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Helping today's youth

Tailback Alex Haynes is helping local children stay on track.

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Crash turns deadly for ZTA member



The Delta Delta Delta sorority memorializes Zeta Tau Alpha member Laura Lamby, who died in a car crash March 17.

JOE KALEITA / CFF

MARCIA MEJIA
STAFF WRITER

Zeta Tau Alpha member Laura Lamby, 19, died as a result of a car wreck March 17 at 12:25 p.m. A Ford F-250 struck the driver's side of Lamby's Toyota Corolla. She was pulling out of the beach in Clearwater to

merge into Courtney Campbell Causeway.

Lamby, a psychology major and honors student, was pronounced dead at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa shortly after the accident.

Lamby drove into the path

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Association isn't just for alumni

PADRA SANCHEZ
STAFF WRITER

Alumni Association

For \$35 per year for individuals and \$55 per year for couples, alumni and parents receive a membership card granting access to more than 60 benefits and services. Off-campus services include SunTrust banking, and discounts at local merchants and restaurants.

On campus, members will receive a 15 percent discount at the UCF bookstore, and non-students can receive a discount to use the Recreation and Wellness Center.

4Ever Knights is exclusive to students. A \$15 fee and a visit to ucfalumni.com will grant student membership.

The UCF Alumni Association is one of the school's largest organizations and is designed to keep members connected with the university and former classmates.

However, it is not limited to just alumni. Current students and their parents are also encouraged to join.

4Ever Knights is exclusively for students and has more than 1,000 members, according to Jill Ziegenfuss, director of college and corporate relations.

"No other campus organization connects you to the largest network of student leaders and alumni," she said.

According to Alumni Association coordinator Carla Cordoba, 4Ever Knights hosts workshops or seminars once a semester for students to participate in career related topics.

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COURTESY, JAMIE BLUME

Irv Rosenfeld legally smokes about 12 marijuana cigarettes a day.

Speaker: marijuana should be legalized

JASON IRSAY
STAFF WRITER

Irv Rosenfeld, one of seven patients to receive medical marijuana from the U.S. government, described the legal difficulties he has faced since using the controversial drug during a speech March 19.

Rosenfeld filed a lawsuit in December against Delta Airlines after the company refused to let Rosenfeld board an airplane last year. Rosenfeld said, "I have traveled

with every major airline, and with Delta at least a dozen times...I told them, 'It has come to your attention that I'm carrying marijuana because I told you.'"

The airline would allow him to fly only if he left his medicine behind. Even after Rosenfeld called the Broward County Sheriff's Office to his defense, Delta did not allow him to fly.

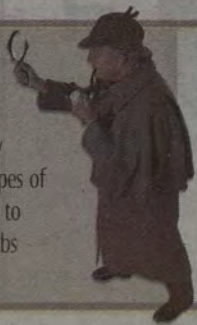
Rosenfeld has been pulled over by police

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Cafe TuTu Tango caters to those with or without artistic talent.

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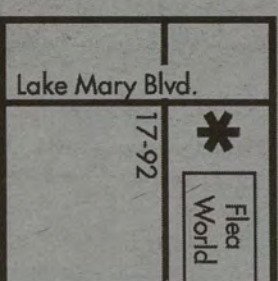
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College a time to discuss organ donation with family

DANIELLE DEPARI
STAFF WRITER

Every 16 minutes a new name is added to a growing list of 80,000 Americans. This list is the organ recipient waiting list, and the people on it are waiting anxiously for a suitable organ donor. Because there is such a need for donors, it is important that students are informed about organ donation.

Carol Rumsey, vice chair of the Florida Coalition on Donation, said: "College is the prime time to become informed about organ donation. Students are at an age where they will soon begin families. They can then be educated enough to talk to their family about donation. Also, they will soon be entering the work place, and get to educate co-workers."

Generally, a person's organs cannot be used unless the deceased gave prior permission to use the organs. If the deceased does not give consented permission or permission is not granted by the next of kin, there is no way organs can be used.

Florida added an extra component to using organs. In this state, a family member must give permission for the hospital to use the organs of the deceased. This means even if the deceased was willing to donate organs, they cannot be used until a family member has given the final say.

This is why it is so important for organ donors to make their family and friends aware of their beliefs on organ donations.

Rumsey said 85 percent of Americans said they support organ donation. However, most people say they don't know how their deceased family member would feel about it.

A primarily goal of organ donation



Junior Kacy Cordwell of Sweet Treats hands out free ice cream to organ donors.

HENRY LENZ / CFF

awareness organizations is simply getting people to talk about the issue

Student affected by organ transplant

Almost five years ago, Vanessa

Brown's father became so ill that he was put on an organ recipient waiting list and four days later was given a organ. Her father was given a liver from a car accident victim and was in surgery for 12 hours during the transplant.

Bowman said, "It's a touchy subject,

because of different views and ways of life. Many students never think much about it, until they are put into a situation where they themselves or a loved one is put into a predicament where they need an organ."

Bowman is an active member of the Get Carded program at UCF, which informs students about organ donation.

She said, "Our purpose is to get correct information on organ donation out to students."

Student involvement

C.J. Hemeyer, director of the Get Carded, said, "Minority donors are in great need. Minority recipients are more likely to find a match with another of their same decent."

Hemeyer added, "The number of minority donors is small, while the number of minorities on the waiting list continues to rise. Being on a diverse campus gives us an effective way to reach this population."

Students' awareness of the extreme shortage of organ donors is one of the key steps to correcting this problem.

Bowman said, "It's an issue that many students would support. I don't think many students realize the significant problem with it, and how it works. It's not something we think about everyday."

Student Kevin Leonard said, "I am a donor because I feel that others would benefit greatly from it and have a chance to live life as I fortunately have been able to."

Rumsey said: "Donation gives each one of us the opportunity to be a hero for someone else. No matter who you are, you may someday be able to give the most incredible gift — life. That's worth celebrating."

Lamby was an honors student

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of the truck, which was driven by William Powledge of Lithia, according to the Clearwater police report.

The lanes leading out of the beach area are covered with sand, which can sometimes cause tires to lose footing when drivers accelerate out to merge with traffic.

A family member of the victim came to the Zeta house to inform them of the Lamby's death.

A candlelight vigil was held by Zeta on March 18 in honor of the student. Candles lit the Greek Park Drive as hundreds of students gathered in front of the Zeta house. Everyone stood in a circle holding a candle and listening to speakers, including Zeta house president Allison Levy and prayers from campus ministries.

"Some knew Laura personally and some knew of Laura but all were praying for her," according to a Greek press release. "This night had an impact on everyone that attended and gave a sense of unity between all Greeks."

Many of the Zeta sisters also attended the wake and funeral on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Get Carded receives hundreds of donor cards at fair

SHEYLA NIEVES
STAFF WRITER

Get Carded received about 250 signed organ donor cards and distributed more than 1,000 at its annual fair March 20.

Get Carded, Volunteer UCF's organ and tissue awareness program, held the fair at the Student Union where faculty and students were given handouts on organ donor myths, religious and minority issues and ways to help were available to passing observers.

Students could take a five-question quiz testing their knowledge on organ donation to get a free T-shirt.

"We want people to understand the magnitude of the situation," Connie Jo Hemeyer, director of Get Carded said. "This way we're not just giving them organ donor cards, we're educating them."

Get Carded lured students to its booths with free food, music and games,

Volunteers handed out free cookies and ice cream while spectators could play in the inflatable obstacle course or bounce house. Lady J from Orlando's 95.3 Party station gave free concert tickets to observers and signed an organ donor card at the fair.

Hemeyer said students seemed excited and receptive about the topic.

Junior Laura Sejnowski went to the event and said, "College students are uninformed about issues and it's just very important for people our age to become involved and publicize the issue a little bit more."

Get Carded began in 1997 at UCF when a former VUCF director created the program with Translife. Translife, Florida Hospital's organ and tissue program, helps Get Carded with expert information and supplies.

Initially planned as a single event, the awareness campaign plans activities



Junior Nelisse Rivera (second from left) and senior Jeanette Caesar explain the Get Carded program to potential donors.

HENRY LENZ / CFF

throughout the year. Get Carded has dispersed more than 54,000 organ donor cards since 1997, Rumsey said.

The University of Florida, Florida Atlantic University and University of South Florida have developed programs based on

news

Tax breaks specific to students

MARCIA MEJIA
STAFF WRITER

Tax help

Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting honor society, is offering tax-filing assistance to students through VITA, a national program to help low-income taxpayers file their tax returns. It's generally, depending on room availability, offered Wednesday thru Friday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., until April in the Student Union. The Student Union has more information about room number.

Tax time is here again! Remember, they're due April 15.

Here is a breakdown of some new and traditional higher education tax breaks and how students can take advantage of them.

A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction, while a deduction reduces your taxable income by a percent of a dollar. For example, if you're in the 28 percent tax bracket, a \$100 deduction means you'll pay \$28 less in taxes.

Remember, you can't qualify for more than one tax credit or deduction for the same expenses.

The individual or individuals claiming the student on their tax return receive the above tax credits and deductions. Otherwise, the student receives the tax breaks.

Remember the rebate checks you received last year? They were actually advanced credits against your 2001 taxes.

Most singles received \$300 and married couples received \$600. Taxpayers received these checks according to their 2000 tax filing assuming most would have the same numbers for their 2001 filings.

Student tax breaks

Break	AGI limit	Phase out AGI limit	Eligible students	Maximum credit/deduction
Hope Credit	\$40,000 for single filers \$80,000 for married filers	\$65,000 for single filers \$130,000 for married filers	Freshmen, sophomores taking six or more credit hours	\$1,500 Covers 100 percent of first \$1,000 eligible expenses; covers 50 percent of next \$1,000
Lifetime Learning Tax Credit	\$40,000 for single filers \$80,000 for married filers	\$65,000 for single filers \$130,000 for married filers	Undergraduate and graduate students taking three or more credit hours	\$1,000 Covers 20 percent of first \$5,000 in expenses
Rate Reduction Credit	None	None	All	\$600
Higher Learning Deduction	\$65,000 for single filers \$135,000 for married filers	None	All who didn't work in 2000, but did in 2001; or students with a change of status.	\$2,000
Employer-Assisted Tuition Reimbursement Deduction	None	None	Undergraduate and graduate students	\$5,250

But if money circumstances changed in 2001, you may be able to claim a Rate Reduction Credit this year.

For example, if you didn't work in 2000, you didn't get a check. But if you did work in 2001, you overpaid your taxes for the first six months and didn't get any of it when others did.

Last year's new tax law created a 10-percent tax bracket that was retroactive to Jan. 1, 2001. The portion

of money earned during the first half of the year was overtaxed. For many, tax on this money was collected through payroll withholding at the existing 15 percent rate. The checks were payback for the first half of 2001—5 percent excess withholding.

Other circumstances that might make you eligible to claim Rate Reduction is a change in status. For example, if you claimed single in 2000 and that status changed to head of

household in 2001, you may be eligible for an additional \$200 tax relief.

