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Newspapers disappear from campus

By BRIAN SMITH News Editor

The Central Florida Future of the newspaper from the being arrested at the Sigma campus on March 25.

The Future, which was dis-Wednesday, was believed to sexual battery after having sex

circulation is 10,000. It is UCF student. The incident did in a more constructive and copies were taken.

The incident is believed to received numerous phone be in reaction to a story that calls from students who wit- appeared in the March 25 nessed people carrying stacks issue regarding a freshman Phi Epsilon house on March 15. Fraternity member Erik J. tributed by 4 a.m. on Ruda, 19, was charged with be gone by noon. The paper's with a woman who is not a

unknown exactly how many not occur during a Sig Ep function.

> The papers were reported to have been seen in a dumpster behind the Engineering Building.

> Scott Wallin, publisher of The Central Florida Future, papers were taken.

"It's a very poor reaction that could have been handled mature way," Wallin said. "Nobody should think they're above freedom of the press. I met with Garth Jenkins [director of Student Affairs] and I have full confidence the matter will be taken care of."

When no papers were said it is unfortunate the returned by Friday, the Future contacted the UCF Police

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Photo by AMBER BOWERS Knightly News is broadcasted every Wednesday from the UCF Library.

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Lights... UCF limits the amount of friends, family members for commencement

By BRIAN SMITH News Editor

UCF is beginning to experience growing pains and the university has taken a step to soothe the ailment.

In response to the growing size of the graduating class, students will be given a limited amount of tickets for family members and friends for the commencement ceremonies on May 9

In order to stay within the fire code, tickets will be issued for the 5,000-seat arena as more than 3,000 students are expected to participate during four separate ceremonies between 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

"We now hold four commencement ceremonies in May and December, and three in August," said UCF President John Hitt. "Four is the maximum number that can be held in one day, both because the staff becomes exhausted and because it takes a good bit of time to get one audience out, clean the arena and seat the next audience."

UCF is the only institution in the State University System that holds four ceremonies.

This is the first year UCF has placed a limit on the amount of tickets given to students because the



The UCF Arena has become too small of a facility to hold unlimited seating for graduation.

By JAMES COMBS Staff Writer

UCF students can catch up on the latest campus news by viewing a broadcast news segment.

Sixteen students from the advanced radio/TV course work together to produce the Knightly News. The segments last 28 minutes and 30 seconds. They broadcast the show at the Instructional Resource Center, which is located in the library.

"We don't cover news unless it is of value to the UCF students," said George Bagley, assistant professor of radio/TV. "There aren't any commercials either because we want to give our audience as much news as possible."

Students broadcast the show live every Friday from 2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Channel 63, the campus cable system. The channel rebroadcasts the show on Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Time Warner Cable airs the show every Tuesday from 8:30 p.m. to 9 p.m on Channel 21.

The students are responsible for directing, producing and covering the news. Bagley acts as news director and judges their performance.

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Professor proves that doctors are not always right

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graduating class is about 250 students larger than last year.

"Between 500 and 800 graduates will participate in the ceremonies, which means there will be 4,200 to 4,500 guest seats available in our 5,000-capacity facility," said Terry Genovese, director of arena operations. "We will issue each participating graduate the maximum number of tickets consistent with available guest seating."

The tickets will be distributed to students when they are given their

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By NICOLE KING Staff Writer

Lorraine Sutton is not one for taking advice.

Her neurologist told her by 1995 she would be totally disabled. He advised her not to pursue her doctorate because by the time she finished graduate school, she would not be able to walk, talk clearly or use her hands.

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That was in 1989. In 1998, Dr. Lorraine Sutton is

now an adjunct professor of psychology at UCF. She walks with the help of a walker and admits she has to concentrate to speak clearly, but she still gets the urge to revisit the doctor who tried in 1989 to take her hope away. Sutton suffers from spinocerebellar degeneration, a rare, often genetic deterioration of the cerebellum that occurs less frequent-

ly than the birth of siamese twins.

The cerebellum is critical for coordinating movement. Automatic actions for everyone else have become things Sutton has to think about.

"Walking, talking, seeing, those things are supposed to come easy," Sutton said. "My day-to-day existence is very stressful. In terms of the effort that I have to put into performing behaviors that are really second nature to people without this kind of physical challenge.

"It's like motion sickness. I can't work on my computer for longer than an hour at a time because my eyes are moving and I get nauseated or dizzy."

Her uncoordinated walking and talking often draws glances from others who think she is

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Founders Day Who is this founder guy anyway?

Dance Marathon

Students dance day and night to raise money for children.

Football Practice



Offense dominates first full-pad scrimmage of spring.

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Family, friends admire work from their loved ones

By ANN BOROWSKI Staff Writer

The UCF Art Gallery overflowed with proud parents, proud teachers and excited art students on March 26 for the annual B.F.A reception.

Surrounded by the artwork of the B.F.A students, they were there to celebrate nine students who had spent their college lives learning how to draw, paint, sculpt and animate.

B.F.A stands for Bachelor of Fine Arts. Students who receive their B.F.A in art are required to participate in this exhibit during their senior year.

"This is my favorite part of the year," said Steve Lotz, gallery curator. "I love to meet the family and friends behind these creative people."

During the reception, three awards were given out. The firstplace award was given to Beverly Erwin-Frazier by the office of the university president.

Dressed in a flowing turquoise dress, Frazier went to the front of the gallery to receive her gold medallion sculpted by Professor Johann Eyfells, an UCF sculpture professor.

Frazier won for her installation piece titled, "Song of Athena." Her piece consisted of a brown hut placed in the middle of the gallery.

This hut had white ceramic bowls inside it with a multicolored rug lying in the center. On the outside of the hut, people in the gallery wrote messages to the women in their lives.

During the reception, women beat on drums and two women got up in front of the hut and sang a song about the strength of women.

"I wanted to give people a

place to honor the women in purchase. their lives," Frazier said.

The second place award went to Christian Slade, an animation student. He received a silver sculpted medallion made by Eyfells.

Slade won for his collection of eclectic pencil drawings, paintings and animation drawings.

"To animate is to enliven life," Slade said of his work.

His work included a large painting of a bobcat, a watercolor of Assisi, Italy, a charcoal drawing of a nude figure and a collection of animation stills of an alien character.

Artists in the show were recognized in other ways as well.

Frank Holt, who buys art for the Orlando City Hall, bought works from two students.

"This is the first time this has happened at a B.F.A show, it's very exciting," Lotz said of the

Matthew Clark, whose work was purchased, had drawings in the show.

One of his drawings, titled "Untitled," is a huge charcoal drawn bug with wings. It stands out on the gallery walls because it is on bright yellow paper.

"When I draw, I have no choice but to look with intensity at that thing which holds me captive," Clark said. "Understanding its nature is no longer a necessity. It is integral to the ultimate success or failure of the finished work."

The city hall also bought a painting from Claire Thompson. She had large, colorful paintings in the B.F.A. show.

Along the back wall of the gallery, she placed her large paintings of stoplights. One of these paintings is titled, "Mixed Messages: Yellow," and it is a large painted stoplight flashing

yellow. Over the stoplight in painted letters it reads, "Go very Fast."

"I find that contrast brings a richness to my work, it creates a story," Thompson said of her work.

Another artist in the show, Corey Eiseman, has a painting in the show with table legs glued to

"Art is fun," Eiseman said.

The remaining artists in the show were photos by Blaine Katz, paintings depicting unborn children by Pamela DeMuth, photos by Betsy Walton and a TV set exhibit that played computer animation designed by Courtney Villenona.

The show will run until the end of the spring semester. The UCF Art Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Students search for employment in Student Union

Biller said within the last year,

four former UCF graduates who

worked summers for Target

became company executives.

By CHRIS KRAUS Staff Writer

It was standing room only as more than 60 employers and about 800 job seeking students turned out for the part-time summer job fair held on March 18 at the Student Union.

The event helps students find part-time employment or full or part-time jobs, said director James Gracey.

Representatives from Sears, Target, Universal Studios and United Parcel Service were just a few of the employers who set up booths at the fair.

Gracey said the Career Resource Center is eager to help students with their career planning and counseling needs.

The job fair is just one of the many ways they can help, Gracey said.

Besides the monetary benefits, Gracey said he feels the most important thing a student gets out of a part time or summer job is career related experience.

"Employers look at careerrelated experience very significantly," Gracey said.

"Companies will look at the academic background, what your major is, your career related work experience and the leadership things you have done in college."

Jerry Biller, an official from Target,

agreed with Gracey.

"Careerrelated experience can certainly help land you a full-time

job," Biller said.

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"Through employment, stu-

dents to what Target is all about. "When it comes time to look for a full-time job, they already understand our company."

graduate, has been with the company for six years.

Career-related experience is one of the main reasons junior Dean Rotolo was at the fair.

"I'm trying to get some work experience in the engineering field," Rotolo said. "If I could get a part time or summer job

> with Lockheed-Martin, I'm it sure would help me get employment with them longterm in the future."

Rotolo said he thought the job fair was a great program for students. "I really like it

because I can go and talk to a bunch of different potential employers without having to run around all over Orlando," Rotolo said

Rotolo's said his only com-

plaint was the event was too crowded.

Gracey said he understands the concern about the crowds.

The turn out at these events seem to keep growing every year, Gracey said.

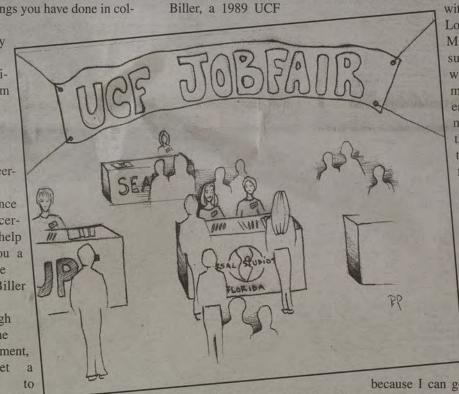
In addition to the part time and summer job fair, Gracey's office also sponsors a larger career expo in the fall and spring semesters at the UCF Arena.

Gracey said even though that facility is much bigger it can still get very crowded.

"We had 215 major employers set up booths and over 1,200 students showed up at the last one we did at the arena," Gracey said. "We had almost every technical company you could dream of there. It was packed."

" Students do not have to wait for a job fair to see what the Career Resource Center is all about," Gracey said. "I encourage students to drop buy or call and take the advantage of the many programs it offers."

For more information contact Gracev at 823-2362.



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Conference to explain why animals should be free

By KATHERINE MARTIN Staff Writer

"The only way to be is free" is the theme for the Southeastern Animal Rights Conference between April 3-5.

Speakers will address topics such as fur trading, animal protection, factory farming, vegan and vegetarian practices, greyment of marine mammals in locking yourself up in your wildlife parks.

Animal rights activists are coming from all over Florida to inform UCF students and the community.

"You don't really think about killer whales," said biology major Carly Hare. "They leave the whole ocean and then go to

hound protection and the treat- a 60-foot-deep tank. That's like non-UCF students from 4 p.m. room after experiencing the rest of the world.

> "You get-to Sea World and they tell you [the whales] are there for educational purposes. It's not necessary for educational purposes, you can watch the Discovery channel."

to 8 p.m.

A forum where all of the speakers introducing their topics is from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Students can show their ID card to get in for free. Non-UCF student will need to pay \$15.

On April 4, breakfast will be April 3 is registration for served from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

The vending room is where visitors can obtain information and purchase items will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Speakers will be in the Student Union's Cape Florida Room from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Most of the rooms in the union to be used are not known but will be clearly marked, Hare said.

Senate suspends its rules to end speaking forums before meetings

By JOHN TURNER Staff Writer

The outgoing student body president Keith McDonald for a



second week brought controversy to the Senate

floor.

McDonald

said the Murphy/Maxwell administration is not cooperating in the transition between the presidential administrations.

Sen. Chris Day spoke during the senate forum and attack the Murphy/Maxwell administration.

The attacks by both McDonald and Day caused the senate to suspended its rules and will no longer hear any of the speaking forums before the meeting until all pertinent business for the students is finished. Sen. Jaime Halscott was

angered by these attacks. "I don't understand the purpose for the student body president to come to this floor and waste the precious time we allocate for the students to complain on how the news media has written about him," Halscott said. "I am sure that other senators feel the same way

"He [McDonald] needs to inform us [the senate] on information that is useful and for the benefit of the student body and stop being negative for the sake of media attention. These attacks are not helpful when dealing with a student body that is already cynical about student government."

was in the best interest of the students to suspend its rules.

