwell's tenure as the team's head coach.

Cromwell was hired when former coach Karen Richter resigned last April to take the coaching job at Auburn University. She has been with the team this fall in preparation for the beginning of the season, and was glad to get it started.

"It's great to be out here under the lights," said Cromwell. "The girls are chomping at the bit to play a game...we're excited to get this win under our belt."

Cromwell has the unenviable task of taking over a program that has won four of the last TAAC Championships. Her debut, however, was about as successful as one can be, as the Knights outshot the Bison 31-3 en route to the victory. Seven different players scored for UCF, and every member of the team got into the game as Cromwell emptied her bench in the second half.

Despite the win, however, Cromwell found areas that still need improvement.

"We're going to have to finish the chances we have...we wasted so many corner kicks," said Cromwell. "Defensive shapes are going to have to be better...getting into shape and getting behind the ball and playing team defense."

Freshmen Make Immediate Impact

One of the keys to success for the team this year will be the play of their freshmen. This year's recruiting class has been recognized as the 10th best in the southeast, up there with national powers like North Carolina, Duke, and Florida.

On Friday, the "Elite Eight" made their presence felt as they combined to score four of the team's eight goals and had four of the team's eight assists. Midfielder Sara McDonald led the way with two goals, while forward Amanda King and midfielder Julia Eraso each had a goal and an assist. Forward Nicole Cieslak also accounted for two assists. Cieslak, along with midfielder Brooke Asby, were the two freshmen to start for the Knights, and all eight saw significant playing time.

"They're going to have to step up early and fill these roles," said Cromwell. "They're very athletic and fast, they can score goals. It's going to be a year for these freshmen to really step in. Tonight I had two starting, and I may have three or four starting by the end of the year."

The infusion of talent can only help the veterans improve.

"I think we've helped out and pushed everybody else up a level," said McDonald. "We've

Last Friday night, the UCF made everybody else stronger by men's Soccer Team opened making ourselves stronger."

The level of play of the freshmen has impressed returnees like junior midfielder Claire Kohake.

"We got one of the best recruiting classes we've ever had at UCF," said Kohake. "Usually in the very beginning of practices its hard for them to stay with us, but they came in and they were right with us and it showed here tonight. They definitely have some big shoes to fill, but I think we haven't missed a step."

It's a Save and a Beauty!

With last year's graduation of star goalkeeper Alyssa O'Brien, the UCF Women's Soccer team lost its backbone. O'Brien occupies many spots in the UCF record books, and was a

four time All-TAAC honoree. This year, there have been four goalkeepers competing for the vacated goalie position, and sophomore Maria Banuls has been named the starter by Cromwell.

Banuls spent the past two seasons learning under the tutelage of O'Brien and will now try and apply what she learned.

"It's so great. I've been here for two years and I've worked really hard," said Banuls. "The legacy of the school is goalkeeping and its so cool to finally get a chance to show what I've learned in two years. I've had some great coaching and I have some great coaching now.

"We have four awesome goalkeepers and I'm glad that three of them got to play tonight (in the opener). They've worked really hard this year." In her debut against Howard University, Banuls only needed to make three saves to record a shutout in the first half of play. Cromwell pulled her at halftime to give freshman Amanda Coble and Jessica Kuhlman some experience. Neither faced a shot on goal.

Banuls will face tougher opponents and more shots on goal as the season goes on, but in her debut, just the excitement of playing was overwhelming.

"It's so much more exciting.
I couldn't even stay seated even
when I was off the field," said
Banuls.

Thoughts on Akers

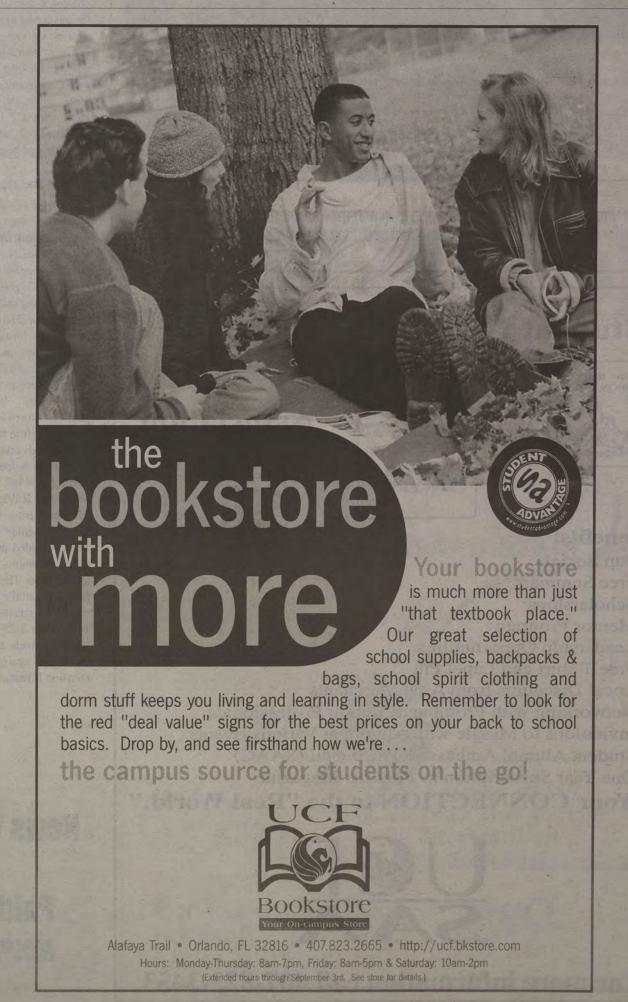
"I've missed almost all the preseason except for two days, but I know what its like," said Akers. "Amanda and the team are probably relieved that the preparation period is over and its finally game time...and everything is for real and the fun has begun."