Eligible expenses for higher education breaks include tuition and required fees. Expenses for books and supplies are generally not included unless they are paid to the university as a condition of enrollment—not applicable at UCF. Room and board, insurance, transportation and health fees are not eligible expenses—even if they are required for enrollment.

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Industries would suffer if marijuana were legalized

Delta Airlines refused to let Irv Rosenfeld board a plane with his legal medical marijuana.



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who have seen him smoking marijuana cigarettes, only to be released after showing the authorities his federal prescription.

Rosenfeld suffers from multiple congenital cartilaginous exostosis, a rare and very painful disease that causes the muscles in his legs to tightly wrap around the bones. Without his medicine, Rosenfeld cannot function in society. He cannot even walk. Smoking marijuana allows Rosenfeld to be a productive member of society as a stockbroker.

Rosenfeld's wife spoke briefly. She said that while she doesn't like the smoke, she has witnessed firsthand the effectiveness of marijuana on her husband.

Citing the conservative nature of the current Supreme Court, Rosenfeld said, "The fight really is in Congress." The best way to bring about change, Rosenfeld said, is to get Congress to change the law.

Rosenfeld dismissed claims about the negative effects of marijuana. He participated in a study at the University of Montana that included tests of his lung capacity and mental abilities. "After 31 years of use, my lungs are perfect," he said. Rosenfeld refuted the effectiveness of

Marinol, the pill that contains tetrahydrocannabinol, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. He said he didn't feel anything from using Marinol.

Rosenfeld said he has only experienced a high from the marijuana once, and believes it was because of alcohol.

Rosenfeld said that he smokes about 12 marijuana cigarettes a day. During the course of a month he smokes 12 to 13 ounces of marijuana. He pays only \$30 a month for this large quantity.

"All we are talking about is a weed. How much does it cost to grow a weed?" Rosenfeld

The fight really is in congress.

—IRV ROSENFELD

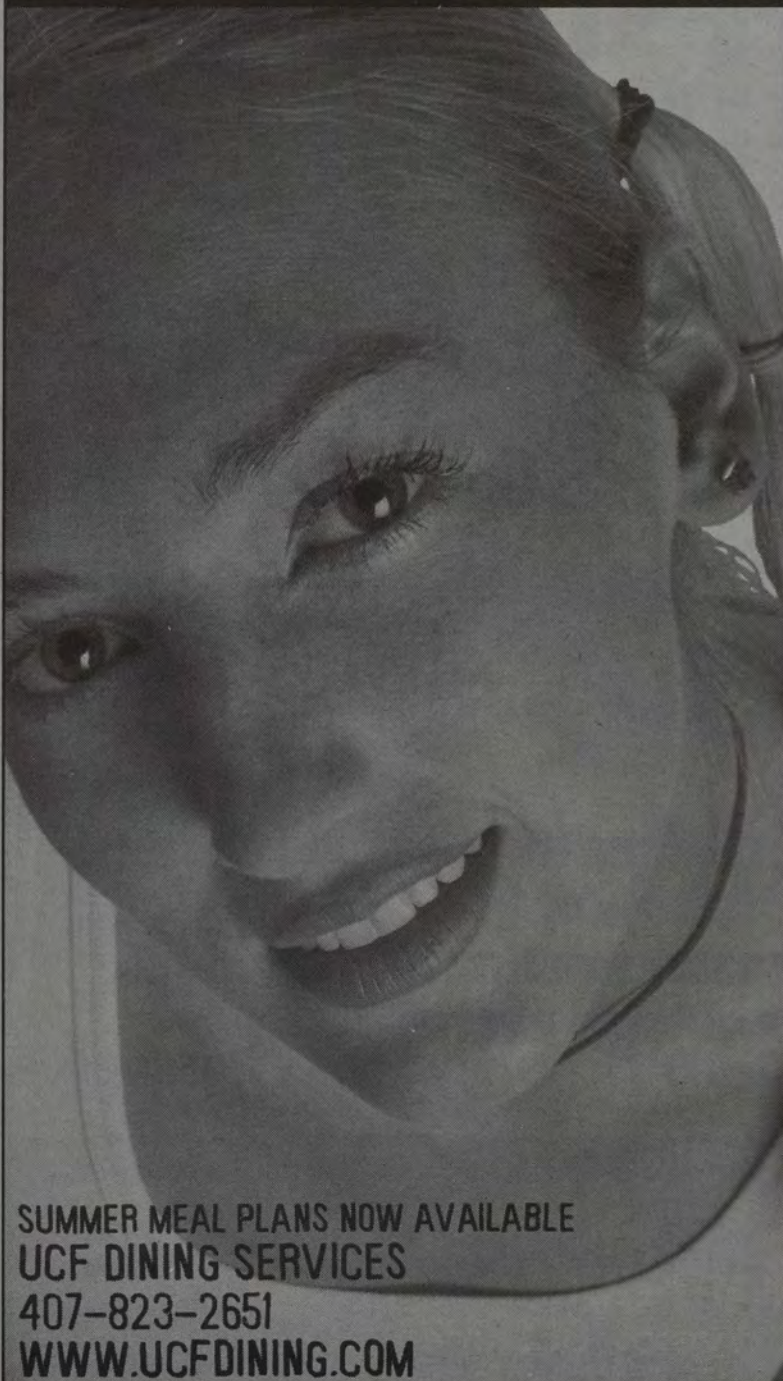
asked.

He does not pay the government for marijuana, but for the shipping costs. Rosenfeld explained the barriers to marijuana legalization, saying that legal marijuana would lead to the legalization of hemp.

The combination of legal marijuana and hemp would hurt several industries, including pharmaceuticals, nylon, lumber and cotton. These powerful industries lobby Congress to keep marijuana illegal.

Rosenfeld spoke to "Psychobiological Aspects of Drug Use," a class taught by Michael E. Dunn.

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Improving economy provides more jobs for college graduates

CATHLEEN CRANE
STAFF WRITER

As U.S. employers add jobs and Florida's unemployment rate drops, job postings at the Career Resource Center have increased.

U.S. employers added 66,000 jobs in February, according to a report by the U.S. Department of Labor released March 8. These jobs represent the first employment gain in seven months. Citing this gain, the National Bureau of Economic Research stated, "The decline in activity that began last year may be coming to an end."

Florida's unemployment rate dropped to 5.2 percent in January, from 6.0 percent in December, according to a March 1 release by the Florida Department of Labor. The unemployment rate in Orange County, however, increased to 6.1 percent in January from 5.9 percent in December 2001.

The number of employers participating in job fairs and on-campus recruiting has dropped by 30 percent, but job postings have increased, according to Annie Ware, an assistant director at the CRC.

CRC postings include

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news

Greek Beat



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Miranda Kucera of Delta Delta Delta was crowned Pi Kapp Princess 2002 on March 20 at the Student Resource Center.

Delta Delta Delta named Pi Kapp Princess

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CONTRIBUTING WRITER

More than 250 women from all nine sororities showed up to the Student Resource Center Auditorium to cheer on contestants for the third annual Pi Kapp Princess pageant.

Talents ranged from singing and dancing to artwork and slide shows.

The nine contestants, each representing a different sorority, competed in formal wear, talent, and a question and answer session.

The judges for the evening were Kristen Harvey, Pi Kapp Princess 2001, Heather

Kershaw, Pi Kapp's Rose Queen 2002, Jared Schiller, Interfraternity Council president, and Tommy Eriksen, 2001 Chief Elections commissioner for Student Government.

The event was emceed by Clayton Carter, with live music played by APB (Adam Payne, Evan Siegel, Jason Catlette and Andy Viren).

In the end, Miranda Kucera from Delta Delta Delta took home the crown as Pi Kapp Princess 2002. Melissa McLeod of Alpha Xi Delta was the first runner-up and Nicole Gelford of Delta Gamma was second runner-up.



Clayton Carter emceed the 2002 PiKapp Princess pageant.

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Open positions, hiring listings at Career Resource Center

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Upcoming

Upcoming Career Resource Center seminars include:

Internships—
March 28; Job Search Strategies, April 2

Resume and Cover Letters—
April 3

Interviewing Techniques—
April 3.

full-time positions and internships, Ware said.

"More employers are contacting the CRC to fill internship positions," Ware said. "During tight times, employers use their experiential programs, such as intern and co-op programs, to recruit full-time hires." Some employers also use these programs to source candidates, Ware added.

Hiring of new college graduates will be 20 percent lower than in 2001, according to a recent survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

"When employers have fewer jobs, they usually find it more cost effective to post jobs rather than participate in the on-campus interviewing program," Ware said. Students need to register with the CRC to be able to apply for posted jobs.

In addition to providing access to job postings, the CRC can help students learn more about the potential employment market, Ware said, as well as salaries and

other conditions within that market.

To succeed in this challenging market, Ware recommends that students be more assertive in their career search.

Ware said: "An assertive approach involves 'beating the bushes,' knocking on doors, calling companies about jobs not yet advertised and outmaneuvering the competition. It is called networking the hidden job market and yields the very best results. Statistics show that 80 percent of the jobs are actually found through networking."

Students can apply seminar skills at the Spring 2002 Statewide Job Fair, May 9. Visit the CRC web site, www.crc.ucf.edu for details.

Not all of the hiring news is bad, according to the president of the Web's top entry-level job site for college students. Brian Krueger of Collegegrad.com said: "We have found the floor, and things are going up. I've seen the depths of the early 1980s and early 90s. They think it's bad, but it's not as bad as it has been."

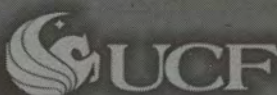
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Fashion show promotes cultural awareness through fashion, music and colorful dances

Two fashion shows, numerous dances, a DJ and a Russian rock band entertained the crowd at the International Student Association's Moda Spectaculum 2002.



MISSY NORDSTROM / CFF

NICOLE TALLEY
STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty filled the Pegasus Grand Ballroom for "Moda Spectaculum 2002," the International Student Association's sixth annual fashion show, on March 22.

ISA President Gwladys Kabore said: "One of ISA's goals is to promote cultural awareness through a few major activities. The fashion show is one of them."

The event's format was as diverse as the cultures represented. Two fashion shows along with unique performances, various dances, a DJ, a live band and gift giveaways flavored the festivities.

In the first fashion show, both students presented traditional cultural attire from Pakistan, Turkey, India, Africa, Nicaragua, China, the Philippines and others.

In the second show, fashion followed a courting couple through the decades. Beginning in the 1970s, moving through the 80s and today's club fashions, stopping at the beach, and culminating in formal and bridal attire.

Econolistic, a Russian rock band played at intervals. Students performed traditional Filipino, Arabic, Cuban, Central American and Trinidadian dances.

A dance group called Club Kreyole and a spoof performed by Econolistic gave the show a lively finish.

ISA Advisor Ragda Kurdy said: "It takes a year of work to prepare for this event. We will soon start preparing for next year's show."

Vishal Malik, a computer engineering graduate student from India, agreed. He said, "We have all been working very hard for this, especially for the last four months."