"We need to do the business of the student body first," Sen. Jenn Eibeschitz said. "I am here to fund clubs and organizations. Over the past few weeks, I have had to listen to the opinions of the student body president, and it goes on and on. I am not interested in just what he thinks."

"It is sad that these speaking forums have been abused like they have been," Sen David Siegel said. "They seem to have become a forum for people that just want to listen to themselves speak, and this is why I will vote to suspend the rules."

In a memo to the senate, Day compared the incoming Murphy/Maxwell administration to the presidency of Warren

Several senators agreed that it G. Harding, which was considered corrupt.

> Day offered attachments of budget figures for their cabinet. The figures have not been researched by the appropriation and finance committee.

> "This is all so confusing," Sen. Mike Strauss said. "There are no numbers in front of me that have been officially proposed, and from what I understand all the proposals are still subject to change."

> Jason Murphy, president elect, said he sees these attacks as a campaign of misinformation that only serves to be destructive in nature and not beneficial to the student body.

Also during the meeting, the senate added two members.

Sen. Patricia Shannon, an engineering student, will represent the Daytona Beach campus. Sen. James McMillan will be representing arts and sciences seat no 1.

"As senator of the Daytona Beach branch campus, I will listen to the needs of the students there as well as those of the main campus," Shannon "I will not neglect this said. duty."

"Student government here at UCF exists to provide better representation for the students when dealing with legislative issues, and as a direct link between the administration and the student body," McMillan said. "It should also strive to provide a better educational atmosphere for those they represent."

Chief Justice Cassandra Willard will swear both senators to office.



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Students need to 'get in the mood' to study

By LINDA RAMOS Staff Writer

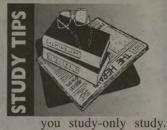
Studying is more than just cracking open a book and reading until it's permanently memorized in your brain. Where you study can affect how you study.

Would you study in a football stadium while a game is being played, or would you study in a movie theater as a movie is being shown? Chances are those locations are not conducive to studying.

In order to study properly and efficiently, you need to create "the mood."

James E. Twining of Strategies for Active Learning suggests to make your study place a habit.

This would be the place where



The brain should not associate any other distracting activities such as sleeping, eating or watching TV.

Once you have chosen a study place, personalize it.

Marvin and Peter Lunenfeld of College Basics: How to Start Right and Finish Strong advise to make your study place comfortable. A place you would like to go to.

It could be a favorite spot in the library, a corner outside on cantpus or the traditional chair/desk

space in your home. Place a favorite picture, a calendar, an inspiring test grade or a picture of a cap and gown for motivation in your study place. Make sure the items you choose are encouraging and positive.

There are six factors to be considered in creating the proper study environment, according to Carol Kanar in The Confident Student.

The first factor is location. Make sure it is convenient and only choose to study to create a conditioned response in the brain.

Try not to eat or take naps there.

When you take a break, get up and walk away from your study place

lighting. Your eyes should not cils, paper, calculators and rulers struggle to see the material. A well-lit area reduces eye strain, fatigue and boredom. Every now and then look up to relax your eyes.

The third factor is temperature. Kanar advises the temperature most people find reasonable is 68-70 degrees.

The fourth factor is furniture. The chair and desk should be comfortable. Use a pillow or cushion for your back if the chair is too rigid.

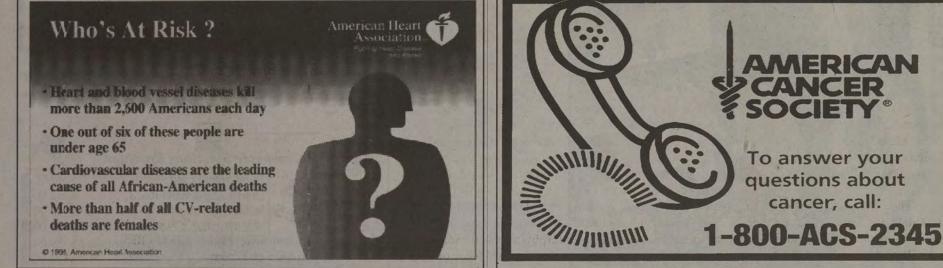
The fifth factor is having study supplies on hand. The last thing you need is to be frustrated because you do not have the right books or notes.

Reference materials such as a The second factor is dictionary, thesaurus, pens, pen-

should always be handy. If possible, have a filing cabinet with old tests and papers. This may be helpful. The final factor is keeping an ample supply of motivational aides nearby. Pictures, posters and awards are common items.

Choosing a study place is just as important as studying itself. A cozy, motivational, distraction free-study place can improve studying habits.

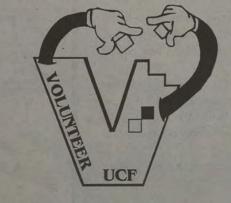
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Students, advertisers are victims of act

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Department. A report was expected to be filed this week. In the meantime, the advertisers and student body expressed disappointment by the incident.

"One of the more unfortunate results of this selfish act is the advertisers are upset their ads will not reach the students and the faculty," Wallin said. "I also feel badly some well-deserving stories did not get a chance to reach everyone."

Wallin said he has no regrets about publishing the story and

running it on the front page. "We stand by our reporting and the story play 100 percent,"

he said. The university is conducting an investigation to find the individuals involved.

"It's a serious action and if we can hold someone responsible they will be dealt with," Jenkins said.

The guilty parties could face criminal charges.

"It's a tricky case," said Sgt. Tom Gorbas of the UCFPD. "You're looking at a paper

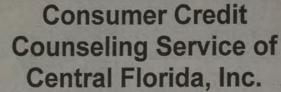
which is given out for free. Is it theft?

"I have not seen a case like this for years. They're disturbing the constitutional freedom of the press.

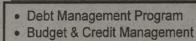
"They're suppressing the media and I would think that's a federal offense."

Ruda's case is under review by the state attorney's office. A court date is pending.

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Broadcast focuses on campus news

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Three students sit at a table while broadcasting the show, while one student is the floor director and gives them cues.

"The students work very hard to produce the show every week and I am real proud of them," Bagley said.

The Knightly News focuses on hard news,

said she enjoys the class for several reasons.

"I like it mainly because this is what I will be doing in the future," she said. "Another reason I like it is because it is my social responsibility to inform the public.

"Another reason is because it excites and scares me at the same time. When I get in front of the camera it challenges me. Lastly, I get to inform the public by delivering truth, fact and feeling." Bagley came to UCF in the fall of 1996. The Knightly News had been dormant for a couple of years, and he was expected to get the show running again. "We got it up and running in the spring of 1997," Bagley said. "Both students and I sort of felt our way through that, and we have improved the show over that original product." Bagley said he looks forward to the show being produced in the new Communications Building in the future because it will have brand new equipment.

sports, features, spot news and informational news.

The students enterprise their own stories. They find stories by reading campus newspapers, calenders, the internet and posters.

Each student has to go out and shoot the video and do the reporting for their story.

Michele Pinnau, former KSL Radio [Utah] producer, helps Bagley critique the show. She has also helped lectured in the class.

"We really hand down all the skills and knowledge that we know to students," Bagley said.

Jeremy Lee, director of the Knightly News, enjoys his job.

"I really like calling the shots and piecing the show together," he said. "Knowing where the video goes and what sound needs to be put in make this very fun and challenging."

Heather Danenhower, reporter/anchor/director,

The old equipment in the Instructional Resource makes it hard to broadcast, Bagley said.

Unfortunately, Bagley will have to wait until next spring to teach the class again since the class is an elective.

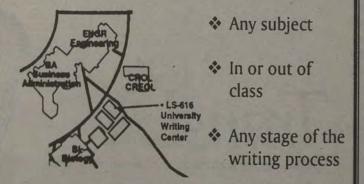
I am looking very forward to the Knightly News resuming next spring, Bagley said.

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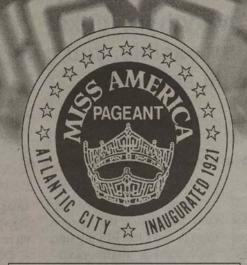
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It's amazing what she can do in a lecture room

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drunk. One of the first things she does when starting a new class is explain to students her condition. She talks openly with them about what it is and how it affects her.

Students are unbelievably supportive," she said. "Most of the feedback I get is about what a great role model I am for having such a positive attitude in the face of such a dramatically terrible prognosis."

Her students and colleagues agree that Sutton is a role model.

"She's a delightful person to be around," said Margaret Thomas, professor of psychology. "She's highly motivated and intelligent. She creates a positive environment in the classroom and inspires an enthusiasm in her students."

Scott Roffman, 18, took Sutton's general psychology class during the 1997 fall semester. He calls her "one of the best professors I've ever had."

"It's amazing what she can do in a lecture room," Roffman said. "She gets you to go class because it is fun to be there. She has inspired several students to take up psychology as a major because of her enthusiasm. It's like a non-stop rollercoaster ride.

"She is one of the strongest people I know to deal with all in her life and still come out fighting. She made me realize that even if everything looks impossible, you can still succeed."

Sutton said she is glad she did not listen to the doctor's advice.

"I shudder to think if I had taken my doctor's advice," Sutton said. "Teaching is the utter love of my life."

Sutton's prognosis is anything but positive. Her symptoms will continue to worsen until she dies.

"I think about my future, in my darkest moments," Sutton said. "I think about it when I'm driving home at the end of the night, it might be something a student said to me during the day or a lecture that went particularly well and it gives me such joy and I think 'Gosh, what am I going to do when I can't do this anymore?"

Sutton said a healthy attitude is a valuable attribute.

"I don't think about two years from now or five years from now because I really think that a positive attitude will keep me healthier longer than any doctor longer than a year in advance."

Sutton's positive attitude reminds Roffman to appreciate what he has.

"She is one of the strongest people I know to deal with all in her life and still come out fighting. She made me realize that even if everything looks impossible, you can still succeed."

- Scott Roffman, student

"Whenever I'm feeling down, I think about what she has gone through and I feel like my situation is nothing," Roffman said.

Oddly enough, the disease which Sutton calls "the greatest

would have predicted. I plan no teacher I've ever had" was the reason why she started teaching. After a successful career in business, she returned to school at age 30 and majored in psychology.

> She said she thought it would be helpful to her when doing business. She found it fascinating and soon began doing neuroscience research.

She was diagnosed of the condition at age 37 while at graduate school. She was performing rat brain surgery at the time, a job which requires delicate lab skills with your hands.

It became clear to her after the diagnosis that she would lose the very skills she needed. Much to her devastation, her advisor steered her toward a career in teaching.

"I was really resentful of having this thing run my life," Sutton said. "But I was born to teach and it took this event to show me where I needed to be all

along. I'm of more value inspiring students than I was walking up into a rat lab."

Once Sutton began teaching, she found magic in her classroom.

"Knowing that the things I do in a classroom can change a person's life is a powerful thing," she said. "I never got the satisfaction from anything I did in business that I do now."

As for her role as an inspiration, Sutton sees it as breaking new ground. She is the fourth generation in her family to have the disease.

"None of the ones that came before me handled it well," Sutton said. "They were all in a wheelchair within a year because they just gave up. That's been extremely challenging to me because I don't have any model above me that had a positive attitude.

"As I get worse, there will be different things that I will have to give up. I had to give up snow skiing and riding a two-wheel bike. That's what is really challenging in the long run, accepting new levels of disability.

"It's a lot of pressure, not only keeping myself up for me but keeping myself up for my husband, my son and my younger sisters who may have the disease and just aren't diagnosed yet. I feel a responsibility to them as to how one can get through this. You have to do it, if not for you, do it for them."



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Administrators recognize need to expand arena

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caps and gowns at the UCF Bookstore.

The number of tickets given to each student will depend on which of the university's five colleges they are graduating from.

Graduates of the colleges of Arts and Sciences and Health and Public Affairs will receive five tickets. Degree-earners from the of Business colleges Administration and engineering will receive six tickets, while the graduates of the College of Education will receive eight tickets.

The tickets will be color-coded to reduce the chances of a graduate ending up with ones for the wrong ceremony.

Tickets that are unclaimed will be given out on a first-come first served basis.

Provost Gary Whitehouse said there are many universities that use a ticketing system and there has been a committee looking into alternatives to the arena for about three years.