Akers, despite her accolades as a player, was content to sit it the background and give pointers to players.

"It's so nice not to have to gear up and prepare and play your guts out until you drop," she said. "I actually am enjoying just relaxing and encouraging the girls and giving them a few tips here and there and seeing them go out and play well."

"I think it was a good first game. There's definitely room for improvement and we've identified those areas and we'll be working on that this week...and so I think it was a good beginning."

— David Marsters



Akers returns as a positive influence on UCF soccer

Michelle Akers is considered a global ambassador of women's sports, but hasn't forgotten her roots

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TRAVIS BELL STAFF WRITER

Michelle Akers has made a round trip journey that has taken 16 years, and she has finally returned to where it all began — UCF.

Akers has returned as an assistant to first-year coach Amanda Cromwell, and she is happy to be back.

"This is kind of interesting because I showed up here as a player from 1984 to '89, and then I did some coaching," Akers said.

"Then I left, and then I came back here and trained here often times to prepare for World Cups and Olympics. Now I'm back as a coach again. It's fun, and it's kind of come full circle."

She has traveled a long road to set the standard for women's soccer and women's sports in general.

She has been a member of the U.S. National Team since 1985, and Cromwell, who also was a U.S. National Team member, is more than willing to accept the help offered by arguably the greatest women's soccer player in the history of the game.

"She brings insight for every position because she has the knowhow and the tactics to help everywhere on the field," Cromwell said. "Having a player of her caliber is good for the team."

Akers was an assistant coach from 1989-92 before playing international soccer full time.

She doesn't want to interfere with what Cromwell has in store, but she feels that she has a lot to add as emphasis for the players.

'We have a great coaching staff here, but I think what I can add is a bit

of experience for the girls and maybe some perspective and inspiration to be a competitive player not only on an international level, but here at UCF," Akers

"I want to give them a couple things to improve their game, and encourage them to be their best on and off the field."

Goalkeeper Maria Banuls was able to face a few shots from Akers in a recent practice as Akers ran through part of a scrimmage.

Banuls explains what any college player would feel getting to play with

one of the best players in the world.

"There's no better example than her, so of course the level is gonna rise up," Banuls said.

"Being in goal, it's awesome to see her shoot on you, and she's always positive. She always makes you feel good, but she makes you work hard."

It has been well reported that Akers has been a hard worker and overcome numerous obstacles in her career, whether it has been fighting through nagging injuries or her constant battle with chronic fatigue syn-

She just wants the players to know that you can overcome anything if you put your mind to it.

"I hope they have seen beyond my performance, and I know they're aware of the coaching things I've faced over the past few years," staff here, but I Akers said.

"But I hope they're even more aware of why live been able to overcome."

Akers recently helped the U.S. Women's World Cup Team regain the title that they lost in 1995.

There were questions about whether she would be able to endure playing in the 2000 Olympic Games to help the U.S. in its attempt to retain the gold medal, and after being able to rest after the World Cup has decided to give it a try.

After the Olympics, Akers has plans beyond soccer.

She has set the tone for women's soccer and the future, but she has other goals and aspirations after her playing career is finished.

"I want to continue to develop Soccer Advantage International, which we have devoted to inspiring kids to become leaders in their own area of influence with their own lives," Akers said.

"That will entail speaking a lot, and I've just signed a big book contract. I'll be traveling all over the world, and hopefully changing and influencing a lot of peoples lives for the better."



With a World Cup title in her possession and an Olympic berth in her future former UCF soccer star Michelle Akers is taking time out to coach at her alma mater.

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Coach Mike Kruczek hopes that the Knights can stop Purdue's Drew Brees.

UCF can erase the memory of last season's loss with an upset win

FROM PAGE 1

Ross-Ade Stadium after last season's 35-7 loss.

"They're coming to our house now," said Fye, UCF's senior captain. "We were embarrassed after last year's game, because it was one we gave them. One we should have won.

"But now, they're coming here (Florida Citrus Bowl). Even though we have Florida, Georgia, and Georgia Tech coming up, Purdue's the most important. They are the first team on the schedule, so they're the most important. And after last year, we owe them something."

Purdue spoiled UCF's firstever national television appearance, stopping the Golden Knights in the red zone on numerous occasions before pulling away behind the running of tailback J Crabtree, who has completed his eligibility.

UCF didn't show the ESPN audience an accurate account of itself and are looking to get an elusive breakthrough win

against a ranked team this time around.