Malik, who serves as ISA's treasurer, acted as a liaison between the club and the Student Government Association. He handled funding, order placement and shopping as well as modeling in the bridal section.

"It's a wonderful thing to be a part of," Malik said. "It's great to see people from different cultures coming together in such a friendly,

social way."

Chloe Ely, an exchange student from France, was one of the event coordinators.

"It is interesting and open-minded to look at different cultures and see their costumes," she said.

"Mostly international students attend our events," she added. "We have been trying to reach more mainstream American students. We want to show them more than jeans and T-shirts."

Dr. Geraldine Ferris, UCF Board of Trustees charter member, served as master of ceremonies.

"It is important to bring international students together," she said. She added that 9-11 has shown Americans the importance of learning about other cultures.

She said: "America is increasingly dependent on the international economy. We can no longer be isolationists."

The international student population has grown 22 percent in the past three years and UCF's international students represent 70 different countries, Ferris said.

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news

Marketing students finish in top three

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UCF marketing students Lisa Hanger and Jimmy McMillan set a precedent at the nation's collegiate sales competition over spring break. In fact, they set many.

Hanger, who placed first in the competition, and McMillan, who placed third, became the first students from UCF to ever advance to the final round of competition.

Their finish, both in the top three, also earned UCF the best team award at the national competition.

Dr. Karl Sooder, a UCF marketing professor, said: "UCF has done well in the past, as we have always finished in the top quartile. But we have never finished in the top three, much less walked away with two contestants in the top three boxes."

It was also the first time in the competition's history that two students from the same competing school finished in the top three.

Nicole Howatt, a UCF marketing instructor said: "The organizers stated that the talent this year was ten fold.

"What makes it even more of an honor is many of the competitors were sales majors and our students have only taken one selling class."

The annual competition at Baylor University in Texas invites students — many from the nation's top selling schools — to compete in role-play business situations that resemble real-life ones.

Many of the competing schools offer their students a full undergraduate major in selling skills, while UCF has only one marketing course that teaches professional selling.

McMillan said, "My only secret little goal was to kick the butts of those power houses who spend years and years doing this."

Sooder and Howatt credit the student's strong finish to the amount of the time they spent preparing before the competition.

Sooder said: "They put in a tremendous amount of time preparing for this competition, coming to all the rehearsal workshops, three days a week for two months. Seeing some students from other schools, they did not put in the same time and practice in many cases."

Howatt said: "They were both dedicated to their training and both have very strong interpersonal skills. The judges often commented that their strong preparation was evident and that they had the ability to think on their feet."

McMillan said, "It was obvious by the first night we were better than the rest, and by better, I mean we were better educated, better coached and better pre-

pared."

Hanger said: "A lot of the preparation came from my previous experience in sales, but Dr. Sooder and professor Howatt were very good about giving me corrective criticism. They helped me improve in the areas where I was lacking."

Sponsored by FedEx and ACT!, a time management software product, students were evaluated based on their mock-sales presentations by corporate sponsors and marketing professors from competing schools.

By the end of the first two rounds of competition, which consisted of service and product sales demonstrations, McMillan and Hanger ranked second and third place.

A third round, which required students to develop an entirely new sales presentation within thirty minutes, determined the final standings of the competition.

Hanger said: "We were selling ACT! to a different buyer this time, a hot air balloon company. It was the same product but a different buyer, so you had to adjust your selling style to the buyer."

Sooder said, "This is an indication of the increasing quality of our students, and it adds additional credibility to our marketing department across the nation."

The marketing students, who are now known by many companies as the top sales students in the nation, have also captured the attention of distinguished compa-

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Social events and scholarships offered by Alumni Association



SPECIAL TO THE FUTURE

Channel 9 news anchor Marla Weech is an active UCF alumna.

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"The Alumni Association also hosts Networking Knights for specific colleges and majors that 4Ever Knights student members are invited to," Cordoba said.

4Ever Knights wants all students to succeed in their collegiate and post-collegiate careers. Two \$500 scholarships are awarded each spring to students based on their organization involvement, community involvement and GPA.

"Today, students have to begin preparing for their future even before they enter college if they want to be successful in an increasingly competitive work environment after they


graduate," Ziegenfuss said.

"In addition to academic achievement, students must develop social and leadership skills, learn to network and gain some real world experience."

4Ever Knights hosts more than just academic-based events. They often hold socials that allow students to meet their peers, and in some cases, prestigious members of the university.

Member Evelyn Torres said she enjoys all of the activities put together by the association.

"I think the best one was the Parent Banquet at the Burnett House," she said. "It was most memorable because I met the Hitts."



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Pre-professional clubs strengthen resumes

MARCIA MEJIA
STAFF WRITER

Professional organizations offer students the insight, environment and networking the classroom doesn't.

"Involvement in professional organizations shows an employer how serious the student is about their career," Melanie Parker, director of UCF's Career Resource Center said. "Any student in school should become involved in a professional organization as early as possible."

She said most employers who come to her for talent are very interested in the professional associations students are involved in.

"Professional organizations allow students to learn soft

skills, communication and leadership," she said. "These skills are very sought after."

Quotes, an organization for public relations majors, continuously involves its members with the professional community.

"People who join Quotes and participate in its activities have an extra edge," Quotes president Cassandra Etienne said. Although Quotes is not a nationwide organization, members are affiliated with the national Future Public Relations Association.

Quotes' professional involvement includes its mentor program, which recently started. It brings in students and public relations professionals together for a session of networking combined with food, icebreakers and games. By the end of the

session, a professional chooses a student and a student chooses a professional. The two maintain a relationship for as long as needed.

Other perks of Quotes include its internship pursuit; Addies Awards, a competition among the public relations businesses that has been extended to UCF students; guest speakers, which includes public relations UCF alumni; seminars; lunches and projects.

But if students find a poorly run pre-professional organization and don't get the exposure they were seeking, other extracurricular activities related to a student's major are just as helpful on a resume, Parker said.

Besides the political honor society, political science majors can also be involved with pro-

fessionals in the community through the college Democratic, Republican and Libertarian parties.

Former college Republican Party member Scott Grizzard said he met, through his involvement in the party, Congressman Ric Keller and local politician Jim Kallinger.

"They'll [campus political parties] help you network and go to conferences," he said. "Several college Republicans work for Tom Feeney and Democrats are close to Bob Wesley." Feeney is the Florida House speaker, and Wesley is a public defender in Orlando.

However, these extracurricular activities are usually only campus-wide and don't offer one of the best aspects of a nationwide professional organi-

zation: a nationwide network, sometimes complete with contact information of professionals.

Students can also look beyond campus for involvement in a professional organization. Most offer student-discount dues, and the student receives the same benefits a professional member does, according to Parker.

Parker advises that undergraduate students planning to attend graduate school also become involved in professional organizations as soon as possible, even though they're not looking for a working position after four years. Professional organizations give these students the insight and knowledge they need to re-affirm their area of study.



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Businesses are impressed with UCF graduates

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nies like Edward Jones, a financial investment company, Novartis, a pharmaceutical sales company for veterinarians, and IBM, a major information technology corporation.

Howatt said Edward Jones, Novartis and IBM all mentioned they would consider UCF in overall recruiting plans.

McMillan said: "I had companies telling me there are 50 students here and we're only taking three people's resumes. Guess who's is on top?"

He added, "And the recruiters are already calling."

For Hanger, her first place finish was especially gratifying because she had to cut her spring break trip to Spain four days short to attend the competition.

"I had to sacrifice half of my trip to Spain to be at this competition, so in my mind I was thinking the whole time, this has to be worthwhile," she said.

"I debated on whether or not I really wanted to do this, but sometimes a person is led to make the most amazing choices," she said.

Hanger's first place finish also earned her a \$2,000 cash prize and McMillan's third place finish earned him \$1,000.

McMillan said after his experience at this competition, he feels confident that he can handle any business situation.

"Basically, I can sell ice cream to an Eskimo," he said.

He added: "It was nice to come back with checks the size of boogie-boards, but this is largely due to our professors. Their names are the ones that should be on the check."

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Alternative Spring Break makes UCF debut

LIBBY BAIRD
STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty agreed the Alternative Spring Break volunteer program that made its UCF debut two weeks ago was a great success.

The program took 26 students to Nashville, Tenn., Eustis, Fla., and Augusta, Ga., to work on community projects such as building a home and volunteering with sick children.

Jeff Novak, coordinator for the pro-

gram, said, "I think from what I've gathered, the overall highlights was that this is our first year offering Alternative Spring Break and everyone had a great time."

He said, "We really hope this marks the beginning of something that will continue to grow at UCF."

The group of students who volunteered in Nashville built four ramps, ranging in size from 19 feet to 60 feet for the physically disabled.

The group in Augusta teamed-up with the Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate

Challenge and built a home for a needy family.

Nine students went to Eustis to work with sick children at the Boggy Creek Camp for children and young adults who are on ventilators.

Freshman Melissa Mora went to Boggy Creek and says she'd love to do it again.

"My favorite part was working with the kids," Mora said. "The hardest part was working with the kids who had short attention spans because there were a lot of planned activities for them and sometimes

they didn't want to leave a certain area."

Mora said, "It was great to be able to help so many kids and have such a great time."

Because the program was so successful and received so many applications, Novak said he plans to add several locations next year, which would allow more students to attend.

By adding other volunteer projects and communities to the list, the program hopes to take about 50 students next spring break.

College binge drinking rate hasn't dipped

MARYANNE GEORGE
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

It's a quandary for researchers, colleges and parents alike: More college students are living in alcohol-free housing and fewer are joining fraternities and sororities, yet binge drinking rates have not dropped during the past eight years, according to data to be released today by the Harvard School of Public Health.

Meanwhile, a recent study by the University of Michigan found binge drinking has actually increased there - especially among undergraduate women.

Harvard's study found that out of the traditional college students who drink - 18- to 23-year-olds living away from home - seven of 10 acknowledge binge drinking in the past 30 days.

"That's a staggering number," said Henry Wechsler, director of College Alcohol Studies at the Harvard School of Public Health and lead investigator on the study.

Wechsler said it was troubling that colleges were offering more preventive measures, yet hadn't been able to reduce the

binge rate.

"This, to us, indicates very strong forces are continuing to support this level of drinking on campus," he said. "Those factors need to be addressed in policies that colleges take."

The U-M and Harvard studies define binge drinking as having five or more drinks in a row for men, and four or more for women, who tend to weigh less.

The Harvard study found a 65-percent increase in substance-free housing and a 25-percent decrease in fraternity and sorority membership, where it shows binge drinking often occurs. It also chronicled a significant increase in alcohol-education efforts. Still, it found that binge drinking has held at 44 percent from 1993 to 2001 among the 10,000 students surveyed at 119 four-year colleges in 38 states.

At U-M, half of the 3,600 students surveyed last year admitted to binge drinking, compared with 45 percent in 1999, according to the U-M Substance Abuse Research Center survey.

The data on binge drinking and female students surprised researchers.