"We've tried to find another place but just haven't been able to," Whitehouse said. "The (Orange County) convention center was visited but found unacceptable. Consideration of a large outdoor ceremony followed by college or departmental degree presentations were also considered."

find another venue for the ceremonies.

"The Orlando Arena was problematic because of playoff schedules and when it was held there about five years ago there was a problem with noise and people constantly moving around," McFall said "It lacked dignity and it didn't bring people to the campus.

"This situation demonstrates the need for a larger arena-type facility on the UCF campus. Our graduation classes will not shrink as the university continues to grow and we surely will need a larger facility if we are to become affiliated with a larger intercollegiate athletic conference."

McFall said students need to consider "down the stream" to fund a larger arena.

"If we don't have a larger arena we can't draw major concerts or be considered for a larger athletic conference like the Big East," McFall said.

Hitt agrees that it is necessary to expand the arena.

"The expansion of the arena is badly needed," Hitt said. "Cost to double its capacity has been estimated at \$20 million."

The capital improvement trust fund (CIT) or private donors could pay for the expansion.

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The university has attempted to dent body president and the university president," Hitt said. "The student presidents have shown no interest in expanding the arena.

> "Instead they have urged commitment of all available CITF funds to the Student Union, Recreational Building, Greek Lodge and baseball stadium."

> Hitt said there has been talk of allocating \$6 million to expand the arena, but it will not be enough to ease the problem.

> "So we are left with the problem we inherited," Hitt said. "Those who planned the arena knew it needed to seat 10,000. For various reasons, it was built to seat 5,000. We now need at least 10,000 seats."

> Karen Montague, student body vice president, said it is unfortunate the university will limit tickets.

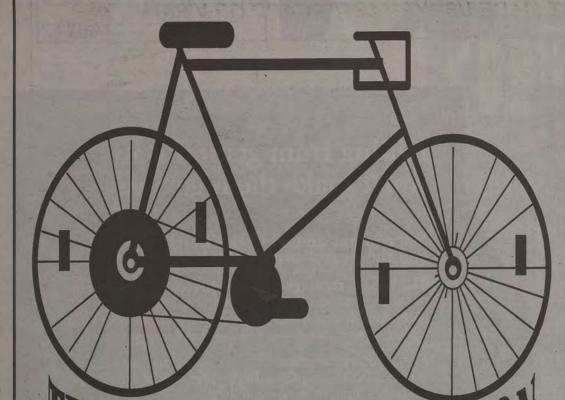
> "It doesn't affect me because I have a small family, but I feel bad for those with big families," Montague said. "Not everyone's going to be able to go."

> I think they should split up commencement into more ceremonies to alleviate the problem, Montague said.

> Hitt said he does not like to limit tickets for the graduates.

> "Many students and their families don't like it, our staff doesn't like it and I don't like it," Hitt said. "But that's the best we can do.





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Volunteers collect money for Nick Anderson's charity

By JENNIFER GASH Staff Writer

Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon took time out of their schedules on March 25 to collect donations for Orlando's senior citizens.

The fraternity is a corporate sponsor for the 1998 Nickels for Nick Anderson's seniors' campaign.

Although the volunteers said it was unlikely, they hoped Anderson would come to help them collect donations.

"We're hoping to get Nick Anderson out here today," said Chris Davis, public relations director for Sigma Phi Epsilon. "He's really active in the ing the Bulls tonight and we're hoping since he's in town he'll stop by."

The money collected is given to the Seniors First charity.

Seniors First uses the money to help support its programs.

"Meals on Wheels is one of the programs that the Seniors First charity runs," Davis said. "Volunteers in the program cook and deliver meals to senior citizens when they are unable to cook for themselves. The Meals on Wheels program is one of the bigger outreach programs in Orlando."

Last year, the campaign raised more than \$30,000 throughout

fundraiser. The Magic are play- the Orlando community. This 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A table disyear, the campaign is looking to double that amount by enlarging its list of sponsors.

> "Most of the corporate sponsors are in the downtown area, so Seniors First approached us because they wanted to get more sponsors around the UCF area," Davis said. "But our main goal today is not only to raise money, but also to let people know that the campaign is going on.

> "Then if they don't have money with them today they will know what the campaign is about and will dopate the next time they see volunteers collecting donations."

The fundraiser was held outside of the Student Union from played information and had donation cans. Fraternity volunteers encouraged people to make donations.

Freshman Brian Aidelbaum was one of the volunteers at the fundraiser.

"It makes me feel good to be a part of the fundraiser in my spare time," Aidelbaum said. "I think it's great that Nick Anderson is using his popularity for a good cause. It really helps out the image of the NBA players."

Although Nick Anderson did not make it to the fundraiser, none of the volunteers seemed disappointed.

"His agent said that he got in

from Atlanta later than they thought he would," Davis said. "His schedule's way more hectic than mine, but he still finds time to do a lot for the seniors.

"We understand it's a tough time of the year for them since they're on the road almost every week.'

Anderson's absence did not hinder the donations.

Senior Heather Short said she donated because she felt the charity was a worthy cause.

"I think it's always a good idea to help out the elderly," Short "You hope that maybe said. somebody could do that for you in the future."

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Sigma Phi Epsilon to educate UCF about sexual assault

By DAWN MYERS Staff Writer

Sigma Phi Epsilon will be holding a Sexual Assault Workshop on April 7. There will be two speakers from its national headquarters to educate students on protection and assault prevention. For more information call the Greek council office at 823-2072.

In other Greek News:

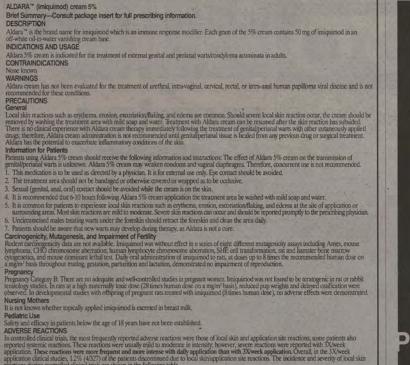
• Zeta Tau Alpha has raised \$700 from car washes to benefit the Childrenís Miracle Network. Fifteen of its members will be participating in the Dance Marathon to represent ZTA in Greek Week.

• Delta Delta Delta raised \$3,000 for Childrens Cancer Research. It held its annual philanthropy event, Hoops for Hope, a three-on-three basketball tournament on March 22.

• Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Sigma won Kappa Delta's Shamrock. Five fraternities and four sororities participated in the annual dance contest. All proceeds from the fundraiser benefited the Prevention of Child Abuse.



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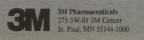
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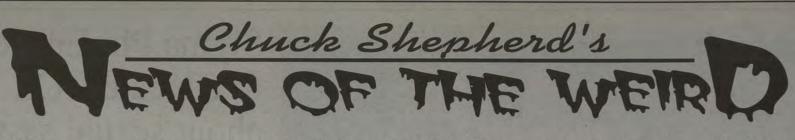


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LEAD STORIES

• Now They Tell Us: Researchers at Bristol University in England, announcing in February the results of a study of 14,000 children, said bathing every day is not good for a kid. According to the study, children who take regular baths are 25 percent more likely to develop asthma and other allergies because their immune systems are delicate and still evolving.

• In January, Clinton Ellerman, 21, was sentenced to two years in jail for vandalizing a mink farm near Salt Lake City as part of an animal rights protest, and his brother, Joshua, 19, is awaiting trial on federal charges of bombing a fur breeders' cooperative. The men are members of the anti-drug, antismoking, anti-punk-rock, pro-vegetarian movement called Straight Edge. Utah officials believe that local Straight Edgers are responsible for more than 40 cases of assault, arson or vandalism, including the torching of a McDonald's restaurant, all apparently in the name of saving animals.

• In February, sheriff's deputies had a drug house in the northwest Florida town of Callaway under surveillance, and when four men emerged and drove off in a rental car, deputies decided to stop them and make the arrests. Several squad cars surrounded the rental car, and by the time officers went to open the door, the four men were conveniently covered in white powder. A hidden bag of cocaine had been sliced open by the air-conditioner fan blade and had dusted them. Arrested were Marc St. George, 29, of Miami, three others in the car, and three more back at the house.

CAN'T POSSIBLY BE TRUE

• Robert Gettman Boone, 51, was arrested at his home in a Baltimore suburb in January and charged as the man who had been firing 2foot-long homemade bombs from his front yard, across a busy thoroughfare, to a lot behind a car wash. According to police, Boone told them, "There's nothing to get excited about," that he was "just doing some experiments with high explosives." (Later, it took authorities almost eight hours to remove all the explosives that were in his home.)

• The St. Petersburg Times wrote in January that it had documented cases of 20 people, most elderly, who had traveled to Tampa in recent months at their own expense in order erroneously to claim jackpot winnings after having misread letters from the American Family Publishers sweepstakes (which processes magazine subscriptions through a Tampa post office box). One man, Richard Lusk, 88, of Victorville, Calif., believed he had won three straight \$11 million sweepstakes and made two trips to Tampa to collect them and would have made a third except that his son talked him out of it.

• In September, police at Los Angeles International Airport stopped Mark L. Kulp, 34, at a metal detector before his flight home to East Grand Forks, Minn. In his carry-on bags, Kulp had several guns, 100 rounds of ammunition, knives, handcuffs, a ski mask and a fake sheriff's badge. The police confiscated the equipment and detained Kulp, and even learned that he was wanted on an arrest warrant in Minnesota for threatening a police officer. However, they decided they could not arrest him because the guns were not loaded, and when Minnesota authorities declined to send anyone to bring him back, Kulp was released.

• A January Boston Globe report from Moscow described the Russian passion of ice-fishing. One 54-year-old angler, who said he has fallen many times into the black water of the Moscow River in winter, sat in 0-degree (Fahrenheit) weather with a line in each hand, perched over small holes all day long, with no fish to show for it, but still exclaimed, "Isn't this great! This is not about what you catch. This is about total relaxation." More than 100 Russians a year die while ice fishing, and last year, when 75 anglers near St. Petersburg were swept away on a platform of ice and were rescued nine hours later by helicopter, fights broke out over which ones got to be the last ones aboard so that they could remain fishing even longer.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

• Capital Punishment: In October, the family of a British nurse, convicted of a murder in United Arab Emirates, announced that it had raised the \$1.2 million needed by law to reduce her sentence from death to life imprisonment. And the death penalty assessed to Assa Larsanova by an Islamic court in Chechnya or murdering her husband was commuted by the president of Chechnya after the husband's relatives said they would accept 100 cows as law-allowed blood money.

 A December Associated Press dispatch from Hong Kong reported on the success of shopkeeper Kwan Wing-ho in offering facsimile objects made of paper (cell phones, computers, Mercedes-Benzes) for purchase by relatives of the recently deceased, to be burned in Chinese ceremonies in which the object's smoke would waft into the hereafter. Said Kwan, "Even in the spirit world, (they) think it is very important to show wealth." And Mexico once again celebrated the Day of the Dead on Nov. 1, in which food and drink are brought to graveyards so that people can party with their relatives' spirits.

• Five teen-age girls attempted suicide in September in Turkey rather than submit to "virginity tests" required of girls in government-run foster homes. Many families still have physicians run daughters through the test voluntarily as part of a Muslim-based social code, and even Turkey's women's affairs minister, who is female, has defended the practice for the foster homes. Some fathers whose daughters have been killed in accidents still insist that the test be performed on the corpse, for the father's own peace of mind.

COMPELLING EXPLANATIONS

• Donald Cooper, 59, explaining to a reporter in Scotland in September why he abruptly left his wife's body with authorities in that country and returned to the family home in England after she had passed away during surgery after an accidental fall: "I know I'm being a bastard, but I am just being honest. We were married for 35 years and were never sentimental."

• Ghanan researcher Philip Adongo, explaining to a family planning conference in Beijing in October why he interviewed spiritual mediums in addition to other tribespeople in his country: "If I only heard from the living, I wouldn't get a very good balance. This study has been the first to be conducted of respondents who are deceased."

• An unidentified man stabbed David Fleigelman, 40, in October at the Sephardic Center synagogue in Brooklyn, N.Y. According to police, the men had been arguing about who knows more about the Torah.

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BY JASON HEIRONIMUS Opinion Editor

What a great holiday this is. A time for us to look back on our limited history and appreciate those who made it possible for us to attend this fine university. Oh those founders, what a great bunch of people they were.