Although last season's disappointing loss weighs heavily on the players minds, revenge isn't necessarily the greatest incentive

Quarterback Vic Penn, taking the field for his first game as a Golden Knight, insists that the team must concentrate on this year and forget the past.

"It's a different situation," said Penn. "This isn't last year's Purdue team. They were good then and are probably better now

"I know it really hurt the guys to lose like they did last year, but this is a new year. All I know is that from the moment I walked on to this team, our only focus has been Purdue. That's the way it should be."

With over 50,000 expected at the Citrus Bowl, UCF will play before the largest home crowd in school history.

This time, in front of them and an ESPN-plus pay-per-view audience, the Knights hope to show a more accurate portrayal of their skills.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Simms injured in pick-up game, out for season

Junior Beronti Simms sufferred a torn knee ligament which will require surgery and force him to miss the upcoming season.

Simms, a 6-foot-7 forward from Chicago's Brother Rice HS, tore his ACL after landing awkwardly during a pickup game. The rehabilitation process following the surgery will take four to six months.

Coach Kirk Speraw was expecting big things from Simms, who came off the bench last year and averaged 5.7 points and 3.2 rebounds per game, including a career-high 29-point performance against Centenary.

With small forward Brad Traina graduated, Speraw planned on using versatile forward Mario Lovett some at the three, while placing Simms at the power forward during those stretches.

His absence will force seniors Davin Granberry and Roy Leath, junior transfer Paul Reed, and redshirt freshman Ikechi Nnakwe into expanded roles in the frontcourt.

Simms will not use a year of eligibility due to the injury. Because he played as a true freshman in '97-'98, Simms has yet to use up his redshirt year,

which he will take this season.

Ely transfers to IUPUI

Women's basketball player Kelli Ely, UCF's all-time threepoint leader, has decided to transfer to her hometown college.

Ely, who is from Indianapolis, Ind., is believed to be enrolling at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI).

Her departure will force new head coach Gail Streigler to look elsewhere for perimeter scoring.

Ely had an immediate as a true freshman in 1997-98, making 62 three-pointers which set UCF's all-time mark. She finished that season ranked 22nd in the nation with a 42.2 three-point field goal percentage.

However, Ely endured a sophomore slump last season, making only 51 of 172 three-pointers (29.7 percent). She was third on the team with an 8.0 scoring average.

Henican added to volleyball staff

University of Central Florida volleyball coach Meg Fitzgerald recently named Colleen Henican as her second assistant coach.

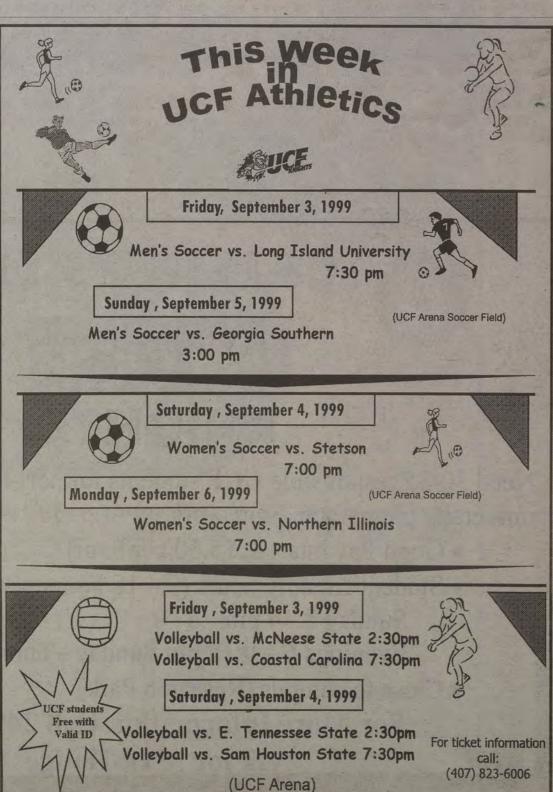
Henican joins Michael Webster, who was named the first assistant on Fitzgerald's staff June 22.

Henican comes to UCF after finishing her playing career at Purdue University. In her one and only season at Purdue, Henican totaled 200 kills, 22 service aces, 220 digs and 30 blocks in 102 games for the Boilermakers. Prior to last year Henican, a native of New Orleans, La., was a three-year letterwinner at Iowa State University.

She averaged a school-record 4.73 kills per game (fifth in Big 12) and a team-leading 3.69 digs (second in Big 12) as a junior in 1997. She finished her career at Iowa State ranked ninth on the school's career kills (848) and digs (846) lists.

"Colleen brings a hard work ethic and the enthusiasm of a player right out of college. She had an impressive college career and we will be utilizing her knowledge and experiences to make the coaching staff better. I feel that she is going to be a great addition to the coaching staff."

Henican, 22, earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Purdue last May.