Binge drinking among

women rose from 42 percent in 1999 to 51 percent last year, according to the survey. In comparison, 48 percent of men reported binge drinking last year.

U-M student Jalia Jenkins said she has seen young women vomiting in the bathroom or feeling too sick to go to class after a night of binge drinking.

"The statistics are correct," said Jenkins, 18, a first-year student from Battle Creek who does not drink. "If you go to a party, you see more than half the young girls drinking."

Stories like those are prompting colleges to focus more on female students' drinking habits.

"We had been focusing on the male frat guy, but the other problem is women who are drinking," said Carol Boyd, director of the U-M Substance Abuse Research Center and a professor of nursing and women's studies.

In addition to consequences such as lower grades, increased drunken driving and alcohol poisoning, women who drink heavily are also at risk of unwanted sex, Boyd said. They also face health risks, such as a 30-percent

increase in the risk of getting breast cancer, Boyd said.

"We will have to increase our gender-specific programming," Boyd said. "Women are a unique high-risk group."

The Harvard study did not find a corresponding growth in binge drinking among women nationwide, but it did find that from 1993 to 2001, rates of binge drinking grew by 8 percentage points at all-women colleges, from 24 percent to 32 percent.

"Our previous surveys found that attending college at an all-women's school was very protective. That seems to be less so now," Wechsler said.

The Harvard study was the first national study in 50 years to track how prevalent binge drinking has become on campuses.

The U-M and Harvard studies found binge drinking varied depending on where students lived. Both found that more than a third of students living in dorms, including those that are supposed to be substance-free, reported binge drinking, compared with about three-fourths of those living in a fraternity or sorority house.

Monica Rose, president of

U-M's Panhellenic Association, which represents 15 sororities, said the data on women will prompt more educational programs.

"We are working on programs that stress both individual and collective responsibility," she said. "The greek community is dissatisfied with the social situation."

Michigan State University has received a \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to study celebratory drinking at parties and after sporting events, according to Dennis Martell, an MSU health educator.

Data collected during a survey of 5,000 MSU students in 2000 found that 57 percent had fewer than five drinks the last time they partied, he said.

"Freshmen think that everyone drinks," Martell said. "But the data shows that 60 percent of students drink moderately or not at all. We give students the actual information because the perception becomes the reality."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

POLICE BEAT

CARLY MORRIS
STAFF WRITER

Linda Astrid Turner, 27, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence March 17. Officer Gerald Emert stopped Turner for running a red light at University Boulevard. When Emert approached Turner, he noticed the smell of alcohol coming from her car. Turner claimed she was driving erratically because she is a diabetic and her blood sugar was off. Emert allowed her to test her blood sugar and she received a

normal reading. Turner admitted she was taking several medications and had a small amount of alcohol "for the first time in eight years." Turner took several field sobriety tests before she was arrested. Turner was taken to the DUI center where she refused breath and urine tests. She requested a blood test, which she was permitted to take at the Orange County Jail.

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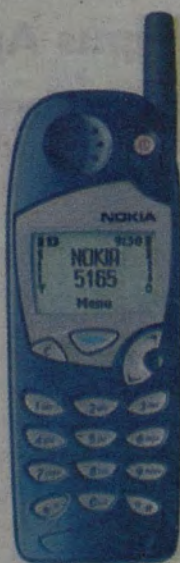
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Both faculty and students of UCF will be recognized at this annual event. Faculty will be honored for their excellence in teaching, research and advising. Those faculty who will be retiring or completing 20 or 30 years of service will also be recognized.

Seven students will be presented a Founders' Award for their success in academic programs and graduate or research work.

When: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; April 3

Where: Pegasus Ballroom

Blood drive

Volunteer UCF will be sponsoring a blood drive 10 a.m.- 6 p.m., March 27 and 28 outside the Student Union.

Library exhibits

The following will be display in the library during April:

- Holocaust: 1933-1945: A Chronology of the Holocaust, by Eva Ritt

- Special Forces: Honor Integrity, Commitment, by Scott Shorr

- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Awareness Month, by Matthew Parton

- College of Education Faculty Publications, by Dr. Larry Hudson

- Distinguished Author Series—2002, Lorrie Moore, by Cheryl Mahan

- Victim Services, by Molli McLaughlin

Brazilian Pelourinho Capoeira performance

Members of the Brazilian Pelourinho Capoeira Academy of Central Florida will perform at 2:30 p.m., March 29 at the Student Union. The performance is a traditional Brazilian folk dance that combines the martial arts, gymnastics, break



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Going wild at Key West

KRISTA ZILIZI
STAFF WRITER

yet I wasn't actually in the contest."

Known for its spectacular sunsets, legendary bars and live and let live attitude, Key West lures vacationers from all over the world.

Key West was a prime attraction for UCF's spring breakers as well.

This year, many UCF students decided to forgo traditional spring break destinations like Panama City, Cancun and Daytona Beach.

UCF students, as well as college students from all over the state, say Key West is becoming an ideal spring break location because of its driving proximity, affordable accommodations and the island's unique ecological beauty and laid-back atmosphere.

"Key West is a perfect spring break city because it's in driving distance and it's not like you have to pay a load of money like you would to go to a place like Cancun," senior Samantha Jenkins said.

The bars also stay open until 4 a.m.

Legendary bars like Sloppy Joe's, Captain Tony's and Hogsbreath — once the only bars on the island — now blend with trendier establishments like Rum Runners, Rick's and Fat Tuesdays that offer spring breakers wet t-shirt contests, booty music and karaoke to satisfy their traditional spring break expectations.

"The nightlife is awesome in Key West," senior Hope Wehrle said, "Rick's is my favorite bar because it reminded me of Chillers here in Orlando."

Jenkins, who involuntarily participated in a wet t-shirt contest at Rum Runners, said, "I was pulled up on stage by this guy during a wet t-shirt contest,

Gay Bars like Bourbon Street Pub, 801 Bourbon and KWEST offered entertainment for spring breakers seeking alternative forms of fun.

"I ended up throwing up in a gay bar and my friend got hit on by a bunch of guys while he was waiting for me," Wehrle said.

Key West's nightlife isn't limited to the uninterrupted strip of bars that line Duval Street. Mallory Square entertains both tourists and locals with a sunset celebration at the Mallory dock where contortionists, mimes and street artists eat fire, walk tightropes and lie on broken glass.

Junior Colin Gower was asked to be part of one contortionist's act, who lied face first in a pile of broken beer bottles while Gower stood on a board on top of the contortionist's back.

"The broken glass was real but he got up and didn't have a single cut on his entire body," Gower said. "I don't how he did it."

Key West offered spring breakers several convenient and inexpensive methods of transportation on the four-mile long, two-mile wide island including taxis, trolleys and bicycles. Yet many spring breakers opted for the island's most expensive but exciting form of travel.

Gas-powered scooters that rented for \$35 a day and required a \$150.00 deposit were worth the extra money according to sophomore Caroline Midtbo.

"The scooters were awesome, I wish I could have brought it home with me," Midtbo said. "I guess my favorite memory of the scooter was getting a parking ticket for parking my in an illegal spot."

Bright Futures available for seniors in summer

AMY EDWARDS
STAFF WRITER

would not be postponed.

School officials say the Bright Futures Scholarship will now be available for seniors during the summer semester.

Student Government President Marco Pena said he and other SGA members asked the Board of Trustees to offer the scholarship to seniors so student graduation

UCF has not made a formal announcement about the scholarship, however, Pena said eligible seniors can contact the SGA office at 407-823-2191 for updates.

Pena said information from financial aid would be "forthcoming."

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In Business and Finance

New Toyota Brand Wants Young Drivers

Toyota Motor Corp. has what is known in the auto industry as a "Buick problem": Its most loyal customers are entering their golden years.

To broaden its appeal, Toyota plans to launch a youth-targeted brand called Scion in the U.S. next year. The company is counting on a clunky box-on-wheels originally aimed at Japan's young drivers, the bB "microvan," to be the centerpiece of the initiative. Toyota is unveiling a modified bB and other Scion "concept" vehicles at the New York auto show this week.

Scion models will be sold at selected Toyota dealers—though in a separate area that Toyota says will offer a "unique cultural experience."

Among the differences: Scion is expected to rely more on the Internet to sell vehicles, with customers going to the dealer to take delivery. The company plans to use a no-haggle pricing plan, like GM's Saturn, and deliver a car within a week of the order.

Medical Records May Lose Shield

Health-care providers wouldn't have to obtain patients' written consent before disclosing their medical information, under changes the Bush administration has proposed to a medical-privacy rule.

The shift, which was immediately criticized by privacy advocates and some congressional Democrats, awards a key victory to the health industry, which lobbied aggressively to alter the requirement. In a proposed revision of the rule released by the administration last week, health-insurance providers, pharmacists, doctors and others would have to make a "good faith effort" to obtain written acknowledgment from patients that they had been informed of their privacy rights.

Under the existing rule, which companies weren't obliged to abide by until April 2004, providers would have needed written consent from patients before disclosing information for purposes such as payment and treatment.

Interest in Buying By Cellphone Fades

Simple and small: That is the message consumers are sending

Aging Audience

Average age of auto buyers, by brand:

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Nissan	41
BMW	42
Dodge	42
Ford	42
Pontiac	42
Hyundai	42
Chevrolet	43
Toyota	44
Saturn	46
Chrysler	47
Cadillac	53
Buick	57

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about how they want to make purchases on mobile phones.

A survey by management consultant A.T. Kearney and Cambridge University's business school shows that consumer enthusiasm for buying things online using mobile phones has fallen steadily since 2000. But interest in paying for small items such as cans of soda or train tickets suggests some less grandiose applications could see wide use.

Only 1% of mobile users surveyed world-wide in January said they intended to use Internet-enabled phones for any type of transaction, down from 12% a year earlier and 32% in June 2000.

But 44% of mobile users world-wide said they would be interested in using what is known as "m-cash." Such systems generally let people make small purchases on the spot by dialing a number on a cellphone, with a charge for the item appearing on the caller's phone bill.

A cautionary note: Only 2% of people surveyed have actually completed an m-cash transaction.

Time's Up: Changes Are Likely in SAT

The College Board has taken the first step toward changing the SAT I college-admissions exam, telling staffers to study how the test should be revised.

A revised SAT I is likely to include a writing exam. It's also likely to drop or cut back on analogies in the verbal exam, which require an understanding of the nuances of English and can place students who speak English as a second language at a disadvantage. The math portion of the exam would be "enriched," an official said.

Trustees of the College Board, which owns the exam, will vote on

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Recalls Surge, Public Yawns

For Consumers, It's Harder To Keep Up; Already, Response Rates Are Low

By CHRIS ADAMS

Recalls of consumer products, food and medical goods have increased sharply recently, prompting concern because the public already ignores many recall campaigns.

At the Food and Drug Administration, which regulates products that account for 25 cents of every consumer dollar spent in the U.S., total recalls jumped 24% last year from the year before. At the Department of Agriculture, which regulates meat, recalls jumped 14% and are up more than threefold since 1996. The Consumer Product Safety Commission, which has jurisdiction over more than 15,000 kinds of consumer products, had more recalls in 2001 than in most years since 1990.