At UCF Founder's Day is celebrated by having no classes before 12 o'clock. Why is that? Did the original founders have a problem with accomplishing tasks before 12 o'clock? If so, that doesn't set a very good example for college students, who are lucky if they even get up before 12 o'clock. Or is it because Founder's Day is really just a menial recognition of some people who did a lot of hard work to get a college started, and they only deserve a half day of recognition?

Who knows what the answer is, but like most anything at UCF it is a little bit perplexing. But who are these founders? Was it a panel of men and women who felt that central Florida was in dire need of a

name as University of South Florida is, which is located two hours west of Orlando. Or is it a single person with the last name of Founder? And if so, who is this guy Founder and what significance does he hold for UCF?

These questions are somewhat ridiculous because there is an attitude of "who cares?" And I'm not sure that I do. One of. the little voices inside my head, this one is called Fred, tells me to take the free couple of hours that are given to me and make the most of them. But Fred is wrong when he tells me this because my first class is at 12 o'clock! Now how am I supposed to celebrate this most treasured of holidays?

If the school really wants to celebrate this holiday in any kind of fashion they should give us the whole day. This would have a two pronged effect. First, the university would be able to use one day to really sell the place. This is what we've done, this is how far we've come, and this is what we are going to do.

the great people or person that got the ball rolling. Second, and most importantly, it would give the students an entire day off. While most students would take full advantage of this day and swear the whole celebration off, there would be others who would take time to actually get involved in the day's events. I know that if I happened to be caught on campus on this new and improved Founder's Day I might stop and take a second to find out a little about my school.

When I first went to college, I was at a small, private school that was conveniently located right in the middle of the city. It is basically the very center of the entire city. Yet, the school was so small that some of the locals didn't even know it existed. The point is that the school was rich in history and used that as one of its main selling points. On several occasions it would invite outsiders to come and look over the expanse of information on the school. The more someone knew about the university, the more they were interested in it.

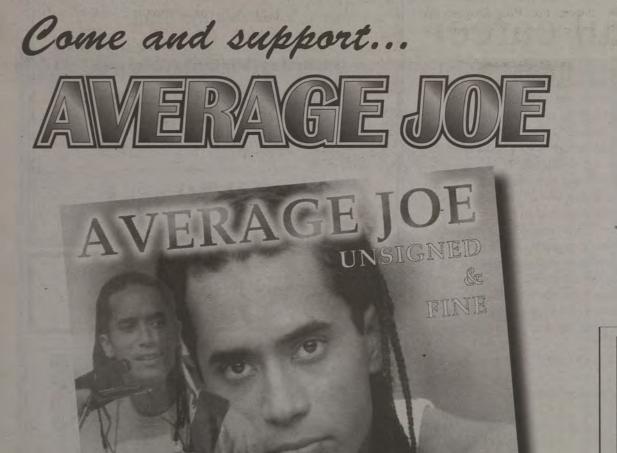
One thing UCF has going for it in this department is that it is so young. One can focus on what UCF has achieved in the last 35 years. We can say this is what happened in the first decade, and in the next, and in the next, and here we are now. It is not as if someone needs to take four hours two learn about the school. The experience can be quick and as painless as possible.

But Founder's Day doesn't have to be a boring day. In order to pull some of those students back to campus why not have a few bands and some rides and stuff like that? There is going to be something to that effect coming up real soon, so the two should be brought together as one. Let the students celebrate with the administration and the staff. Let everyone come together as one to recognize our school. The focus can be set on the past while we look to the future. It can be a pat on the back of sorts for everyone that

has made this university what it is today.

But the fact remains, Founder's Day is just a half day off from school, nothing more nothing less. Not one student knows who this guy Founder was and why he deserves a half day in appreciation of him. Not one students cares why it is that we have this time off, only the fact that we do have the time. But maybe this year, with our spring break coming so early, Founder's Day should be turned into Founder's weekend, where we would get a couple of days off school so that we could really appreciate the holiday.

Inevitably, however, Founder's Day will pass without much fanfare. But next year more of an importance should be placed on Founder's Day. Whether we want to or not, students should know something about the history of UCF and Founder's Day, if it means what I think it means, should be recognized for the accomplishments that the university has made and for the people that made it possible.



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By VICKI DESORMIER Staff Writer

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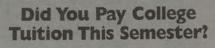
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57-year-old says degree will cap successful career

By VICKI DESORMIER Staff Writer

Martina Lane said she feels silly telling people she's a freshman, so she usually tries to avoid the question.

"Not that I'm ashamed that I was nearly retirement age when I decided it was time to go to college," she said. "It just seems stupid to say 'I'm a freshman,' when you have more gray hair than

your oldest professor."

Older and Wiser

Starting school late in life seemed

a perfectly natural progression for Lane who spent three decades as a bookkeeper before she came back to school.

"I got all that practical experience and now I'm going to get the degree and then I'm going to start my own business, hire my kid and sit back and let him do the work," she said, clasping her hands behind her head and leaning back in her chair.

n't seem wrong to Lane who doesn't plan to graduate until well into the next millennium.

"I didn't need to go to college when I was young," she explained. "I took the old business track when I was in high school and got a job when I graduated. I took a couple of years off, had a couple of kids and went back to work.

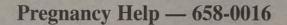
"Practical experience was all you needed back then. They'd ask if you could do the work, they'd look to see where you'd been working and you'd get the job. No one ever asked for a degree."

She said she has taken business courses at various times during her career. She took some computer classes when it became apparent she would need to know how to use a computer in her job. But, she said, it was never required that she get a degree.

"Of course I don't NEED it now," Lane said. "I just want it."

She said her son convinced her to pursue her degree.

"He said, 'Ma ... you've done everything else, The business major said she knows she doesn't why not get a degree?' So I figured, what the hell,



really need the degree, considering her many go for it," she said. years of experience, but she wants to be able to hang a diploma in her office.

Her son, a 22-year-old accounting major at the University of Florida, will finish college long before his mother.

"Let someone else pay him for a couple of years," she said. "When I get my business going, I'll hire him."

She jokes that if she procrastinates long enough, maybe he'll start his own business and he can hire her.

"If he doesn't hire me," she laughed, "I'll sue him for age discrimination and really retire a wealthy woman."

Being 57 and enrolling in her first classes did-

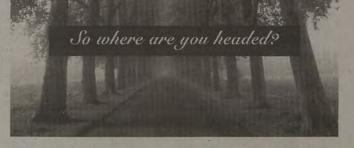
Lane said she will be collecting Social Security as a senior, but she thinks it'll be fun to have her grandchildren at her college graduation. If she takes long enough, she joked, maybe she could graduate with one of her grandchildren.

"Of course the only grandchildren I've got are 6 months and 2 years old," she said. "I don't want to take that long to finish school."

Lane said she's taking three classes a semester and doesn't care how long it takes her to finish. She just wants to be able to say she did it.

"You know, I want to hang that sheepskin on the wall and then they can put in my obituary that I was a college graduate," she said.

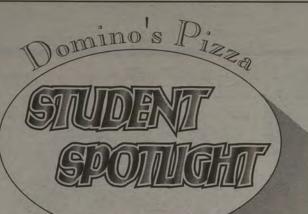
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By Peter Kundis

Should the number of graduation (guest admission) tickets, students receive be based on the college that they are graduating from?



I understand that there needs to be a limit on how many guests each graduate can bring to their graduation. However, deciding this factor upon a graduate's major is totally wrong. That will just encourage discrimination. Each person in society has a role to play, like a link in a chair. Who are we to judge how important person's role is? Getting a degree is an achievement, that needs to be recognized, but certainly not categorized. — Christina Healy, Freshman, Graphic Design, Trinidad, West Indies.



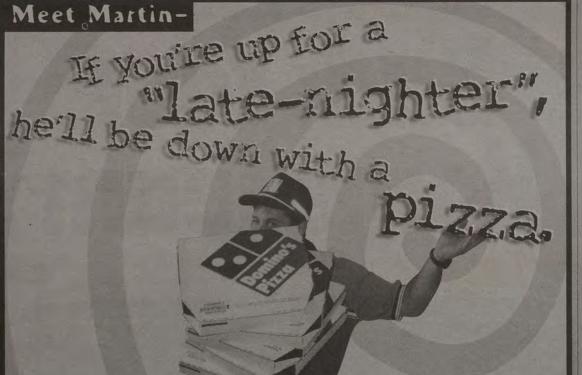
No, because I believe that each individual student is working just as hard to get their degree, and shouldn't be segregated based on their field or major. Each person has a preference or gift for a specific academic area and we're all using it to the best of our ability.

- James Pham, Junior, MIS, Orlando



I don't think that the number of graduation guest tickets, should be based upon the college that students are graduating from. Each student, regardless of the college, should receive the same number of tickets. Beyond that amount, if some students would like to have more tickets, they can pay for them.

- Nirmala Ramlakhan, Sophomore, Biology, Orlando.





This really sounds ridiculous, to have it depend upon the college? I'm graduating in Engineering this semester, I'll need more than six tickets for both my family and friends. What am I supposed to do, look around others with unneeded tickets? — Shikh Shams, Graduate, Engineering, Dhaka,

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I think that the whole ticket system is ridiculous in the first place. And to make a correlation between your college and how many guests you can bring is really stupid. The old system worked just fine, "First come, First serve."

- Steve Sher, Junior, Film, Altamonte Springs.

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ENTERTAINE Local bands raise \$6,500 for tornado relief

By MICHAEL J. CHRISTOPHER Staff Writer

18 local bands donated their time and talent to help their neighbors on Sunday March 22 at the Concert for Tornado Relief, organized by the Parrot Heads of Central Florida and held at Sloppy Joe's bar on Church Street in downtown Orlando.

The Parrot Heads of Central Florida is the local branch of the fan club of singer, author, and environmentalist Jimmy Buffett. The group, which participates in river and beach cleanups and other local charities, raised more than \$6,500 through donations at the door, raffles, T-shirt and CD sales, and an auction of donated goods and services.

Items for raffle and auction were donated by many local and national groups including Splendid China, Lee's Lakeside, Church Street Station, Orlando Rays, Orlando Predators, The Tonight Show and Jay Leno, Bruce Hornsby, John Lee Hooker, and Robert Cray. The highlight of the auction was a limited edition tour jacket donated by Jimmy Buffett. It was sold for \$525. The money raised will be divided between the Salvation Army and the Second Harvest Food Bank. Both organizations depleted their reserves of goods



Photos by MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER Peter Mayer of the Coral Reefer band Jams on stage for charity at the Concert for Tornado Relief at Sloppy Joe's.

helping the communities that Buffett. suffered losses in last month's night of tornados.

Parrot Head members Betsy Brown and T. Scott Walker organized the event, finding the venue, soliciting donations for the auction and raffle, and enlisting the help of the artists who performed. Walker is a musician who frequently plays at Parrot Head events, performing the songs of their beloved Jimmy

One of the highlights of the concert was a performance by Pater Mayer, a member of the Coral Reefers, Jimmy Buffett's band. Mayer was touring the state in support of his solo project, and sacrificed a day off to help the central Florida community. Other bands and artists that performed throughout the ten hour concert included : local blues-diva Jacqueline Jones, T.



Scott Walker and Cruz Control, 2 A.M., Groove Bone, Von Ra, Derek and the Slammers, Sound Society, and The Merrill Brothers.

The concert closed after a performance of "The Night the Winds Blew," a song written for the event by Kim House. Kim joined T. Scott Walker for the

tribute to the people who died during the severe weather early February 2. Copies of her song are available through the Parrot Heads, with the proceeds going to the relief fund. Parrot Heads of Central Florida can be contacted through Betsy Brown at Parenthed1@aol.com.