Corey Baker on call for duty if needed

UCF's injury problems may allow the freshman running back to see action

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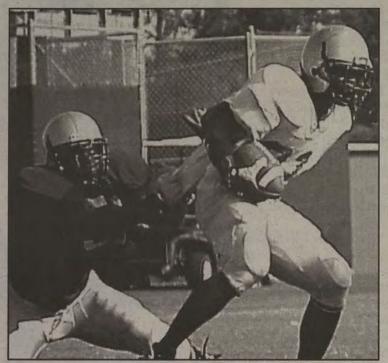
Running backs coach Alan Gooch has big plans for freshman Corey Baker, but those plans were scheduled for next season, as UCF's running back depth would allow Baker the luxury of being redshirted.

Because of nagging injuries to tailbacks Edward Mack and Omari Howard, those plans may have been altered, and the kid who graduated high school in June could be playing against Purdue September 4.

"We were hoping to redshirt him, but that may not happen depending on how Eddie Mack and Omari Howard's injuries come along because they're rehabbing right now," Gooch said after the final UCF scrimmage Saturday night. "Corey is everything that we expected."

Baker was expected to work behind Terrance Williams, Mack, and Howard to learn the system and save a year of eligibility.

However, the latter two could miss action early in the season forcing Baker into backup



FUTURE FILE PHOTO

Freshman Corey Baker is difficult to bring down. He may also be difficult to sit, seeing as UCF's injury problems could force him into action.

duties for Williams.

Baker brings with him some impressive high school credentials, in which he averaged 10.6 yards per carry in the tough Hillsborough County league for Seffner's Armwood HS. He

would like to have time to learn the system, but is ready and willing to step in if needed.

"It doesn't really matter if I'm ready because if the time comes, then you have to step in," Baker said. "I have to prepare more mentally than physically, and it's all about what you know. If I contribute or not, that doesn't matter. As long as I'm doing my assignment or blocking my man, that's all that really matters.

"I hope they (Mack and Howard) are back, but if not, then I hope to get in there and help us not miss a beat."

Baker saw some action in last Saturday's Golden Knight Classic, carrying the ball five times for 30 yards.

He was pleased with his performance.

"I think I attacked the line of scrimmage well and ran hard, but the speed of the game is what I have to get down pat," Baker said.

"Everything is falling in place, but it's gonna be a little more time before I'm where I want to be."

Baker has impressed UCF's coaching staff, as he has good speed to hit the holes and avoid would-be tacklers.

Gooch feels that he is ready as a runner but still needs to learn more because he is still making some expected mistakes. "I think if you're gonna give the ball to him, then he's ready right now," Gooch said. "But if he has to run every route and all the blitz pickups that our offense has, he might not be able to handle that right now.

"He's doing everything we thought he would be able to do. The things that are holding him back possibly are assignment mistakes, which are expected of a freshman. Those are the things that we need to get cured in a hurry."

If Mack and Howard are able to return quickly from their injuries, Baker has no problems waiting his turn. His ideal plan would be to redshirt this year and learn from the three quality backs that have the experience.

"I think it's perfect for me to come in now because there are a lot of people that know the offense that I can learn from," Baker said.

"I can use a redshirt year right now to get better, faster, and learn the offense more. I get all aspects of the running back from those three guys, so I don't mind waiting."



UCF fans get geared up for big home-opener

ERIC ELIASON STAFF WRITER

With college football officially starting last Saturday, the UCF football team put together a little party for the fans to get them ready for this crazy time of year.

An estimated 1,000 fans came out to the Citrus Bowl to preview the 1999 UCF football team at the Golden Knight Classic, an intrasquad scrimmage staged between UCF's travel squad and scout team.

There was truly a festive attitude lingering with the fans as no one worried whether or not the Knights would win but rather enjoyed a beautiful Orlando night and watched there boys get ready for what many consider the toughest schedule in UCF history.

Jeff Larkins, a UCF season ticket holder since 1987 seemed excited by the night and the fan turnout.

"I'm impressed by the turnout," Larkins said. "We came a few years ago and there wasn't this many people, so it seems like everyone is getting behind the team."

Kelly Hornbeck, a 1992 yeah, definitely." graduate is one of many of the UCF alumni around the area being counted on to help fill the Citrus Bowl on Sept. 4. She's ecstatic about the team and the upcoming season.

"They're great, they're going there, they're better than they were when I was there, and now they're bigger than ever," said an excited Hornbeck.

Road trips seemed to be a rather large topic for the night with many of the Knights games being played in the Southeast.

Todd Tyce, a 1991 grad and season ticket holder for six years has made his plans.

"I've been going to away games for the past four or five years," Tyce said. I'll be in Definitely Gainesville, and possibly Auburn for the third straight

Jesse Olson a UCF freshman, relayed his road trip

"We're trying to plan some roadtrips. We're going to play Florida. Big game," Olson said. "And can we win? Oh

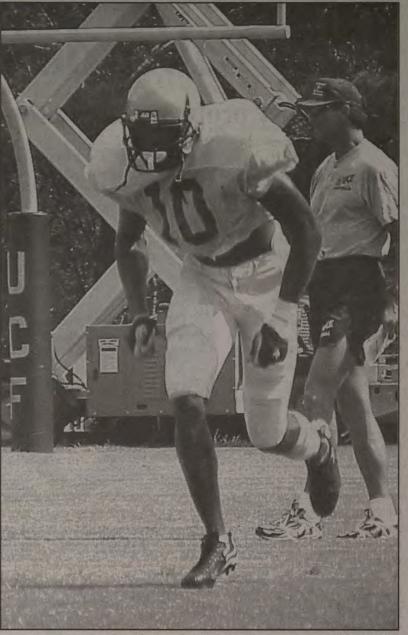
Laura Temple, another UCF freshman stated, "I think the team looks good tonight, so I think they should do pretty well."