But "a majority of [recalled] products out there never come back—they remain out there, and in some cases we're talking about cribs and portable play sets and products that kill kids," says Sally Greenberg, a lawyer with Consumers Union, the nonprofit group that publishes Consumer Reports. For some goods recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Commission, for example, the return rate is just 20%.

Recalls are surging for a host of reasons. Manufacturing problems

have led to recalls of some drugs and medical devices, while concern about the prospect of mad-cow disease jumping to the U.S. has led to recalls of blood and animal-feed products. The FDA in recent years oversaw recalls of dog chew toys made of pigs' ears because of possible salmonella contamination. The toys posed a possible danger to toddlers and others who played with pets that were gnawing on the toys.

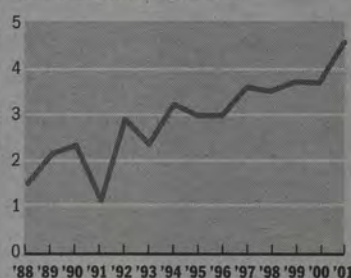
Whatever the causes, it is clear that there are now so many recalls that it is difficult for both average consumers and sophisticated users—hospitals, for example—to know about and act on all the warnings.

One of the most worrisome, long-standing examples involves Lane and Virginia Maid cedar chests, made by Lane Furniture. The chests, often handed down by family members, used to be made with lids that latched shut automatically. In the past 25 years, 12 children died after accidentally locking themselves in the chests while playing, Lane says.

In 1996, Lane recalled 12 million chests made from 1912 to 1987 (the company estimates that of those, 6.5 million are still in use). But, the company says, despite a campaign that has included ads in women's magazines and an offer to equip the chests with safer locks, customers have replaced only 115,600 of the old locks. Last year, five children died in two incidents after locking themselves in the chests, the company says. The product-safety commis-

Upswing

Recalls overseen by the Food and Drug Administration, in thousands



Source: FDA

sion says it is talking with the company about its recall efforts, but "it's clear more needs to be done," says agency spokesman Ken Giles.

Last year, the commission began exploring a new system that could require manufacturers to include "purchaser identification cards" with certain products, such as those used for infants. If a product was recalled, the company could quickly contact purchasers. There is evidence that consumers do pay attention to such cards so long as they don't think the cards are marketing gimmicks. Data have shown that recalls without some sort of direct-mail system are in the 25% range; with them, they can reach 90%.

But even when companies notify owners of recalled products, recovery rates can lag. The problem was highlighted recently by the deaths

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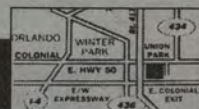


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Obesity Causes Heart Disease in Young

By RON WINSLOW

The obesity epidemic sweeping the U.S. is yielding an early and troubling condition in young people: enlarged hearts.

A study of 575 otherwise healthy young women found that 25% had abnormally large hearts. More disturbing, 20% of the women in the study were diagnosed with left ventricular hypertrophy, an enlargement of the heart's main pumping chamber—and a condition highly predictive of future heart problems. Nearly all of the women with the condition were obese; the average age of the group was 20.

"To us it was terribly surprising that these women already have hypertrophy," says Thomas R. Kimball, a researcher at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and an author

of the report, presented last week at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology.

The results underscore the growing public health concern about the increasing numbers of Americans—especially young people—who are overweight or obese. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 13% of the nation's children and adolescents are seriously overweight. Some believe the total is even higher. That, in turn, is leading to a sharp rise in Type 2 diabetes among young people, a debilitating health problem that is usually viewed as a disease of middle age or later.

The process of heart disease "clearly begins at a very young age," says Daniel Jones, director of hypertension at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, Miss. "Children who are over-

weight are much more likely to get heart disease earlier in life" than other people, he adds.

Left ventricular hypertrophy, common among people with chronic high blood pressure, leads to a weakening of the heart muscle, undermining its ability to efficiently pump blood through the body. It is also a precursor to congestive heart failure, a lethal problem that already afflicts about five million Americans.

Surprisingly, the report's author notes, nearly all of the women in the study had normal blood pressure, suggesting that obesity itself is playing the dominant role in affecting the heart muscle. Exactly why obesity might be linked to an enlarged heart isn't clear. "There's not a lot known about it," Dr. Jones says, though people who are obese with high blood pressure are at particularly high risk for the condition.

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of two patients at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, possibly from infections received from a specialized medical device that had been recalled.

The devices—bronchoscopes, or flexible tubes with a small light and camera used to evaluate the airways of the lung—were made by the U.S. unit of Japan's Olympus Optical Co. Last December, Olympus sent notices seeking to recall 4,700 of the devices, but by early March only about 40% had been returned, the company says.

Among those in service past the recall date were three at Hopkins. Olympus had notified the hospital, but the notice was delivered to the

wrong address at the hospital, officials there said. Hopkins returned defective bronchoscopes in early February after it became aware of the recall, but it said earlier this month that infections that may have been linked to the contaminated bronchoscopes played a role in two deaths.

Sidney Wolfe, director of Public Citizen Health Research Group, a Washington-based advocacy organization, says the ability of the FDA to oversee recalls is limited. Most recalls are voluntary, and although companies generally go along with the regulators' wishes, "the plan for the recall is left largely up to the companies."

Regulators' inability to ensure

that recalls are carried out swiftly has also been criticized by congressional investigators. Last year, the General Accounting Office said the FDA had been hampered in efforts to monitor the safety of products on the market because more and more of its resources were being applied to the congressionally mandated effort to speed up drug approvals.

Steve Niedelman, a key official in the office of enforcement at the FDA, says there are times that "we do have to push a little harder" to get a company to undertake a recall. But, he says, "for the most part the firms are fairly cooperative. They realize that their liability does increase if they fail to take the right action."

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In Business and Finance

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the changes in June. The high-school graduating class of 2006 would be the first to use a revised test.

The board has been under pressure to revise the SAT I since the University of California last year proposed dropping it in favor of a test more closely linked to the state's high-school curriculum. UC and other critics say the SAT favors youngsters from middle- and upper-income families over disadvantaged students.

Yahoo to Charge For E-Mail Feature

Yahoo Inc., trying to drum up revenue amid an advertising slump, will start charging for mail-forwarding features.

The Sunnyvale, Calif., company said it would stop providing free access to users who have their Yahoo e-mail forwarded to outside services such as Eudora and Microsoft Corp.'s Outlook. Starting April 24, users will have to pay \$29.99 a year for the mail-forwarding service, though users that sign up for it prior to that date can pay a discounted price of \$19.99.

The move marks the first time the company has transformed a free communications feature into a paid service.

Taking Political Aim At Steel Levies

The European Union is making plans to retaliate against President

Bush's recent imposition of steel tariffs by hitting the Republican Party where it hurts the most: at the ballot box.

The EU is preparing a list of U.S. imported products valued at \$2.1 billion annually that could be hit with heavy tariffs. Among the items on the list: Harley-Davidson motorcycles, Tropicana orange juice, textiles and steel products. Many of the targeted industries are concentrated in states such as Florida, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, which figure prominently in GOP efforts to retain control of the House of Representatives in the fall elections.

Odds & Ends

After months of complaints and technical problems, AOL Time Warner will no longer require divisions of the old Time Warner to use an AOL e-mail system....**Pepsi unseats Coke** on United Airlines in a five-year contract that takes effect May 1, ending the carrier's decades-long pact with Coke.


—Don Arbour

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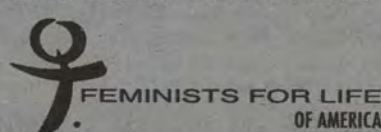
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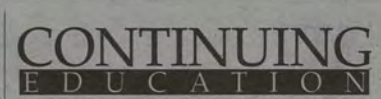


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OUR STANCE:

Joining the Alumni Association important after graduation

How many soon-to-be UCF graduates are saying "I am so glad to be out, I am never coming back to this school again. I want it to be a distant memory?"

No doubt the students who have come before felt the same way, a feeling that comes with the anxiety of finally, after years in an educational institution of any kind, having the chance to go into the real world.

If every graduate actually made UCF a distant memory, however, UCF might not be where it is today.

The new athletic facility being built next to the arena is mostly funded by UCF alumni. The aptly-named Alumni Auditorium in the new engineering building was paid for by alumni. Individual departments and university-wide scholarships benefit from UCF alumni. Most of the equipment in every new structure on campus is funded with alumni dollars.

As an active alumni, you benefit yourself as well as your university. Many employers favor graduates of their alma mater when hiring, and remaining active provides valuable networking opportunities. Siblings and eventually offspring

stand a better chance of being admitted into UCF and programs within the university.

If nothing else, you can help ensure that students have a chance at a decent education and graduate to become fairly successful. Which looks better, coming from a school of unsuccessful slackers, or coming from a school of free-thinking citizens who will leave a mark on our society?

UCF has a disadvantage over other schools – 50 percent of UCF alumni graduated in the last 10 years. UCF also ranks fourth in the state for private donations. Others schools are older and more established, so schools like the University of Florida might have more to offer a student thanks to active alumni. However, UF couldn't have always had a strong alumni base.

Even if you can't afford to give money to the UCF Foundation, which controls the annual fund, stay connected. Join the Alumni Association. Living out of state is no excuse. There are 22 UCF alumni chapters and clubs worldwide, in cities like New York, Atlanta, Houston, Seattle and L.A. – and, of course, there's always the Internet.

OUR STANCE:

Protection of Florida's Sunshine Laws is a must

We have a right as not only Americans, but also Florida residents to know what is going on in our government. In a state that serves as a model for public information laws — or Sunshine Laws — we are privileged to an insurmountable amount of information—more than any other state grants.

Last week, our rights were threatened. State lawmakers attempted to pass several dozen bills that would prohibit access to death certificates, government contracts and spending and juvenile records.

One of the bills would allow records of medical malpractice to be concealed. That means your doctor could have been sued and found guilty of malpractice and you would never know.

So what are our representatives hiding? Why do they want to change the successful model that so many scholars have

applauded? These lawmakers say they were trying to prohibit access of records to terrorists because of public safety in wake of Sept. 11.

It was a weak attempt to correlate their own selfish needs to hide information in the name of a national tragedy.

Many of the proposed bills were killed at the end of the session, in what open-records advocates view as a semi-victory.

Semi-victory, because it could have been much worse. Bills that would allow secret meetings for government officials were killed, but then again, several other records were closed.

The Sunshine Laws are a vital aspect of Florida's legal system. Anyone and everyone has the right to free access of public records without being hassled or questioned why.

Letters to the Editor

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Gays going Greek

In response to Krista Zilizi's column about the way gays are treated by the Greek system: It is not the Greek community's responsibility to be involved with homosexual philanthropies.

Greeks do a ton of philanthropies that help a lot of people. Organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Make a Wish Foundation, Children's Miracle Network and muscular dystrophy receive the Greek community's tremendous support.