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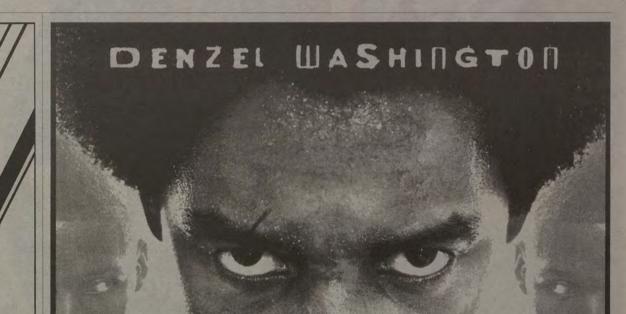
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LISTEN UP By SHANNON WRAY

Mach Five (Island Records)

"We got sick and tired of being disappointed by all out favorite bands' new albums. So we decided we should form our own band. Then at least we'd know there'd be something coming out we could look for-



ward to." Sound kind of cocky for a new band? Well, Mach Five can afford to sport this shiny confidence because their music is completely what they

promise and more. This Beetles look-alike foursome has more than one similarity with past musical epics. A brief description of this band's sound, production, and lyrics would have to be part Matchbox 20 paired with the high pitched harmony and sing along power of the Beach Boys. I realize that this marriage may be a bit hard to imagine, however Mach Five's catchy hooks, surprising chord progressions, and uplifting lyrics are both hard to describe and easy to remember; two components of an attention grabbing new album such as this. After hitting "every dive in Manhattan's club circuit, New York's new faces went from playing to an audience of friends...... to packing the nearby Mercury Lounge. Pretty impressive. Playing tracks like "Can't Stop It" and "You're My Religion" will get you singing. "I'm Alive, "Sunday's Here, and the neo-psychedelic epic "Space Mantra" will get you thinking. All in all, Mach Five's combined pop traditioned accents of the sixties and seventies have simply jump started their edge on alternative rock of the nineties, and certainly created a lot to look forward to.

Seely Seconds (Too Pure Music-BMG)

For Seely, "Seconds" is an appropriate name for this band's actual second time around album. Based out of Atlanta, Georgia, Seely's original crowd and sound was a bit different. Not as refined and smooth the first self titled album, the previous attempt held a different euphony. But, after hiring a new guitarist and tweaking the tone, Seely's "Seconds" has shined up nicely and become a whole new collection of the same songs. Sound weird? Wait until you hear them. I particularly enjoy this type of light, atmospheric music. The varying songs feature soft feminine vocals touched



and a lot of room to let your imagination go wild. Obviously, I recommend this collection, however, just as Enigma and Enya aren't for everyone at first, the

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appreciation for Seely may also take some time to develop. Take it from a former skeptic, the spiritualist in all of us needs to be fed every once in a while. Driving down University Boulevard with my sun roof open seems only to add to the letyourself-go feel of "Soft City." While tracks like "Sandpiper" and "Hourglass" really put you in the middle of a Simon and Garfunkel flashback, with conflicting variations of male and female vocals colliding with each other freely . Seely has now made it to my most-listened-to pile of CDs because frankly, no other artist today has the 60s feel for a 90s style. Get my drift. Good, because with Seely, the drift is the most important thing to go on, if not, you'll get kind of lost.

They Might Be Giants Factory Showroom (Elektra Records)

Do you realize that in the past month, I have heard the words "they-might-be-giants" repeated in that same sequence significantly more than the average person. Maybe it's because one of the Central Florida Future contributors is a die hard giant himself and has secret fantasies about the band, maybe it's because of their growth in popularity is just supported by most Orlandoans, or maybe they just play good music and everyone seems to be taking a tremendous notice to their new album, "Factory Showroom." Let me put it to you in these terms: If I really was a virgin to the whole They Must Be Giants local craze, now I'm



the lyrics are kind of off the wall, and you could safely assume that the foundation of this type weird pop/rock is basic repetition, but the beat has pizzazz and the male lead singer

a nympho. Yeah,

is upliftingly kooky. One of the best tracks featured on this album is #1, "S-e-X-x-y". Bodacious and amusing, this cut is the best way to introduce the off the wall humor of the rest of the story/songs. Variety is another thing that this band prides themselves on. From the delicate xylophone taps of "Spiraling Shape" to the Christmas themed "The Bells Are Ringing," these guys keep you guessing. You really never know what is going to come out of their mouths next. Do you want to know what I kept repeating over and over again this weekend, while packing up the rest of my apartment? Even if you don't want to know or really could care less what I hum in my spare time, believe me you too will be saying under your breath, "Ba-BaDa.....Da-Da-DaDaDA." Listen and find out what I mean.

Mind, Body and Soul Project **Collector's Edition** (MBS Entertainment Group)

You know when you're kind of feeling mellow and the normal head bashing noise on the radio leaves you with something to be desired? Well, I get in these moods often and with the right type of R&B or jazz, I can be feeling comfortably relaxable in no time. The Mind, Body and Soul Project has compiled a fine group of jazz, funk, and R&B, mixed slightly with some gospel. The end result is a great "Collector's Edition" CD that is much more appealing than the other alternatives offered. The sexy background sounds of live musicians swaying with the soul sounds that trigger my senses in more ways than one. I kept wondering what character was going to jump on the mic next to tell their tale of sorrow, heartbreak, and determination. The variety of vocals, (not to mention their impressive ranges) were entertaining and serene, appealing to a genre of music lovers. Cuts like "Vibe," "New Generation," and "Vibe-flipped out" were extremely polished and easy to sing along with. Although some of the more gospel sounding tracks like "Tribute" and "With God" are more for a limited audience, all songs have those classic saxophone themes and piano touches that make this type of music so enjoyable.



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UCF breaks it down at marathon

By MICHELLE RICKBORN one was allowed to leave. Not . the music played on and the and CORBETT TRUBEY

Over 100 students were ready to get down and get funky for a good cause last Saturday when the 1998 Children Miracle Network UCF Dance Marathon kicked off around noon. UCF President Dr. Hitt was on hand for the opening of the event and made a short speech where he praised the students for, "giving talent to help your community." This years student-run event has grown from around 90 to over 250 registered participants. 24 hours later, these participants helped raise \$22,046.01 for Arnold Palmer hospital for children and women and Shands Hospital in Gainesville, almost tripling the total from last year.

The objective of the dance marathon is not so much to dance for 24 hours as it is to stay on your feet for that time. The dancers are given breaks every four hours or so for approximately an hour for food, massage, games, and morale games. there were 11 dj's and nine bands scheduled to appear. All different forms of music were played including swing, latin, country, and salsa, with plenty of electric sliding and macarena butt-shaking for all.

Morale groups were formed for the dancers, such as the Gators, the Monkeys, the Iguanas, etc. Jeff Yack of the parrot group explained that they were there to provide moral support for each other as well as to give everyone a chance to meet others outside of their social groups. Keeping everyone energized and motivated was important to the event.

Rules and regulations also contributed to keeping everyone up and about and in check. Dancers were escorted top the bathroom whenever they felt the urge, and nobody was allowed to squat or sit down. Most importantly, no

American Heart Association

everybody was pleased with strictness.

"I felt like I was doing something bad because there was always someone with us," says freshman Amy Birmingham.

On the other hand, those who enforced the rules knew they wouldn't receive a warm response and possibly a little conflict. Jessa Jones, the director of rules and regulations even admitted, "I have sacrificed my reputation as a neutral person." Despite these minor annoyances,

dancers kept moving, even taking time to shoot a few hoops and communicate with those who came out to watch them.

At around 11 a.m. on Sunday the closing ceremonies began. Mr. UCF Kareen Adams and Miss UCF April Koonz sang a few songs for the crowd, which was followed by various speakers congratulating the dancers. Various awards were also given out, including Most Fundraising, which was won by sorority Pi Beta Phi, Most Spirited Dancer, and a new award, Worst-Looking Dancer (Flattering, huh?).

Finally, the marathon commenced when the amount of money raised was announced and a gigantic balloon drop showered the dancers, whereupon everybody promptly sat down (collapsed) on the floor and patted themselves on the back for a job well done. And then, faster than you could say "toe blister," everybody charged for the exit doors to go home and crash.

The success of this year's

marathon was enjoyed by all, and all the dancers enjoyed helping a good cause and dancing with their friends for 24 hours, which for many, turned into a good bonding experience. Of course, the special little touches made a difference as well.

Junior Jennifer Fisher says, "I really enjoyed having the kids here to be able to see what we were working towards." Their presence probably made the biggest difference of all.



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April a ho-hum month for movies

By STACEY COPELAND Staff Writer

Have you been snoozing through the movie previews again? Not to worry! Here's a taste of some of the new movies coming out this month:

Lost in Space (April 3) Starring Matt LeBlanc, William Hurt, Lacey Chabert. Danger, Will Robinson! Yes, ladies and gents, the cheesy 60's TV show has now been turned into a full length feature film just for your enjoyment. The new film does have a darker look though, and the producers are claiming it's pure sci-fi. It might be worth checking out. But if anybody even utters a word about tinfoil space suits, I'm outta there.

Mercury Rising (April 3) Starring Bruce Willis, Alec Baldwin, Miko Hughes. Willis might just be able to redeem himself with this movie after disappointing the majority of macho America with the last

4,000 cheesy action movies he's done. But then again, maybe not. Willis stars as an FBI agent trying to save an autistic child. The kid, played by the adorable Miko Hughes, accidently cracks a secret government code hidden in the back of a puzzle book. When a ruthless government agent (Baldwin) goes after the child, Willis steps in. The director, Harold Becker, has said the movie is a little like "Rain Man meets The Fugitive". A strange analogy, but if you say so..

City of Angels (April 10) Starring Meg Ryan, Nicolas Cage. An angel

(Cage) on duty in L.A. decides to hang up his wings when he falls head over heels in love with a heart surgeon (Ryan). Nicolas Cage? An angel? After being forced to watch "Leaving Las Vegas" an angel is the last thing I think of when it comes to this man. Now, Meg Ryan, she's the kind of cute, innocent person who could pull this story off.

You never know, she just might low budget art film until Paltrow time talk show. She runs home save this movie. I just wish the plot didn't sound so much like every other angel movie that has ever been done.

Neil Simon's The Odd Couple II (April 10) Starring Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau. It's been 30 years since this pair teamed up for the original big screen adventure. Now they're at it again as the neat freak Felix Unger and the ultimate slob Oscar Madison. In the sequel, the couple's kids get hitched and they take a road trip together. Just reading this one little paragraph about the movie is already starting to make you yawn, isn't it? Me too, me too....

Sliding Doors (April 24) Starring Gwyneth Paltrow and John Hannah. A British publicist's life flashes between two alternate fates in this movie. In one, she meets the perfect man, in the other, she remains stuck with her cheating boyfriend. This was originally written as a

stepped in and money started to flow. It received a wonderful reception at the Sundance Film Festival and people say it's a comment on how a single moment in time can alter the rest of your life so

drastically. Sounds pretty interesting.

The Big Hit (April 24) Starring Lou Diamond Phillips, Mark Wahlberg, Bokeem Woodbine, and Antonio Sabato Jr. Phillips and Wahlberg star as funny hitmen in Kirk Wong's latest action comedy. This one promises to be full of blood, if nothing else. But it's about time Lou Diamond Phillips showed his face again.

Hope Floats (April 24) Starring Sandra Bullock and Harry Connick Jr. Well, one thing's for sure, this pair would definitely win cutest couple at the prom hands down. This is the story of a former high school beauty queen who's cheating husband humiliates her on a dayto momma and tries to put her life back together for the sake of her daughter and finds love in the process. This is the type of movie Sandra Bullock was born to star in. But she had to pay a price to get it. When she contacted Twentieth Century Fox about this script they made a deal with her. If she did Speed 2, they would give her this movie. After the disaster of that movie, I'll bet they're wishing they had never even mentioned it. This might be their redemption.

And just to forewarn you, "Barney's Great Adventure: The Movie" will also be opening this month. If I even see one stinkin' commercial for that movie, I'm going to get sick to my stomach. There doesn't seem to be a ton of exciting movies being released this month. Just hold on to your knickers and wait until Memorial Day weekend next month. Something amazing will come along before then...Hopefully...

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Innovative plan offers graduates rebates

By COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

FULTON, Mo. — At Williams Woods University, students who graduate in four years will walk away with more than a diploma—they'll also get a rebate on their tuition.

The new tuition plan will reimburse the graduates for all tuition increases they pay until they graduate. The university started the program to combat the increasing costs of a degree and provides an incentive for students to finish their studies without taking any time off, says Jahnae H. Barnett, the university's president.

Current seniors are not eligible for the plan. But university officials estimate that this year's freshman class will take home a check for about \$3,800 along with their sheepskin.

Tuition increases at William Woods have averaged about 5 percent annually over the last five years, a figure below the national average, the university said. Upon graduation, reimbursement would be awarded without interest.