Of course, its wasn't hard for UCF's travel squad to look good against the scout team, whom they beat 58-6. The No. 23 Purdue Boilermakers will be much tougher. Coach Mike Kruczek is counting on fan support to help his team pull the upset.

"The fans are critical, they are our twelth man, we need noise here, and we need a lot of it," Kruczek said. "You hear so much about the Big Ten, the following, the tradition, the crowds and the noise. We ought to set a precedent here with this Big Ten team and show them what Florida football is all about.

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Penn's preview instills confidence in teammates

Heir apparent fares well

The controversy surrounding Daunte Culpepper's successor as UCF quarterback is over.

At least for now.

In last Saturday's UCF Annual Preseason Scrimmage, junior transfer quarterback Vic Penn turned some heads. In fact, defensive backs were turning their heads all night watching Penn complete pass after pass in the Black team's 58-6 victory over the Gold.

Penn finished the game with 16 completions in 22 attempts for 301 yards, with five touchdown tosses and no interceptions. Despite his excellent numbers, Penn downplayed his success.

"There's still room for improvement," said Penn, "Not taking anything away from the scout (Gold) team guys, but it is the scout team, not Purdue. We're going to have to play top level football next Saturday."

Throughout fall practices and culminating in Saturday's scrimmage, Penn has gained the confidence of his coach and team-

"He's a pretty good quarterback," said junior wide receiver and team captain Kenny Clark. "I feel very comfortable with him."

Fellow starting wide receiver Charles Lee also had praise.

"I have a lot of confidence in him," Lee said. "He's just a smart quarterback. He's just pretty much showed that he's the starter and he's going to be the guy to get the job

done."

The man whose opinion counts the most was also pleased.

"I think Victor's fine," said Coach Mike Kruczek. "He'll make plays and he'll fight you play in and play out and I think good things will happen."

Penn played the first half before giving way to his backup, junior Kelvin Robinson, who also had a good night for the Black squad. Robinson completed 6 of the 10 passes, tallying 58 yards and a touchdown.

Lee enjoys huge night

One of Victor Penn's favorite targets in the scrimmage was senior wide receiver Charles Lee. Lee helped make Penn look good by making 4 catches for 139 yards and 2 touchdowns. The first touchdown came in the first quarter when Lee blew past his defender and 38 yards later caught a lob pass from Penn in the end zone.

The second touchdown was all Lee.

After catching a short receiver screen pass, he ran to the outside, broke tackles, crossed back into the middle of the field and outran everyone for a 77 yard

"Tyson (Hinshaw) made a great block for me, and Vic (Penn) got the ball right in my chest and I was able to get outside right away.

"Once I got outside the defense overpursued a little bit and that enabled me to cut back, a guy spun me around which enabled me to stay on my feet and pretty much just run for the score," described Lee.

Lee, of course, comes into this season looking to atone for mistakes made in last year's lost to Purdue. Early in the game, he dropped a pass in the end zone which was then caught by a Purdue defensive back and eventually lateraled and returned 100 yards for a touchdown.

"It will truly never be forgotten, no matter how I do this upcoming Saturday. I just try and get past it and do the things to get ready for this year," said Lee. "I'm really anxious to play on Saturday and I'm really looking forward to it."

After his performance in the scrimmage, it looks like he has exorcised his demons.

Pair of injuries put damper on evening

Two very important Knight players, linebacker Deaubrey Devine and receiver Kenny Clark, fell victim to injury during the scrimmage. Early in the first quarter,

Devine hurt himself while making tackle and did not return for the remainder of the game.



Devine

"Deaubrey hyperextended an elbow," said coach Kruczek. "...It takes four or five days to try and get full range of motion back from that, and we've got four or five days to get him back, which will be good. The bad thing is it wouldn't take much to reinjure

What is even worse is that it could also be a dislocation, not a hyper-extension. If Devine dislocated his elbow, which wasn't known as of press time, he'll be out closer to a month.

In a situation in which Devine would need to be replaced, true freshman Dwight Perkins and senior Chris Gunn could both see some action.

"Perkins will have to get some reps, but obviously Deaubrey's the guy we need to have in there. I have confidence in Chris, but he's also playing with a bad knee," said Kruczek.

Soon after Devine left the field. Clark made a catch on a slant pattern and didn't get up. After a few minutes on the ground, he was able to stand and be helped off the field.

"He twisted his knee a little bit...(the trainer)Kevin Mercuri doesn't believe there's any kind of ligament damage; it might be a strain in it, or maybe a cartilage tear," said Kruczek.

"(Clark's injury) is critical for us...we can ill afford to lose him, obviously."