Also, fraternities and sororities are inherently heterosexual organizations and are mutually exclusive. I'm not sure how I'd feel if some of my brothers began dating each other, I think it would make things very uncomfortable to say the least.

If homosexuals feel excluded by the organizations on campus and want a homosexual fraternity/sorority, then I suggest they start one.

The article was ignorant and if Zilizi is so angry about the whole thing why doesn't she start a multi-sexual sorority so you and your "sisters" can hand out rainbow stickers in front of the student union.

Fraternities/sororities don't have to "catch up with the rest of society" if we don't want to, they are our organizations, not yours, and not anyone else's. If you don't like it, start your own and stop bashing Greeks.

—ANDREW J. MONNOT

God doesn't belong in government

Amy Edwards's article on groups favoring the separation of church and state neglects to mention that the same groups that are "all up in everyone's business" also give Amy and millions of others the right to believe in any religion. If it weren't for the ACLU, the many believers of Islam, Hindu and other religions would likely have Christianity forced upon them.

Amy also neglects that the separation of church and state does not in any way restrict the rights of the people. Businesses are free to post "God Bless America" on billboards. The U.S. government is not. The public can give money to

churches. The U.S. government cannot.

I do not know what religion Amy practices in particular, but let's assume it's a denomination of Christianity. How would she feel if she were forced to follow the teachings of another sect of Christianity because the government supported it rather than hers?

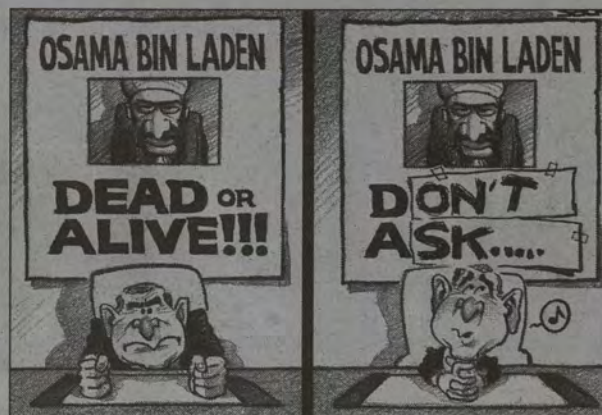
Oppressed, probably.

We who are not Christians feel the same kind of oppression when we see the government supporting a Christian God, or any God for that matter.

—GORDON WORLEY

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Online poll

"Do you plan on joining the Alumni Association?"



UCF graduate

Amanda Lang

"I joined the day I graduated so I could get a free T-shirt."



Junior

Julia Wissinger

"I plan to join because I want to stay connected and involved. I want to give back because UCF is a big part of my life."



Senior

Jevon Knowles

"My brother graduated from UCF and there are quite a bit of benefits I didn't know about— like using the gym."



Graduate student

Rhonda Elwis

"I don't think I'll join after I graduate school either, because I don't plan on coming back."

We asked you online "Do you plan on joining the Alumni Association when you graduate? This is what you had to say:

Yes: 47% No: 29% Undecided: 24%

The sex scorecard: should women ever have more partners than men?

BEYOND CALAMITIES



KRISTA ZILIZI
STAFF WRITER

I once decided to reveal my number to a guy I was dating. The number I'm talking about is the number of sexual partners I have had in my life.

It was the beginning of the end.

The moon fell out of the sky, the earth opened up and hell began to freeze over.

No, not really. It was his hell that began freezing over as his sexual dominance began to crumble under mine. My world remained perfectly intact.

My number, which was one more than his, was completely unacceptable because women were never supposed to have more sexual partners than men, according to him.

I was struck by his sexual conservatism, mainly because our relationship sprung from a casual hookup years ago. He was undaunted by my sexual liberation back then.

Does that mean a girl's number of sexual partners could jeopardize her chances to find a meaningful relationship?

It made me wonder why guys who are incessantly screaming for sex on a regular basis — while unwilling to commit to relationships — expect their future girlfriends and wives to have fewer sexual partners than they've had themselves when they are finally ready to commit to one woman.

I considered never revealing my true sexual history to potential boyfriends in the future and stick with the three-partners rule.

The three partners rule is a man's ideal concept of what every woman's sexual history should be.

Three because it's more believable than one or zero partners, yet still unthreatening enough to a guy who believes women compare their sexual partners with every man they have ever had in the past.

Three because men looking for sexual gratification can somehow justify a one-night stand with a three-partner girl, but can't with a girl who's still got her virginity.

But doesn't it seem absurd to lie about one's sexual history in an environment where one-night stands, casual sex

and multiple sex partners are an encouraged and normal part of college relations?

Absurd, maybe. But double standards tend to be that way.

Many guys, even those sexually liberated by 30 or 40 partners, whine that women should never have more sex partners than men. Many maintain they would never date women who have slept around, but are willing to have casual sex with the very women they condemn.

But if men are turned off by the notion of committing to a woman who has more sex than themselves, then how does that explain why most men are attracted to women who are intensely erotic and sexually uninhibited in the sack in the first place?

Rooted in that double standard is another irrationality — the idea that women have a different sexual nature than men.

The idea is that men require sex to fulfill some type of physical need; sort of like eating, sleeping and breathing. In contrast, men consider sex for women less essential, comparable to something like getting her nails manicured.

Are women less deserving of sexual gratification or less safe about their sexual exploration than men? Of course not.

But perhaps the problem is rooted elsewhere. Maybe guys feel like the tables have been turned on them, as if they're losing the very game they invented.

For guys who have proclaimed that the best sex is the kind with no strings attached, those very same guys are starting to feel an emotional burn from their (female) partners who are enjoying sex on the very same level, but this time at the guy's (rather than the woman's) emotional expense.

In college, a playpen of sexual exploration, why can't guys make the same allowances for a girl's sexual behavior as they have made for themselves?

Moreover, why can't girls have the same fun without being labeled promiscuous, easy or slutty?

On a more obvious note, have men considered the notion that if girls weren't putting out, then guys wouldn't be getting laid? Would their world be a better place if girls remained sexually inactive?

Theirs wouldn't and neither would ours.

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A sign of better things to come

SPEECHLESS



CHRISTIE HARDEN
STAFF WRITER

Running up and down the front steps of UCF's new recreation and wellness center could be a workout in itself, but once inside, anyone can see that our tuition dollars really were hard at work. This mountain full of TVs, sweat, and a plethora of electronic knobs and whistles has quickly become a social core of our campus.

That's right, not only are UCF students looking better, but we are bonding a little bit and maybe even subconsciously enhancing school spirit. What could bring us together more than being able to start a pick up game of basketball at almost any time during the week? People who are looking to make new friends can just say, "let's workout sometime."

The new equipment leaves something for everyone, and the multi-level divisions add just the right touch. Because I sometimes feel like a hamster on a treadmill, I really enjoy the track above the basketball courts. The big glass wall in the front even opens up the whole building to the outside weather.

Remember "Saved By the Bell?" The locker

rooms are definitely a glorified version of the ones at Bayside High.

At the beginning of spring break, I was riding through UCF with a couple of friends from Florida State University. They thought the parking garages were impressive, but when we passed the new rec center, they practically had to wipe the drool. I was quick to remind them that they have a stadium, but it was nice to point out the colossal wall TV.

One of the few gripes I have heard about the center is that guests are so limited. Not just anyone can come and watch intramural games inside. Unfortunately, your parents or that girlfriend or boyfriend from out of state cannot catch your floor hockey skills without a UCF ID card. Hopefully, that will change.

We had to handle the construction and the delays of construction, but it was well worth it for the end result. For those who have classes in Business Administration and other noise-filled structures, keep telling yourself that the Star Wars battle-like construction outside will also be well worth it someday.

It's time to recognize the success of the newest unofficial student union. The rec center is definitely a sign of better things to come.

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ADAM SHIVER / CFF

Many students agree the new Recreation and Wellness Center was money well spent.

Best Buy will rip you off

HORSE WITH NO NAME



JOEY MYERS
STAFF WRITER

I used to work in retail. There is only one thing that I can really say about retail, it sucks. Yep, that is all there is to say about that one. Shoppers, just like patrons in a restaurant, are rude and obnoxious. They always think they are right. What is the only difference? There are no tips in retail.

Some jobs are worse than others. Target, for example, was a pretty great place to work, overall. Well, from my experience it was. There was stress, but not like Best Buy.

The Performance Service Plan and Replacement Plan are rip-offs. I am sure you have heard of them, even purchased them at some point in time. Why would you want one? Well, it "guarantees" performance for some period of years. It covers your invest-

ment. Or does it?

From my own experiences, both as an employee and a customer, it will fix something, eventually. After weeks and weeks of not having your precious item, it will be returned to you, possibly even in working condition. If you were expecting a new one, don't.

You see, and item has to be sent off and returned to some service center in Miami four times before they consider replacing it. That means, in essence, that your equipment will have to break a total of five times, unless they just couldn't fix it.

Do the sales people know this when they push this sale? Of course they do—I should know! Why then do they sell them? Well, for those of you who don't know this, the service plan is basically 100% profit! The plan that covers a large television is \$100, but the employee price is a mere \$7!

But you thought that Best Buy sales reps are non-commissioned? Correct! In fact, Best Buy even rams this down your throat at the door, using the non-commission statement (right after they push the wonderful MSN 7.0), to promote a stress-free shopping

experience, unlike Circuit City.

Who, then, wants you to buy it? Why do they push it? The Best Buy Machine. The management pushes these reps so much, I'm surprised we haven't seen one go postal yet! If you don't deliver, you're gone, end of story.

This is the stress-free environment they hired into (well, that is what Best Buy promises when you get hired), you see. Don't pressure the customer, but lie to them if you have to. In fact, many times, a rep will lie about a product being in stock if the customer rejects the service plan. Don't believe me? Check out BestBuySux.Org for more evidence.

The moral of this story? I'm not saying you shouldn't shop at Best Buy. They sell some great stuff, and their prices aren't too bad either. However, I wouldn't buy the PSP or the PRP. Whatever you are spending, they intend to attach between 10 percent to 20 percent more for up-sells! It's a rip off, nothing more than a scam to get more money out of you.

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'Let's Roll' to join Air Force

DARCY ELENA RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

The events of Sept. 11 have made a grave impression in the minds of Americans. The United States military has been busy and signs of the end of the war are far.

Recently, the Air Force announced they would paint "Let's Roll" on the sides of some jets.

Attack victim Todd Beamer said these

now infamous words when he and several others decided to attack the men who hijacked, and eventually crashed their plane outside of Pittsburgh.

Reports said the Air Force will be painting them on the sides of one jet within a group until Sept. 11, 2002. Afterwards, the text will be erased and the jets back to normal.

There are two issues with this decision. First, why not paint this on all the jets and second, why only until Sept. 11?

Painting "Roll" on the side of one jet in the group is a benevolent gesture and it makes sense since it's the one in the lead. By painting the slogan on the side of their jets, the Air Force is remembering and honoring the victims of Sept. 11.