The university says money spent on the tuition rebates would be offset by income received from tuition, provided that less students drop out as a result of the plan. Currently, the university loses close to \$5 million in potential revenue when students drop out each year.

The university said it did not know of any other colleges offering rebates for tuition increases. Paul Tandy, executive director of university relations, said many students have been excited about the rebate. Most plan to put the money toward graduate school, or use it for a down payment on a car.

"Nobody so far has said, 'I'm going to give it back to Mom and Dad,'" he said.

Research monkeys spared after UC students protest

BERKELEY, Calif.— Following an animal-rights protest, the University of California has promised to move 14 langur monkeys used for research to a sanctuary rather than "euthanize" them.

The long-tailed creatures spent 25 years under the observing eyes of anthropology researchers and students at UC-Berkeley.

Animal-rights activists staged a sit-in at the chancellor's office Sept. 3 because they feared the monkeys would be used for medical experiments or killed.

A UC spokesperson said the sanctuary, which has not been identified, is similar to a retirement home for animals.

The colony was the only place in the nation where students could observe the langurs and study monkey behavior up close.

The university, which no longer receives grant money to support the research or keep the animal alive, planned to euthanize the animals.

But in a statement, UC Berkeley Assistant Chancellor John F. Cummins said the monkeys would be moved to a sanctuary no later than Jan. 1.

Islamic students protest scarf-less ID photos

ISTANBUL, Turkey—Many women worry about a bad hair day when they have their photographs taken for ID cards. But in Turkey, female students are angry that they have to show their hair at all. Several dozen women who wear headscarves because of their fundamental Islamic beliefs recently protested a new university policy requiring them to go scarf-less for ID cards.

The students said the policy is a rejection of their religious beliefs.

"Headscarved students are only being allowed to study if they put their beliefs to one side," said Macide Goc, a headscarved lawyer who represents the students.

She talked to reporters outside Istanbul University's literature department where the women gathered to protest the policy.

One female student showed a photojournalist her photo ID card, rejected by faculty because she wears a headscarf. "Can't you recognize me from this photo?" she asked, according to a Reuters report.

The university made the decision to ban scarves from photo IDs a week earlier. Many establishments have sought to ease clothing restrictions following pressure from secular leaders.

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BALTIMORE — College campuses are urging students to "get more than a test score—get back your life!" with free mental health testing Oct. 9, on National Depression Screening Day.

The day, held each year during Mental Health Awareness Week, was started in 1991 by Harvard University psychiatrist Douglas Jacobs.

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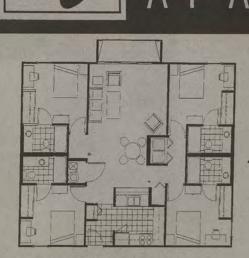
toms and treatment of depression. Those who attend can take an anonymous written screening test for depression, and discuss the results with a mental health professional.

In 1996, more than 85,000 people attended screenings at 2,800 sites nationwide. Arizona State, Arkansas State and other universities will serve as sites this year for National Depression Screening Day.

Depression strikes more than 17 million Americans each year, according to figures from the National Institute of Mental Health. Fewer than half of them, however, actually seek treatment even though treatment can help 80 percent of those affected.

Common symptoms of depression include: loss of pleasure; feelings of sadness, hopelessness, worthlessness; changes in sleeping and eating patterns; irritability, anxiousness, restlessness; inability to concentrate; fatigue or loss of energy; unexplained aches and pains; and thoughts of death of suicide.

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Drew Carey copes going from a 'face in the crowd' to fame

By JANET SINGLETON College Press Service

Sometimes having the world at your feet just means you have a lot to trip over. Or so says comic Drew Carey, who admits he's a little uncomfortable with his new-found fame.

"I don't like being famous as much as I thought I would," says Carey. "It's starting to get to me. "I like my fans, and I like signing autographs, but it's strange because I'm always recognizable," Carey says in his suite in a Montreal hotel. "It's like sometimes you wish you could get away from it. I used to like being able to walk through somewhere or just sit and watch people and be kind of a ghost, and now it's really weird. I loved being just a loner guy, a face in the crowd. Now I see that taken away, and I wonder if I can ever get it back. I miss that."

Carey may still be a face in the crowd today if ABC had axed "The Drew Carey Show" during its first shaky season after it was placed on hiatus. But it had diehard fans and potential. A letter-writing campaign was launched, network executives practiced patience, and the show came back stronger than ever.

In the sitcom, which is sort of TV's version of the comic strip Dilbert, Carey plays a department store personnel manager. He's a guy with a dead-end job

boss. The comrades he commiserates with include best friend Kate (Christa Miller) and two beer-drinking pals (Ryan Stile sand Diedrich Bader). But the supporting cast's most colorful character is Carey's nemesis, Mimi, played by Kathy Kinney. Physically she is a Phyllis Diller for the 90s. She's a woman sporting atomic-powered make-up, buffoon fashions and fright-wig hair. Loud-mouthed and gaudy, viewers' eyes tend to focus on Mimi as irresistibly as they would on a car wreck.

Aside from Mimi, the program's other odd distinction is that it is shot in Cleveland, where the 39-year-old Carey grew up. "The network loved the idea that is wasn't set in L.A. or New York," Carey says. "I think everybody gets sick of seeing shows that are always in L.A. or New York. Most of the time they don't even look like the city they're supposed to be anyway. Cleveland's different city than any others; the sensibilities are different."

His hometown loves Carey, too. "He's a pretty popular here," says Jay Casey, editor of The Cauldron, Cleveland State University's student newspaper. "He's from Cleveland, and people from here appear in the show. "If you're from Cleveland, you're surprised to get any good exposure," Casey added. "We've long. We used to be just the butt of jokes on Johnny Carson."

The show averages a 38 percent audience share in Cleveland. An episode featuring Cleveland native Little Richard and Mayor Michael White won a 48 percent share.

Ironically, his popularity has exiled Carey from his hometown. "When we're not taping, I'm not in in Cleveland that much," he says. "I was just there in July for the Baseball All-Star Game. When I'm in Cleveland, I can't go anyplace, can't walk off the elevator without people coming up to me. Like I said, it's great I have such terrific fans, but it does shake you up a bit."

Celebrity doesn't just mean a loss of privacy to Carey. It means he can't be himself. "I used to like being in Cleveland. I grew up there. I'd sit at the end of the bar observing people. That's all gone now," he explains.

In the good old days, Carey was just another student at Rhodes High School. His mother was a secretary; his father, a draftsman. A yearbook photo shows him as thin and bookishlooking. After two years at Kent State, he dropped out to try stand-up comedy. Reportedly it was during this time he started to grow his rotund physique.

Health-consciousness is not a part of Carey's image. The comic likes to portray himself as a

trying to weather a tyrant of a had such a bad reputation for so retro-rebel touting the pleasures of old-fashioned decadence. His stand-up routine include regular strings of obscenities. At times, his bit has landed him in hot water, Carey told The Montreal Gazette.

"I had this corporate gig and I thought they wanted me to do my regular dirty act and what they wanted was the clean version of it," he said. "It was a mix-up in management.

"I got there, started doing my regular act and was into my third f-k when this guy comes up, grabs the mike and says, 'Clean up your act or you're out of here.' It was the chairman of the board. I was so shook up that I ruined their party I told them to keep the money and pretend you never saw me. I ran back to my hotel room, wouldn't answer the door, wouldn't answer the phone. It was horrible."

Now Carey says he feels even more pressure when he does is his stand-up act "because so many people are expecting you to be a big hit."

"You don't want people going, 'Hey, they're giving him all that money, and he's not all that good," he says. "It was easier when I was just one of the standups who could come out, do a set and leave. When they have me hosting a festival or some big comedy show, I have to learn intros and musical numbers and all sorts of other stuff."

Carey eased his way into comedy through writing. Always the class clown or workplace wiseass, Carey was good at making people laugh. When a disc jockey friend offered to pay Carey to write funny bits for his radio show, he turned to a how-to book on joke writing. That was 1986, and Carey was working as a waiter and suddenly pulling in an extra hundred dollars a week churning out humor and having fun.

"Then a friend talked me into doing some amateur nights to try out the jokes, and I got hooked on it," he says.

He credits his friends with being a big boost throughout the career. He also credits his success to a few "big breaks," including appearances on "Star Search" and "The Tonight Show." Carey was one of the last the money to just sit around and stand-up comics to appear on the write all day and not have to go late-night show before Johnny Carson retired, and one of the

last to have the privilege to sit beside Carson and chat.

"That was when I got noticed," Carey says.

Carey then wrote some scripts for the short-lived NBC series "Some One Like Me" and starred in a even shorter-lived series called "The Good Life" before landing his current sitcom.

To Carey, working steadily also means he can buy stuff. He's incorporated stories about his new financial status into his stand-up routine. "I talk about going to the Mardi Gras for the first time ever and about buying an \$800 suit and doing the one thing any guy does when he has lots of money-buying a largescreen TV. Except I went in for the whole home theater experience-sticky floors, popcorn smell. You push a button and a baby cries..the whole thing," he says.

This year "The Drew Carey Show" will premiere in England. It's a professional coup, but the comic has a few reservations. "I think it's going to do great," he says. "It's already doing well over in Australia, which I think bodes well for England. They have a similar sense of humor, so I think it will be good."

But then the privacy issue rears its head again. "The only drawback," he says, "is that I was hoping to go to England and Australia one day just to sort of walk around, hang out and such. Now I might not be able to do that without being recognized. I don't know how they react to people when they're famous. Maybe I can still get away with it. Maybe it's like L.A. where nobody cares."

Fame is not abating any time soon for Carey. In a September "People" cover story about TV's 40 most fascinating personalities, he's featured first. And he has a book coming out this fall: "Dirty Jokes and Beer: Stories of the Unrefined."

"And man I had such a good time writing it," Carey says. "I love to write jokes. I wrote it all myself with no ghost writer. Of course it probably wouldn't have been easy to get it published without having the show. Sometimes I think if I could get out, I'd do that."



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DAYTON, Ohio-A woman who worries that her new boyfriend may become violent should be on the lookout for early signs of abuse, such as whether he tries to control her, says a University of Dayton professor.

Short of physical abuse, there are at least eight ways to tell if a budding relationship has the potential to turn ugly, according to William P. Roberts, who teaches classes on relationships.

Because many romances start in the fall, when students arrive back to campus, it's important for a women to look now for any traits that could foreshadow violence in a dating relationship, he says.

First, a woman should ask herself about the control factor. "If he says, 'I don't want to see you...' or 'I don't want to ever catch you ... doing or saying something, that can be a sign of seeking to control you," Roberts says. "The most scary form of this kind of control is if he tries to limit your contacts with other people by forbidding you to see them or talk to them, even by telephone."

Also on the list:

• Are you afraid of him?

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like you if he didn't?

• Does he pressure you sexually?

· Does he snoop into your personal belongings and violate your privacy?

· Has he broken or harmed any of your personal belongings?

If the relationship contains some of these elements, "the best approach is to confront the issue, although that doesn't necessarily mean confronting the person, if safety is a factor," says Steven D. Mueller, director of counseling services at Dayton.

A woman might want to talk with a friend or roommate, or a counselor, he says.

"A counselor can help you gain some practical ideas on how to get out of the relationship, give you a new perspective from an independent source, or you may want to gain some insight into why you put up with a controlling partner," Mueller says.

According to the federal Bureau of Justice, women are more likely to be victimized by someone they know than by a stranger. In 1992-93, about 9 percent of female victims reported that the offender was a relative, and 29 percent said the offender was a current or former romantic partner.

A key clue that you may need to examine a relationship more closely is to look to your own behavior, Mueller says. "If you're not able to be yourself in a relationship, that's a sign."



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Shaina Smith is a member of the Caribbean Students Association. She is from the Virgin Islands and has been stilt walking for four years.

Colorado medical students are not required to participate in dog surgeries

By SAM GROTHE College Press Service

BOULDER, Colo.-It's been an institutionalized tradition. For nearly two decades, all firstyear University of Colorado Health Sciences Center medical students have been performing "faux surgeries" on live, anesthetized dogs. Finally, for some students, that tradition is over.

"I think it's a very positive step forward for the students and faculty," said Jim Little, president of the medical school student body at the CU Health Sciences Center in Denver. "The majority of students feel their peers shouldn't be forced to participate against their will. It took a long time, but it's

changed."