Fellow receiver Charles Lee also commented on Clark's importance to the team.

"We definitely need Kenny. He's the other starting receiver and that allows teams not to be able to double cover one or another receiver," Lee said. "Plus, Kenny's our team's captain, he keeps the guys motivated and we really need him."

thinking about the chance that he couldn't play against Purdue. "I feel all right. I'm not a doctor, but I'll be all right for Saturday. I have no doubt in my mind."

The Kick is Up...and it is

Another controversy has been solved for the UCF football team. After Saturday's scrimmage, Javier Beorlegui was named the team's starter at the punter and placekicker positions, and he'll also do the kicking off.

In the game, Beorlegui converted on three of his four extra point attempts and punted six times for an average of 38 yards per punt. His longest punt went for 50 yards.

Beorlegui's competition for the placekicking job has been true freshman Gabe Leavitt, but Leavitt helped make the coaching decision simple by missing three of his four extra point attempts.

He did connect on a 37-yard field goal, but will have to wait his turn as Beorlegui becomes the first UCF kicker to handle all three kicking duties at the same time since Charlie Price, who played for the Knights from 1993-1996.

"I've never done all three in a game before, but I think I can do it," said Beorlegui.

He has Kruczek's confidence.

"Javier's the guy...he can kick it. We're fine there," said coach Kruczek. "(Gabe Leavitt) will get much better. He hit a good field goal but he missed extra points that he shouldn't have missed. It's just a matter of settling down and being a part of what we're doing and not fearing anything."

Special teams coach Matt Rock, while naming Beorlegui the starter, still found some problems in the kicking game.

"Overall, I'm not real happy," said Rock. "The whole kicking game is sporadic. We need to get consistent. We've only got four more practices so the kids know what they have to do and we'll just have to try to do the best we can."

Leavitt will back up Beorlegui at placekicker, while Ryan Flinn will be the backup

Flinn, who redshirted as a freshman last season, punted seven times in the scrimmage for an average of 36.7 yards per punt.

Beorlegui was held out of the latter part of the game due to soreness in his right leg, but should be fine to practice this week and play on Saturday.

"I'll be all right (to play against Purdue)," said Beorlegui.

He'll need to be, considering all the work he's got in store for

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Key to victory: Run it down their throats

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What a difference a year makes.

How long has it been since UCF's success hinged on its running attack and strong defense?

Oh, about four years.

Well its time to put the Daunte Culpepper era to bed, and officially, that's just what will happen when Vic Penn takes the field as the new quarterback for the Golden Knights.

His counterpart, Drew Brees comes in with all the Heisman hype, but he's not good enough to lead Purdue to a win if he doesn't have the football.

Which is where UCF's key to victory comes in. By handing off to tailback Terrance Williams and the healing Edward Mack and Omari Howard, the Golden Knights can keep the chains moving and the time running.

Of course, that all hinges on the success of the offensive line, but if UCF is successful running the ball, Penn will be at his strongest.

"I don't care if I only throw the ball 10 times in this game so long as we beat Purdue," Penn said. "I understand that its up to the offensive line, but I really believe in them. They've come a long way.

"I know that we have great running backs. If we're able to move it that way, they won't be able to pressure me, and our offense will have balance. I really think we can succeed that way."

That's probably the only way UCF can succeed.

If Penn is forced to throw the ball 30 to 40 times a game like Culpepper did, it would mean the Golden Knights would be behind.

Ideally, Penn would be effective running play action and quarterback draws, tossing bubble screens and hitting on slant routes and then taking a stab down the field when defenses least expect it.

If UCF can run, defenses will put eight men in the box to try to contain the attack, a sight

that will probably make Coach Mike Kruczek's mouth water and have receivers Charles Lee and Kenny Clark foaming at the mouth.

Defensively, UCF has speed and talent, but at the same time, is very banged up.

The less they play, the better. Brees is very adept at throwing the bubble screen, something that should be very familiar to Golden Knight fans.

So, like UCF's offense last year, Purdue's strength will be completions and ball control, with the short passing game serving as the running game. Golden Knight coaches and fans know how effective that can be.

Ironically, this year's UCF team will be going up against a team that is a mirror image of last year's squad, so at the very least, the defense will be used to Purdue's offense.

They saw it all last year and to a degree, this summer too.

"We'll know what they are going to do," cornerback Jeff Fye said. "We're focused on them. It's like Louisiana Tech last year. We knew they would throw all the time and look for (wide receiver Troy) Edwards. But we came through."

The Golden Knights won 64-30 in Ruston to open 1998, a victory that was a credit to their diligent preparation.

UCF has followed the same blue print for success this year, focusing only on their opening opponent and nothing

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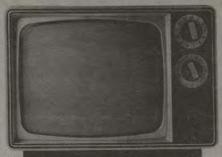
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Another key will lie in keeping possession of the football and forcing more turnovers than they commit.

Special teams also play a role in UCF's success. Last season, the unit was a blessing. It will need to remain a strength this year, starting with this game.