Keeping "Let's Roll" on the jets just until Sept. 11 is contradicting the action. Why not keep it on for good? The events of Sept. 11 will remain with the nation forever. The one year anniversary of Sept. 11 is a mere six months

away. The words should remain on the jets as a reminder of just what we're fighting for.

This war will continue long after Sept. 11 and these words can serve to remind the nation that lives were lost and all of the brave Americans who were involved. Todd Beamer's words were obviously inspirational to many aboard flight 93 and should be the same for the Air Force and nation. I salute the Air Force's action and would like to see "Let's Roll" on the sides of jets for years to come.

L. KELLY
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Plain Janes are eco-heroines

Call it a righteous victory for all the women out there who don't primp and preen, and for the guys who believe that a five-minute shower is all they need to face the world.

Turns out, we're on the front lines of environmental defense.

An analysis released recently by a team of scientists for the U.S. Geological Survey shows that a variety of chemicals from personal-care products - shampoo, makeup, deodorant and such - are among the 95 "organic wastewater contaminants" found in U.S. waterways.

Sure, we no-makeup types just thought we were saving time and

money by not spending an hour every morning in front of the mirror.

We comb-and-go folks thought we were just simplifying our lives.

Most of us never dreamed we were on the cutting edge of an "emerging" environmental issue.

You see, all those beauty products eventually get scrubbed off faces and washed out of hair - and into water-treatment systems that aren't designed to remove them. So the chemicals that millions of Americans put on their bodies end up in our water.

Although most of us think of

solvents and other industrial wastes when we think of water pollution, the Geological Survey looked for chemicals found in PPCPs, which stands for "pharmaceuticals and personal care products."

A new analysis published in an issue of Environmental Science Technology and from previous studies done in Europe and Canada, that chemicals used in beauty aids are a growing concern.

Generally, we're talking about trace amounts, not rivers flowing with shower gel and mascara, but scientists are uneasy because the effects of long-term exposure and

how such chemicals may interact in the wild are unclear.

While they try to sort it all out and develop better ways to remove PPCP contaminants, it would be prudent to reduce the flow. Sure, the folks who will give up their hair gel only when it's pried from their cold, dead hands vastly outnumber the shampoo-only community, but perhaps we all could use a bit less.

When you use too much shampoo, you're sending more detergents, fragrance, preservatives, humectants, thickeners, emulsifiers and conditioners down the drain needlessly.

It's also worth noting that frequent shampooing can make hair dry and unruly, which prompts many folks to turn to other products to solve the problem. Better to just wash your hair a little less often. The same is true of bathing and showering; there is such a thing as being too clean.

By definition, PPCPs include common medications, too, such as antibiotics, hormone replacements, antidepressants and analgesics. To be honest, it's easier to focus on beauty products than treatments that measurably improve our quality of life.

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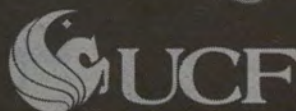
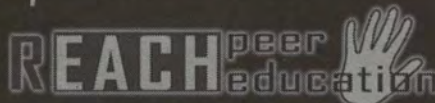
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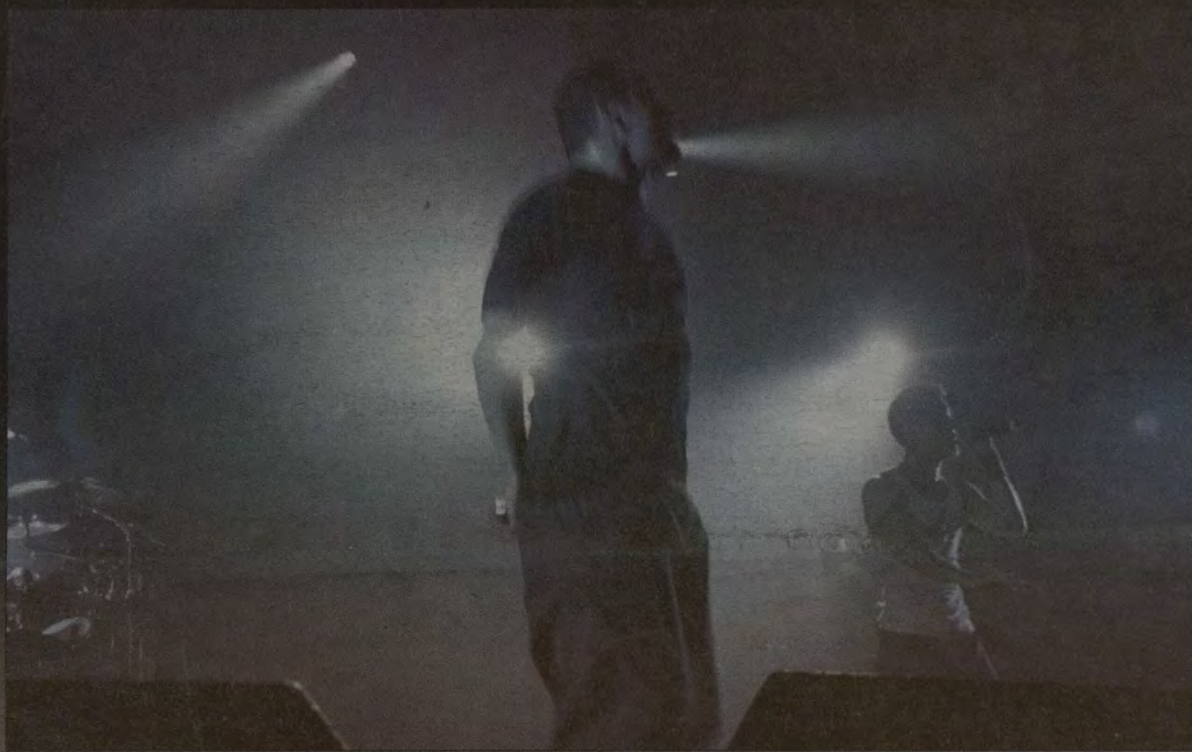
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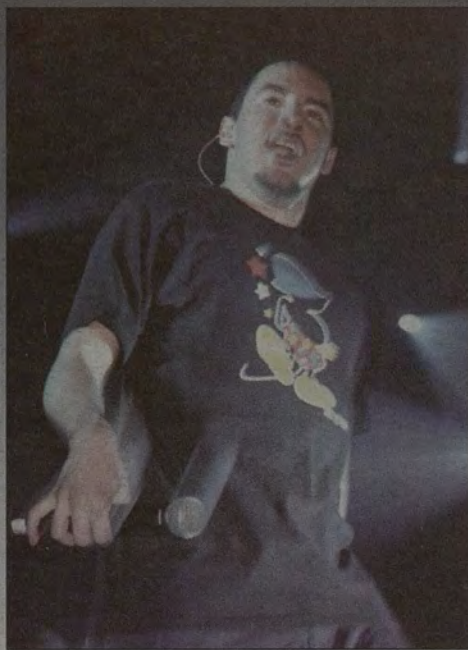
311 has no problem selling out large venues

RANDY HARRIS
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Since emerging from the cornfields of Nebraska back in 1991, 311 has attained somewhat of a cult status. By the time the public took notice of the group when their breakout single "Down" blew up (in 1995), the group already had three albums under their belt and a reputation as one of the hardest touring bands on the planet. They could

be called the Dave Matthews Band or Phish of heavy music, as it is not out of the ordinary for their faithful to travel cross-country in order to see these road warriors. Even without overwhelming support from MTV and little radio love, 311 has no problem selling out large venues, as they proved when they rolled into town March 14 to play a sold-out show at

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TV remakes get tiresome

After years of occasional re-runs, David Hasselhoff is bringing the 80s camp classic, "Knight-Rider" to the big screen.

They'll love it in Germany. "Knight-Rider" brought Hasselhoff fame and fortune as the driver of a sports car that talks to its driver. The two spent the series fighting crime.

Of course, "Knight-Rider" isn't the only TV adaptation that's headed to film. "Dragon-Ball Z," the long-running anime series about super fighters from the planet Earth, is also a recent addition to a list that includes "Hogan's Heroes," "Fat Albert" and the "Lone Ranger." Considering the onslaught of "Scooby Doo" this summer and the coming "Charlie's Angels 2," it looks like the drought of smaller screen film adaptations is over.

Don't get me wrong, I loved "Charlie's Angels" as much as the next person, but for every "Charlie's Angels," there are a dozen "Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas." Never mind that the "Flintstones" sequel was meant for kids – it was dry, poorly written and had nothing sustaining. Even children deserve a little bit of a plot!

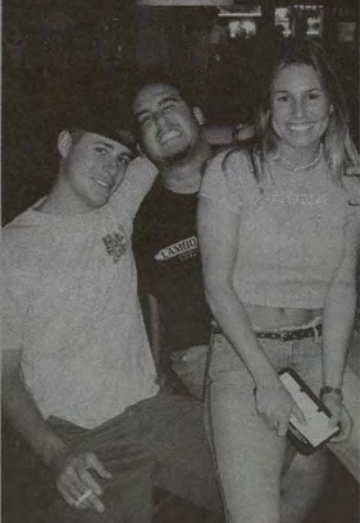
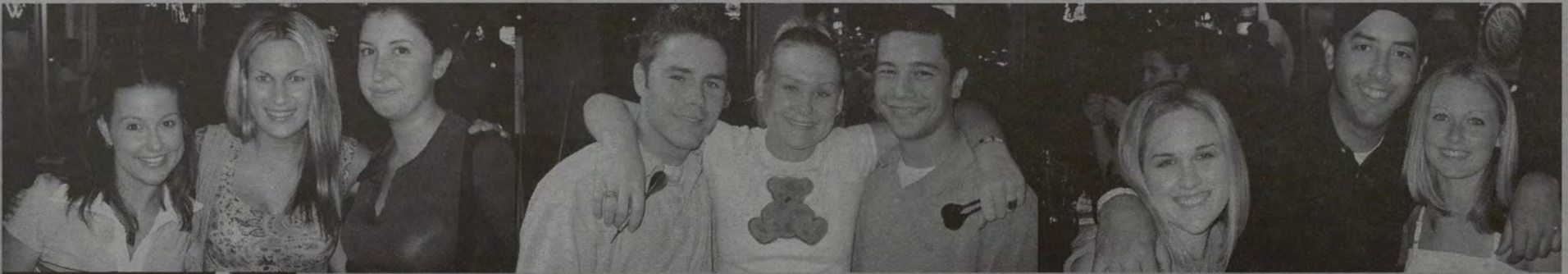
After seeing too many good TV shows fall victim to big screen frenzy, in which characters are revamped, and plots anachronistic and politically corrected. Some shows can be adapted to the present and done well – but come on! They're gonna make Tonto a woman in the "Lone Ranger" movie! Is nothing sacred?

Bottom line – the last thing I want to see is a "Welcome Back, Kotter!" film. The official description from the Internet Movie Database reads "A compassionate teacher returns to his inner city high school of his youth to teach a new generation of trouble making kids." Could you imagine how that would translate in the present day?