The three 10-week labs that use anesthetized dogs at the school are no longer mandatory for medical students, according to CU medical-school officials. The decision came after CU's physiology department conducted its annual review of course policies, as well as after years of debates, animal-rights protests, and a lawsuit by a former student.

"It's a small number of students who have deeply felt beliefs," Little said. "But there are students. who have ethical and personal reasons and those who have pets who it bothers." In the labs, students conduct kidney and respiratory experiments, draw blood, and inject

drugs into the dogs, which are them to experiment on animals. euthanized once the lab is over. Doctors at the medical school contend the dogs feel no pain during the labs and that the work is a critical part of the curriculum.

In recent years, however, CU's dog labs have received some unwanted attention.

In 1992, CU student Safia Rubaii objected to the labs because of her Muslim religious beliefs. She sued the CU School of Medicine after administrators there told her she would fail medical school if she didn't participate in labs. CU settled with her for \$95,000 in 1995 and promised to review the program to accommodate students whose religious beliefs don't allow

"The CU Animal Rights group took part in the protests against the dog labs last spring," according to Dana Kelly, administrative assistant for the CU Environmental Center.

Animal-rights advocates contend that there are now alternative ways to learn physiology, such as using computer simulators.

School of Medicine officials are also saying that computer simulators are now a feasible alternative to hands-on lab experience, as is supplemental reading material and participation in group discussions.

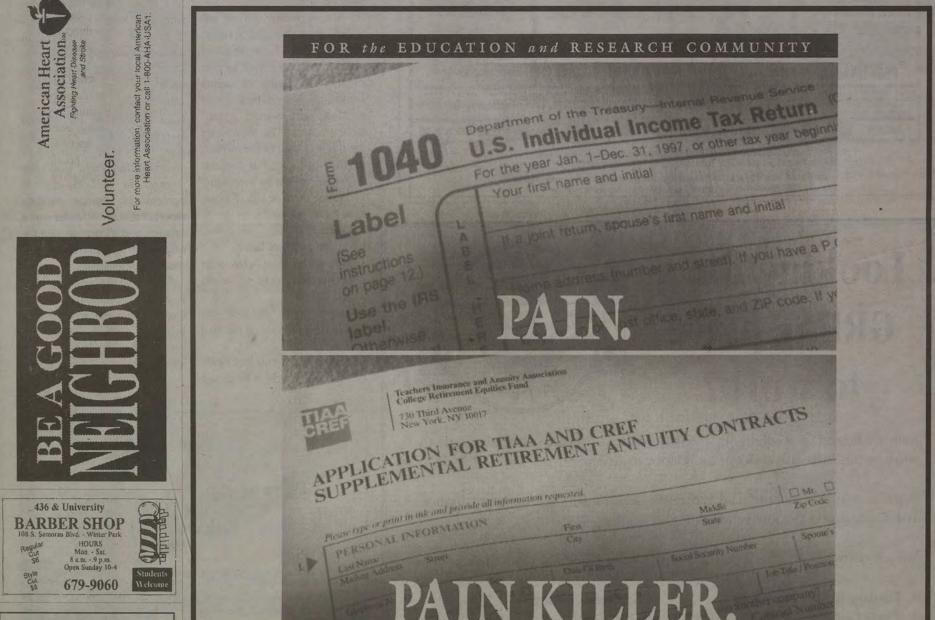
"Relatively few students have indicated they will opt not to be a part of the labs," said Bruce

Wallace, director of the medical school's Physiology 5000 program. "The labs don't occur until the spring quarter, however.

Rubaii is the only student Wallace can recall ever dropping out of the lab. "But I knew there were students who were uncomfortable with the thought of using dogs," he said.

Approximately 72 dogs are scheduled to be a part of the next labs, he said. "They are purchased from animal dealers from out-of-state, and they are relatively expensive, but I can't tell you how expensive."

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Consolidation providing headaches for direct student loan program

By CHARLES DERVARICS College Press Service

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Education Department temporarily shut down part of its direct student loan operation late last month in a move that may affect 70,000 students and undermine support for a federal program originally designed to ease the student loan process.

The Education Department suspended new applications under the Federal Direct Loan Consolidation Program because of difficulties in processing an applications backlog from students and recent graduates. This program allows students with two or more loans to consolidate them into a single direct loan, often with the benefit of a lower monthly payment.

Under direct loans, the U.S. Treasury provides capital directly to colleges and universities, eliminating banks from the loan process. College students will continue to receive individual direct loans despite the suspension, which

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affects only consolidations of existing loans, Education Department officials said.

Critics of the direct loan concept were quick to seize on the suspension as evidence of the program's failings.

"The department's failure to operate an efficient direct lending program is irresponsible," said Rep. William Goodling (R-Pa.), chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee.

The Education Department pushed for the program as a less expensive, better managed alternative to bank-administered loans.

"The program was touted as 'onestop shopping' by [Education] Secretary [Richard] Riley four years ago," Goodling said. "Now, for some students, the program has become 'no-stop' shopping."

College students still may receive bank-administered loans, called Federal Family Education Loans (FFEL), a program that has continued following the launch of the direct loan program.

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The suspension will affect about 70,000 consolidation requests, said Stephanie Babyak, an Education Department spokeswoman. EDS, a federal contractor administering consolidation loans, "did not anticipate the hands-on work necessary for the program," she said. "We've had a tremendous volume of requests."

The suspension is more likely to affect recent graduates than current college students, analysts said. The most popular time to consolidate loans is within six months of graduation, when students face their first major loan repayments.

Students generally seek a consolidation to merge several loans into a single repayment, said Larry Zaglaniczny, associate director of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators in Washington, D.C.

Consolidating through a direct loan has some advantages compared to consolidation through bank-generated loans, he said.

The main benefit is that students

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with direct loans can choose an income-contingent repayment, in which graduates set payments in line with their post-graduate incomes.

"Students generally do this for better cashflow and a lower monthly payment," Zaglaniczny said. However, there is a tradeoff- a longer repayment period that leads to higher interest costs.

But for many graduates, the longterm costs are worth the short-term benefits. Consolidation "really provides the relief that many students require," Zaglaniczny added.

But Zaglaniczny acknowledged the suspension comes at a bad time for the direct loan program. Congress must approve administrative funds to operate the program, and lawmakers also are conducting a required review of the effectiveness of all grant and loan programs under the Higher Education Act.

The latest suspension "damages the department's credibility," according to Zaglaniczny.

Earlier this summer, Education Department officials shut down the consolidation program briefly but then reassured Congress about its effectiveness. "It's definitely a black eye for the department," he said.

Students who started with an FFEL loan and then switched to a direct loan may face the strongest effects during the suspension. These students can get a consolidation only through the direct loan program; the FFEL system is not

authorized to consolidate direct loans, according to the Education Department.

For example, a student with three FFEL loans and one direct loan cannot consolidate all of them into a single repayment.

"If students have just one direct they affected," loan, are Zaglaniczny said.

Students and their colleges or universities could face other repercussions as well, the NASFA official said. Students, assuming they are getting a consolidation loan, may stop making payments on current loans and fall into default, he said. Such defaults also could hurt institutions, which are under public scrutiny and could face possible financial sanctions, for high default rates

"I question the long-term viability of the Direct Student Loan Program," Goodling said. "The program is doing a direct disservice to young Americans who may have their credit adversely affected for years to come."

The Education Department, however, maintained that college students still can get new direct loans, since the suspension affects only consolidations.

"We are taking this action so that we can focus our efforts on processing current applications," said Elizabeth Hicks, deputy assistant secretary for student financial assistance programs. "Our top priority is to process current applications as soon as possible."

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Defensive players claim the best is yet to come

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every series of downs. The defense has had to replace six starters from last year's team and the only returning starters in the secondary (cornerback Reginald Doster) and at linebacker (Deaubrey Devine and Mike Palmer) have been out with injuries, but the defensive players were still embarrassed with their performance.

"It sucked," cornerback Davin Bush said. "People weren't concentrating. Guys were out there just to be out there, just going through the motions."

Safety Deon Porter said the defense had been playing well leading up to Saturday's scrimmage, which made its performance even harder to understand.

"We came out in pads the first day and executed well," Porter said. "We've been practicing pretty good. I thought we were going to come out today and dominate. Just dominate. This was too much.

"Even though it was embarrassing and the coaches are mad at us and everything, I'm glad we had a day like this in the spring instead of playing like this in the summer. If we play like this in the fall we would lose every game."

Kruczek said the defense has tremendous potential once the starting lineups are settled, which probably won't happen until summer practice. The current firstteam defense will continue to take on Culpepper and company through the rest spring practice, he said.

"There's a whole lot of talent over there," Kruczek said. "They'll get it together."





Photo by MIKE MARSHALL Running back Dwight Collins (right) gained 62 yards on nine carries in the first full-pad scrimmage of spring practice March 28. Quarterback Daunte Culpepper (center), led the first-team offense to six touchdowns in seven drives in the scrimmage.

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Redshirt junior outfielder Esix Snead hit his first career home run on March 19.

Centerfielder making the most of latest opportunity

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"At the end of last season, coach Bergman and I told Esix that he needed to go to the weight room and increase his offensive skills by going to the batting cages and hitting off the batting tee," Frady said. "He went and worked on those things and in the fall [practice], he does a lot of things well, and I told Jay that he has improved and is becoming a factor."

Frady said Snead hit too many fly outs early in the season, so the redshirt junior's playing time began to steadily decrease until he missed the team's trip to Texas for undisclosed reasons. Snead received another chance to play when centerfielder Will Croud was out with an injury.

"I didn't go on the trip with the team to Houston because I was suspended," Snead said. "I came back after the Houston trip and have started every game since.

"I knew my role as a defensive player and I always wanted to be in the lineup. That's why I went down to the field one-and-a-halfhours before every practice, so I'd get a chance. Now, I've gotten a chance and I have taken advantage of it."

Snead had one of his better games of the season in an 8-3 win over Western Illinois on March 19. With rain clouds glaring down on the field and UCF leading WIU, Snead stepped up to the plate in the bottom of the fourth inning and hit his first collegiate home run.

Croud said he was surprised by Snead's show of power.

"First of all, we had never seen him go to the warning track many times, so after seeing him hit a home run over the fence, we were very happy for him, especially after him watching everyone else hit home runs [throughout his career]" Croud said. "Plus, we know he can go deep now."

Snead said he dedicated the home run to past teammates.

"I've been waiting a long time for everything," Snead said. "I thought about past players I worked out with and hit with who never got to play. I thought about them when I was jogging around the bases. It was one for the underdogs."

As rain began to fall in the top of the fifth inning, Snead's teammates got their orders.

"After [Esix] hit the home run, he ran into the dugout and said "Now, everybody else strike out so the game will end," Bellhorn said.

Croud, who recently returned to the lineup, said Snead's performance has allowed him time to recuperate from his injury.

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"It's a big plus that he can play center [field] because now with me playing left field and trying to get back to 100 percent, it helps us a lot because we don't lose anything," Croud said. "He's making contact [with the ball] and he's going to make something happen whether he gets his bat on the ball or puts it in the gap.

"The staff knows he's making things happen and that's why they keep starting him."

As for the centerfielder's future with the team, Bergman says that is up to Snead.

"He was a role player but now his role has changed," Bergman said. "I don't think anyone wants to be a role player, but everyone has to accept their role."

"He could have given up in the last three years but he's stuck it out and that is what the game is all about," Bergman said. "It is very rewarding to see this."

Snead said he has waited too long to let this opportunity pass him by again.

"I've worked hard for three years to be a key offensive player," he said. "I play defense and I bring that everyday and I have to bring energy. If I keep doing what I'm doing, stay on base and keep the ball on the ground, there's no reason I should be taken out."

USF game gives UCF edge against FIU

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"It was good to get the tough games out of the way early in the season," said Bellhorn, referring to UCF's 7-9 record in February. "Those games prepared us for this time and these games will prepare us for the next level."

Relief pitcher Jason Arnold, who earned his sixth and seventh saves in the first two games of the series, could be the relief pitcher Bergman needs to help defend the TAAC title.

"We have two outstanding freshmen this year in Jason Arnold and [first baseman] Matt Bowser," Bergman said. "I had a [major league] scout tell me last week that if [Arnold] was a junior this year, he'd be gone. I have never been around a freshman that is so in control of a situation ... it's like he has ice in his veins.