But over and above everything else, hand the ball off to the three-headed juggernaut. Riding Williams, Mack, and Howard behind strong line play could signal the end of UCF's upset drought-and have the Boilermakers riding their little train back to West Laffayette in a very sour mood.

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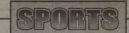
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Joseph emerges at strong safety position

The sophomore's dedication on the field has earned him a reliable reputation

DEREK LA REVIERE STAFF WRITER

Midway through summer practice, the picture at strong safety was muddled, with defensive coordinator wondering who would line up at that position for the opening game.

It didn't take long for redshirt sophomore Ricot Joseph to make Chizik's decision for him.

Joseph spent the last two seasons practicing with the team but was unable to break into UCF's rotation. This year, his dedication has

"Ricot is a kid who has worked hard to put himself in the position he's in," Coach Mike Kruczek said.

"We'll need him to help solidify our secondary, and he's stepped up thus far."

Joseph wants to mold a reputation on the field as a player who can get the job done.

He's made big hits in practice and in this year's Golden Knight Game. Joseph broke up a pass early in the scrimmage, won by his Black Team, 58-6.

"My expectation for this season is to do anything that I can to make this team a success,"

Chizik realizes how instrumental Joseph's

play will be to the success of the team. He spoke favorably about the way that Joseph performed at the scrimmage.

"Ricot has to be one of the big contributors," said Chizik. "Without viewing the tape, I could see that he didn't have many busts on coverage [in the game]. He's dependable and will be ok. He'll do the job."

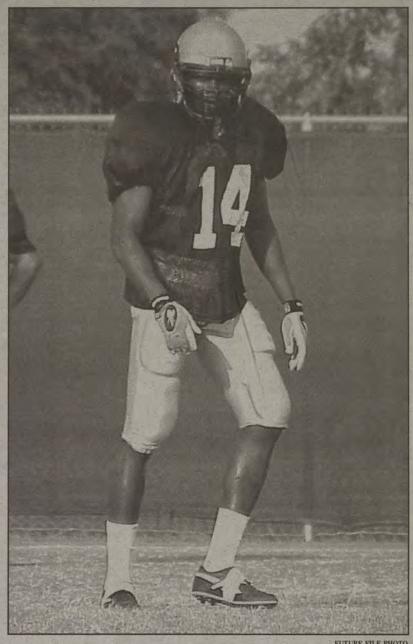
Strong safety is not only Joseph's position, it but also a description. He can squat 415 pounds and bench press 300 pounds. He has kept up with a weight-training regiment in order to maintain a level of preparation during the off-

The commitment has paid off in a starting spot and the responsibility of stopping some of the nation's finest offenses.

Joseph gets his first test Sept. 4 against Purdue, which should keep the young safety

Heisman Trophy candidate Drew Brees set an NCAA record with 83 passing attempts in a single game last season and hopes to launch his Heisman campaign by taking advantage of the

"I know that there's pressure on me because I'm young," Joseph said. "But I'm going to have jitters."



Sophomore Ricot Joseph will get his chance to make a difference as UCF's starting safety, earning the job after impressing coaches with his work ethic.

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Golden Knight Classic serves as final tune-up

CHRIS BERNHARDT STAFF WRITER

Last Saturday night, UCF alumni and fans got a glimpse of the newer, younger team that will take the field in Season One, A.D. (After Daunte). In the annual Golden Knight Classic, the Black team defeated the Gold 58-

The final score comes as no surprise, as the Black consisted of UCF's travel squad, while the Gold was made up of the scout

Junior Vic Penn impressed, throwing for 301 yards and five touchdowns while completing 16 of his 22 passes. Four of those passes and two of the touchdowns were thrown to senior wideout Charles Lee, who finished with four receptions for 139 yards. Tavirus Davis also caught a pair of touchdowns.

The Black jumped out quickly, with linebacker Tony Hardman opening the scoring with a 30-yard fumble recovery in the first quarter. With 3:18 left, Penn and Lee hooked up for their first touchdown to make the score 14-0. On the Black team's next position, the two hooked up again for an impressive 77-yard touchdown in which Lee broke through several defenders.

"It was a good test. The scout team did a great job of providing different looks," Penn said. "Overall, I was ok with my performance. There were things I could do better, but my reads were pretty good. Our receivers played well."

Despite the inferior competition, UCF's defense played well. Outside of the scout team's lone score, a touchdown pass from freshman Ryan Schneider classmate Ellis Debrow, the defense was able break up the Gold's long passes and contain any big runs, problems which plagued them last season and must be addressed with the type of offenses that fill the schedule in

"The big thing this year is that we can't give up the big plays,"said second year defensive coordinator Gene Chizik. "Overall it was productive in terms of seeing how it's going to be next week. This week we have to put some continuity in the defense."

The team performed up to expectations, considering the new elements involved, particularly on offense.

"I thought we had a great week of practice," head coach Mike Kruczek said after the game. "If we can continue I feel like we're going to be where we need to be.'

Kruczek was also looking to work on substitution patterns and avoiding penalties during the two-hour scrimmage.

Nothing appeared glaringly wrong, as UCF hopes to duplicate its nearly mistake-free '98 opener, a 64-30 victory at



Junior captain Kenny Clark was running with the ball in much the same style as pictured above when his cleat caught and his knee twisted slightly in the first half of the Golden Knight Classic. Clark walked off under his own power, but had to sit out practice on Monday afternoon.

Louisiana Tech.

Unfortunately, UCF did not escape the game without injury. Deaubrey Devine, the starting senior middle linebacker, suffered a dislocated elbow that will require at least 5 days of rest and

may cause him to miss Saturday's season opener. Wideout Kenny Clark also twisted his knee and although his status for Purdue was unknown, vows to take the field against the Boilermakers.

Enduring its final week of practice, UCF is tired of hitting one another and anxious to get on the field Sept. 4. And according to assistant coach Alan Gooch, "Come hell or high water, we're going to be ready for Purdue."

I REST MY CASE

Purdue memories of poor choices prove there's no place like home

JEFF CASE STAFF WRITER

UCF's upcoming rematch with Purdue this Saturday sent me on a trip down memory lane of my trip to Purdue last season. And what a trip it was.

Sure, there was the joy of seeing the Knights playing in storied Ross-Ade Stadium, home of former college greats Bob Griese, Rod Woodson, Cris Dishman and Mike Alstott.

There was the atmosphere of being at a Big Ten stadium for an ESPN broadcast, the tailgating, tradition and all that stuff. But the fondest thing I can recall from Purdue was hot dogs and donuts.

That was the food working media were served at storied Purdue. As I munched on my donut while watching the game, I thought what a bad combination it

En route to the Knights 35-7 loss to the Boilermakers, I quickly realized hot dogs and donuts weren't the only bad combination that day. Yes, UCF did hang with the Boilers on the stat sheet, actually outdoing the home team in passing yards, rushing yards and time of possession. But mistakes and demoralizing plays combined to make it a forgettable experience

This was supposed to be the game in

Minnesota Viking Daunte Culpepper made all the big schools look stupid for not waiting for his grades to come around as a prepster. It was an easy enough combination: Culpepper plus substantiated hype equals biggest win in school history.

Saturday and the Citrus Bowl.

While winning the Purdue game last year would have left little room for UCF's bowl snub, this year's game holds even more promise. Think about it, this is Purdue, P-U-R-D-U-E, coming to visit a city that's known Division I football for only three years. That's big and Athletic Director Steve Sloan is to thank for the

Even better, the Knights find themselves in a role they have often thrived in: underdog. Vegas experts put UCF as a 17point underdog to the No. 23 Boilers, but

In their second season in D-I, UCF found themselves as underdog against the likes of Ole Miss, South Carolina, Mississippi State and Nebraska. The Knights hung around in all those games and were this close to an upset in several.

Sounds like a good combination to me. While Culpepper and his favorite targets, Siaha Burley and Mark Nonsant,

which former Knight and current have moved on, some new Knight combinations could begin Saturday. JUCO transfer QB Vic Penn, who played against the likes of Tennessee and Florida, has plenty of talent-rich receivers to throw to.

Senior wideout Charles Lee is a man on a mission, out to prove his sub-par per-Too bad it turned out to be another bad formance against Purdue was a fluke. phination But thank goodness for Junior co-captain Kenny Clark, although banged up in last Saturday's Golden Knight Classic, is ready to become one of the nation's best receivers while leading UCF's offense.

> Couple that duo with Penn's stellar 16 of 22, 301-yard passing debut in last Saturday's scrimmage, and the Knights could be looking at a combo better than donuts and coffee.

> Having the Boilermakers in UCF's house will give the Knights an added advantage. While the Knights lost some quickness at Ross-Ade last fall, the blame shouldn't fall to the noon kickoff. As I walked onto the edge of the field, it felt and looked like a gopher convention. Tufts of grass were missing every other step, causing me to wonder if this was done to slow down quick Florida players so the Big 10 grazers could catch them.

> No such luck in Orlando, Boilers. The Citrus Bowl's exterior construction has done nothing to the field, as it remains in its near-perfect, well-groomed status. It

should do nothing but help the Knights zip up and down the field, unlike last year in

West Lafayette. Finally, UCF finds itself in the complete opposite of last year's team. No longer the favorite with the Heisman trophy candidate and his show of fireworks, the Knights will look to derail Purdue's golden boy, OB Drew Brees. Last year, Brees used the UCF game as a spring board to a sophomore season that ended in an upset win against Kansas State in the Alamo Bowl,

Now the Knights will be trying to win the game with their defense, which has looked stronger than last year's 26th ranked squad. Brees will no doubt look to begin his Heisman campaign early with a win against UCF, but the Knights combination of All-Independent teamers Jeff Fye in the secondary and Justen Moore on the defensive line could make Orlando that much hotter for Brees.

The Knights' combos could decide this game, but much like myself in Purdue, these Knights are hungry. Hungry for the french fries to their hot dog, a victory against a Top 25 team to declare their status as a D-I program. Whatever combo it takes to win this game, don't doubt that coach Mike Kruczek will use it. That's fine with me, even if it means another round of hot dogs and yep, donuts.