"It gets to be now that in situation after situation, you start to expect him to shut the other team down. He came into the FAU game and went to work. He wanted the ball. He's outstanding and he's done it all year long for us."

Outfielder Will Croud said Arnold reminds him of his former teammate, Marco Ramirez, who was a dominating closer before his suspension from last year's team.

"Jason is a lot like Marco [on the field] last year," Croud said. "We are pretty confident we will close out the game whenever he is in there. He's got the attitude and it seems like he's confident he can get it done."

The team's perfect TAAC record will be challenged immediately, as they host Florida International (23-16) April 3-4.

UCF will look to improve on last season's 2-5 record against FIU. Friday's game will be the first meeting since the Knights defeated the Panthers 8-4 in last year's TAAC tournament. Bergman said his UCF's game with the University of South Florida March 31 could give it an edge heading into the weekend series.

"FIU doesn't play any middle of the week games the rest of the season, so [playing USF] keeps us on our toes," Bergman said. "Playing [USF] helps develop the pitching staff and our seventh starter and over the years, so [midweek games] have helped us develop our staff.'

Notebook: With its 4-3 victory over FAU on March 28, the baseball program earned its 1,000th victory. ... The UCF baseball team is currently ranked 27th in the Collegiate Baseball Division I Poll with 419 points. The team trails No. 25 Mississippi State by only six points. ... UCF also received seven votes and is ranked 41st in the latest edition of the USA Today



Photo by MIKE MARSHALL Freshman first baseman Matt Bowser leads the team with eight home runs.

Weekly/ESPN Top 25 Coaches Poll. The team entered the season ranked 28th in the preseason Baseball America poll. ... Pitcher Mike Maroth, who has not played since March 18, has been diagnosed with mononucleosis and is not expected to return for three weeks. Also, pitcher Travis Held, who last pitched against Northwestern on March 22, is suffering from an elbow injury and may return sometime next week. ... Third baseman Pat Williamson, suffering from a pulled hamstring, will be out of the lineup for two weeks. ... Todd Bellhorn's chance to become UCF's all-time winningest pitcher could come soon, coach Jay Bergman said. "He has six more starts in conference games, plus the TAAC tournament, plus whatever games he starts in the NCAA tournament," Bergman said. "He is only human and we can't expect him to go perfect, it would be nice because if he wins his games, then we win ours and we could be [national] champions. I have to be careful with him because sometimes he will pitch on Saturday and then will play designated hitter and right field during the week, and that can wear him out.





Women's trip west to test team's mettle



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Pelle Brunskog.

"We've played better as a team this week and

Photo by MIKE MARSHALL Sophomore Maria Widyadharma won three matches at No. 1 singles last week.

hopefully can continue that on this trip. We're starting to put it together," Winberg said. "As long as we have good practices and keep our focus, the layoff should not be a problem. We just have to go out and play."

The women (17-2) continued their win streak with victories over Drake, 5-1, Air Force 7-2, and JSU 7-1, last week. No. 1 singles player Maria Widyadharma, No. 2 Ann Sventesson, No. 3 Sonja Prokopec, No. 4 Daniela Okal, and Itzel Soto-Rosa all went undefeated in all three of their singles matches last week. UCF goes into an extended layoff, not playing again until the home finale against McNeese State on April 7.

"We have been playing excellent tennis, so it is kind of tough to stop," said Sventesson. "We'll be OK, though. We just have to keep playing this well up until the TAAC tournament."

After the home match with MSU, the women will take to the road on April 11 and 12 to play a pair of Alabama schools in nationally-ranked South Alabama and Troy State. The TAAC tournament for both men and women begins on April 16.

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Women's track looking forward to conference title

By BRANT PATRICK PARSONS Staff Writer

With the TAAC Championship meet just over two weeks away, the track and field team is making its final preparations for a repeat title.

"We have had some pretty good performances," Coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth said. "We have had little things that side track you, minor injuries, and they annoy a little bit. But overall, we are ready for (the conference championship)."

UCF won the championship last year despite only producing three individual event winners. Mansur-Wentworth said the key to last year's victory was depth and this year's team is even deeper.

"In the events we did well in last year, we are even stronger this year," Mansur-Wentworth said.

At the conference meet, the top six performers in each event score points for their team. In the long distance and hurdles events, two strong areas for the UCF, Mansur-Wentworth believes the Knights could place three or more in the top six.

Sophomore Anne Panaggio leads a talented crop of distance runners for the Knights.

"We are deep in distance," Mansur-Wentworth said. "We could put eight girls on the line to start at TAAC."

Panaggio could also qualify for the NCAA Championships in the 3000m. Javelin thrower Amber Twyner is another UCF athlete with a shot at the NCAAs.

A pleasant surprise for the Knights has been the immediate impact made by two freshman walk-ons. Valerie Beaubrun has already broke the school record in the 400m by almost three seconds, running a 56.25 on Feb. 28. Beaubrun has given UCF a threat in an event that the Knights traditionally haven't been strong in.

Teammate Katara Beard has helped the Knights remain strong in the shot put after losing school-record holder Kelly Kobia to graduation last year. Beard, along with sophomores Twyner and Jen Herron should provide UCF with an abundance of important points at the TAAC meet.

Troy State and Florida International will provide the Knights with the best competition for the conference championship. The meet will be held on FIU's home track in Miami. "I have gone over the events in my head and figured out the points," Mansur-Wentworth said, iand we have won."

UCF's coach is careful not to get too overconfident, however.

"I don't want to think about that now," she said. "Not until the (last race) is over and the points are totaled. We have some fine competition and anything can happen come the day of the meet."

Track Notes: Valerie Beaubrun placed 14th in the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.73 seconds while Aisha Neal placed 25th (1:00.95). In the 1500-meter run Megan Rodell finished 30th with her time of 5:15.03 while April Vitori placed 15th in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 18:55.06.

Sophomore Corliss Cade placed 10th in the 100 meter hurdles (14.73) while teammate Nikeisha Skyers finished 14th in the same event with a time of 14.83. Skyers also placed 13th in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1:04.63. Michele Boike placed 17th in the 400 meter hurdles (1:05.98) and finished 14th in the high jump with a 5foot, .25-inch jump.

Jen Herron placed 16th in the shot put with a 36-foot, 11.5inch toss. UCF will compete next at the Disney Invitational on April 4.



Photo by HENRY GONSOULIN Track and field coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth expects UCF to repeat as TAAC champions.

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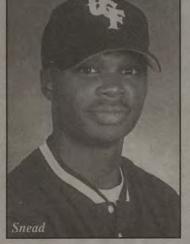
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Snead brings enthusiasm, defense to baseball team

By JEFF CASE Staff Writer

Whether stealing a base, hitting a single or working as the unofficial locker room stereo M.C., outfielder Esix Snead puts energy into everything he does.

"Esix brings a lot of energy to our team, and that's what we count on him for," said UCF coach Jay Bergman. "People have to play to their personalities and I don't see Esix's personality as a negative. He is very enthusi-



astic."

Senior pitcher Todd Bellhorn said Snead constantly makes his presence felt.

"I remember the first day of practice, he was a real quiet guy," said Bellhorn, who has been a teammate of Snead's since 1995.

"Now, he speaks up when he wants to and I wouldn't say he's that shy anymore. The way everyone feels his presence is in our locker room, where he dominates the stereo. His taste in music is a little different than the

country we hear every day on the field. He brings his tapes and CD's, so we feel his presence and he makes sure we hear his presence."

But after rarely playing his first three years as a Knight, Snead often had his enthusiasm challenged at the plate.

"He was a defensive specialist," assistant coach Greg Frady said. "He didn't always like that role and he wasn't ever one of the top offensive players on the team. As a centerfielder, he can get to most balls hit to him before anyone else can.

"Esix needed strength," he added. "He can really run and whenever we use him full time, he has to be patient, take the pitches that are thrown to him, use his foot speed and keep the ball on the ground; he cannot hit fly balls."

Frady said he talked with Snead over the fall about his future with the team.

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winning, prepare for road trips

By TONY MEJIA Staff Writer

The women's tennis team extended its winning streak to 13 matches, while the men bounced back from consecutive conference losses to capture a pair of victories, including a convincing performance against TAAC foe Jacksonville State.

No. 1 singles player David Winberg returned to action after missing UCF's conference losses to Georgia State and Florida Atlantic due to a stomach flu. Winberg beat Marquette's top player, Dan Lenica, 6-3, 6-4, in the Knights' 5-2 victory over the Golden Eagles on March 26. Winberg also defeated JSU's Steve Taylor, 6-2, 6-4, in the team's 6-1 victory over the Gamecocks March 28.

"Personally, I felt like I was a little rusty out there," he said. "Because of my illness, I had to be away from play which is something I'm not used to. Luckily, though, I had a couple of tough, long matches this week and I think I'm ready to go. I'm really looking forward to this trip."

UCF's upcoming road trip gets underway on April 1, as the Golden Knights (11-7) visit perennial power UNLV. The team's busy week continues on April 3 at Texas-El Paso, and culminates on April 4 at New Mexico State. The trip marks the first time

Tennis teams keep Culpepper, veteran offense gives defense a wake-up call



By DEREK GONSOULIN Sports Editor

Coach Mike Kruczek expected the starting offense would out perform the first-team defense in the spring's first scrimmage on Saturday, which is exactly why he had them play each other. Kruczek said pitting the younger defenders against the veteran offense could only help the team's development.

"It is tough," he said. "It's been suggested that the ones go against the twos and the twos go against the ones, and I like that in the summer, but I'm kind of hesitant to do that in the spring time. I like good against good. Although it doesn't help the confidence level in the defense right now, they will improve a lot more going against what can be considered the best offense in the country."

Quarterback Daunte Culpepper led the starters to six touchdowns in seven drives, throwing for three and running for one himself. The ground game also had a strong day as the starters gained almost 200 yards and three touchdowns.

"We're far ahead of the previous three years that I've been here," Culpepper said. "With our knowledge of the game, myself, the offensive linemen, the running backs and receivers, everybody, it's almost like we're veterans and we can get anything done.

"Our defense, right now, looks bad, but I think it's getting good work," he added. "I don't think they're going to face an offense that moves the ball like we do and that will be to their advantage."

UCF's men have left the state all year.

"It's going to be an exciting trip. UNLV is always good. They've had a couple of really good Australians and Swedes in the past, including last year's national singles champion. Luckily, he's not there anymore,' said Winberg, who is now 15-1 "UTEP and New Mexico State will be on back to back days, so hopefully we can hang in there and not show fatigue. It'll be really good to head into the TAAC [championships] on an up note."

The match against the NMSU Aggies marks UCF's regular season finale, which is 12 days before the conference tournament. It will be interesting to see if the layoff affects the Knights' play, particularly that of Winberg and No. 2 singles player

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Photo by Mike Marshall Offensive linemen Cornell Green and Freddie Moore helped lead the offense to over 200 yards rushing during the scrimmage March 28.

The offense's handling of the defense continued into the redzone drills, where the firstand second-teams scored touchdowns in

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Baseball off to perfect start in TAAC tournament

BY JEFF CASE Staff Writer

After sweeping Florida Atlantic University in its TAAC opener, the UCF baseball team is ready to rewrite history.

"I think that over the years, we historically start slow in the conference," said Golden Knight coach Jay Bergman. "The team wanted to go out and make a statement as the defending TAAC conference champs.

We wanted to let it be known to other teams that if they want to win the TAAC, they have to go through Orlando."

The Knights (24-11, 3-0) outscored the Owls (23-15, 0-3) 19-5 for the series, allowing only three earned runs while striking out 27.

Senior Todd Bellhorn (8-0) earned the win on March 28, while juniors Chris Miller (3-1) and Matt Lubozynski (3-1) earned wins in each of the doubleheader games on March 29.

Shane Garrett had his best offensive performance of the season in the first game of the doubleheader, hitting two home runs and earning his second five RBI game of the season.

"We really pitched well this weekend," Bergman said. "Todd came out and had a really strong outing for us, Chris pitched six good innings on Sunday and Matt came in, got a lead, and did what he's done all

year.

"Shane Garrett had two clutch home runs for us. He had a concussion in the Bethune-Cookman College game (March 25) and he struggled on Saturday. I was real proud of the way he came back.'

After posting a 7-10 conference record in 1997, Bellhorn said the sweep over the Owls paves the way for success later in the season.

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