Columnist Christie Zizo can be reached at entertainment@ucffuture.com

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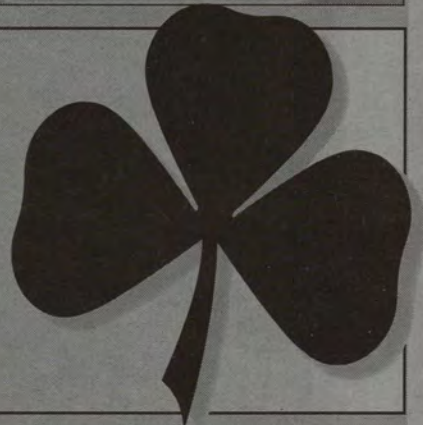
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Jeans were traded in towards the purchase of a new pair

Campus tour will hit Houston, Cleveland, San Francisco next

LISA ROMANO
STAFF WRITER

The "Red, White, & New" event, benefiting the Polo Ralph Lauren Foundation, hit the Student Union patio on Tuesday, March 19. The event tours college campuses around the country, collecting students' old denim in exchange for prizes and discounts on future purchases of Polo Jeans.

Each student who donated Tuesday received a discount code to use at Macys.com for new Polo Jeans, and was invited to spin the Denim Dial for prizes such as Polo Jeans Co. shirts, Ralph Lauren fragrances, Polo Jeans hats, YM and FHM magazines, YM jewelry and surprise gifts. Passers by were entertained by upbeat music and Polo Jeans Co. representatives handing out free water bottles.

Jennifer Lindsey, a representative of Polo Jeans Co. said UCF students were the most responsive



Tim Rie takes his turn spinning the Denim Dial at the Red, White & New event.

MISSY NORDSTROM / CFF

and involved of all the colleges they had already stopped at. One student donating remarked to her, "I forgot my books (that day) but I remembered my denim!" Close to 100 pairs of old denim laid at the base of the Denim Dial by the end of Tuesday.

More Information

For more information on the benefit or to take the virtual tour, logon to YM's web site at www.ym.com.

Orlando is the sixth stop on the 20-campus tour, which already went through Baltimore, Washington D.C., Raleigh, Atlanta and Miami. Future stops include Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Cleveland and 10 other cities.

The charitable foundation is designed to support education, medical care, arts and other programs in impoverished communities.

"Red, White, & New" is our way of thanking our college consumer and at the same time giving back to the community," said Ross Klein, senior vice president of corporate marketing for Polo Jeans Co. "The interactive element allows the individual student to make a difference and be rewarded for their charitable act."

YM magazine and Polo Jeans Co. joined to promote the event through YM's web site, www.ym.com. Students can follow all the activities of the "Red, White, & New" tour in a virtual campus tour. The site recreates campus activities, highlights of the Polo Jeans Co. denim drive, and updates the tour's progress.

"The virtual campus we created in partnership with YM extends the 'Red, White, & New' program into an entirely different dimension," Klein said. "It is our way of bringing the best of the season to life in an innovative and interactive way for our consumer."

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WED

Michael Locke Band House of Blues 11pm

"Women's Place?" Directed by Amy Serrano will be screening her new film with a question and answer session to follow 2pm COMM room 145

Karaoke at Devaney's off of University Blvd.

THU

Bill Cosby at the King Center in Melbourne at 6:30 and 8:30pm

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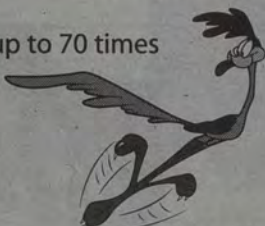
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a peek at the week in local entertainment



Wednesday March 27

Pat Taverns Band
Universal Studios at 6 p.m.

Sisaundra Lewis
City Jazz at 7:00 p.m.

Milka
HOB at 8:00 p.m.

Camerata Caribe
UCF Rehersal Hall at 8:00 p.m.

Amy Steinberg, Casual Folklore, Jason Domulut, Logan Belle
Slingapours at 8:00 p.m.

David Rankin
Adobe Gilas at 8:00 p.m.

Grumpy*
Will's Pub at 9:00 p.m.

Jada Kiss
Tabu at 10:00 p.m.

4:20
Kitty O'Shea's at 10 p.m.

2AM
An Tobar at 10 p.m.

Cider
Cricketers Arms at 10 p.m.

Thursday March 28

Blue Stone Circle
Margaritaville at 7 p.m.

Hindu Cowboys
Citywalk at 7 p.m.

Sisaundra Lewis
City Jazz 7 p.m.

Pat Taverns Band
Universal Studios at 7 p.m.

Poison the Well, Bane, American Nightmare, 18 Visions, Down Pour
The Social at 7 p.m.

506 Crew
Bob Marley at 7 p.m.

Rick Jeffreys
The Mercado at 7:30 p.m.

Melissa Crispo
Scruffy Murphy's at 7:30 p.m.

Throcket Luther, August Spies
Slingapours at 8:00 p.m.

Big Green Bus
Adobe Gila's at 8:00 p.m.

Move, Warhead, Moss, Razor Mephistos
Lost & Found at 9 p.m.

Fullerton
Back Booth at 9:00 p.m.

Logan Belle
Muldoon's Saloon at 9:00 p.m.

Ron Betts & Friends
Kitty O'Shea's at 10:00 p.m.

Gerard Mitchell for "Plus One"
SKY 60 at 10:00 p.m.

Dave Kury
Cricketer's Arms at 10:00 p.m.

Friday March 29

DeLuca, Everything Always
Adobe Gila's 6:30 p.m.

Stone Ryder
Bodhisattva Social Club 7:30 p.m.

funkUs, Dose
Kitty O'Shea's at 8 p.m.

Naked Head, Amy Steinberg, Milka
The Social at 8 p.m.

The Merrill Brothers
The Mercado at 8 p.m.

Harlow, Slack Season, Supagroup
Back Booth at 8 p.m.

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Lost & Found at 8 p.m.

Supernatural
Green Parrot at 8 p.m.

Those 2 Guys
Toucan Willie's at 9 p.m.

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Kate O'Brien's at 9 p.m.

Move, Spooone
Johnny's Rockin' Bistro at 9 p.m.

Kid Ridlyn
Muldoon's Saloon at 9 p.m.

Dane Colbert
Rookies at 9 p.m.

Upstairs
Scruffy Murphy's at 9 p.m.

Supervillains, Deroot, Noir, Indorphine
Hard Rock Live at 9 p.m.

All Terrain, UNI
F.B.I. at 10 p.m.

Pitch Blue Jam
Cricketer's Arms at 10 p.m.

Gargamel!, Retard-0-Bot 2000
Will's Pub at 10 p.m.

Move, Spooone
Johnny's Rockin' Bistro at 10 p.m.

Saturday March 30

Pitch Blue Jam
The Mercado at 7 p.m.

The Evidents
Bodhisattva Social Club at 7:30 p.m.

Supernatural
Green Parrot at 8 p.m.

CN3
Bob Carr at 8 p.m.

Rob Rock, Iron Cross, Product
Lost & Found at 8 p.m.

Colletta, Grumpy*, O.F. Beatdown, The Ox Project
HOB at 8 p.m.

Mofro, Mr. Scruff
The Social at 8 p.m.

Leslie Ruland
Jungle Jim's at 8 p.m.

Connie Blackwood
310 Park South at 8 p.m.

Summerland, Sketchy Characters
Johnny's Rockin' Bistro at 9 p.m.

Kid Ridlyn
Muldoon's Saloon at 9 p.m.

Leslie Ruland
Jungle Jim's at 9 p.m.

Sol Season
Scruffy Murphy's at 9 p.m.

The Joint Chiefs, Mofro
The Social at 9 p.m.

Harsh, Omnibus, Things of Size
FBI at 9 p.m.

Jeff Howell
Cricketer's Arms at 10 p.m.

Throcket Luther, Curious Hair
Back Booth at 10 p.m.

Joseph Martens
Dexter's at 10 p.m.

Sol Season
Scruffy Murphy's Irish Pub at 10 p.m.

Sunday March 31

Pat Taverns Band
Universal Studios at 7 p.m.

KYA featuring Stumpy
Adobe Gila's at 7 p.m.

4:20
Reilly's Lantern Pub at 9 p.m.

Skezag
Casey's at 8 p.m.

Monday April 1

Plain Jane Automobile
CityWalk at 8:45 p.m.

Circle K, MC Collaborator
Alpha Bar at 10 p.m.

DJ Brianna Lee
The Parliament House at 10 p.m.

Dr'd Teeth
Casey on Central at 10 p.m.

Tuesday April 2

Folk Jam with Monica Rabino
Guinevere's at 7 p.m.

Jade Fox
Slingapour's at 9 p.m.

Daniel Ash, Lennon
Back Booth at 9 p.m.

Dane Colbert
Muldoon's Saloon at 9 p.m.

BMF, MC Swamburger
The Social at 10 p.m.

Red Soda
Bar-BQ-Bar at 10 p.m.

Wednesday April 3

506 Crew
Bob Marley's at 8 p.m.

4:20
Kitty O'Shea's at 10 p.m.

Thursday April 4

Flogging Molly, The Slackers, The Turbo ACs
The Social at 8 p.m.

Logan Belle
Muldoon's Saloon at 9 p.m.

Ron Betts & Friends
Kitty O'Shea's at 10 p.m.

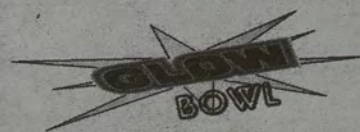
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UCF students howl for charity



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Howl at the Moon hosted a Relay for Life fundraiser March 21.

LISA ROMANO
STAFF WRITER

The pianos were fired up, the crowd all ablaze.

UCF's Relay for Life committee held a fundraising event at the Howl at the Moon bar in Church Street Marketplace on March 21. UCF students and other patrons packed

UCF relay

UCF's Relay for Life event will take place April 5 and 6 at the UCF track.

the place and were entertained by live music, played by Howl at the Moon's signature dueling pianists, who covered every music base imaginable, from Metallica to Bruce Springsteen, tunes from Chumba Wumba, Twisted Sister, Queen, Linkin Park, AC/DC and yes, Billy Joel's "Piano Man" was covered. Some of the staff stood up on the pianos and riled the crowd into a dance fury during "Grease Lightning." Drink specials quenched the throats of the animated crowd who were in definite need after the hours of singing (or in some cases, slurring) along to the countless tunes.

"I like it because it represents UCF," Sandra Schaal, UCF's current Homecoming Queen said.

Enthusiasm and energy certainly followed the students to Howl at the Moon; the eight-hour event lasted 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Homecoming King Nathan Holic said the most memorable part of the night was "the spotlight dance on the stage (with Sandra)."

Another young man in the crowd certainly had a memorable night as well, his 21st birthday. Strolling around sporting an oversized sombrero and beer in hand, the crowd signed his white t-shirt with numerous attention-grabbing messages.

A soon-to-be-married couple in the audience was pulled onstage for their 15 seconds of fame. For a fee, members of the audience got behind a piano and started their own sing-a-long.

All cover charges collected at the door were given to the Relay for Life fund. Relay for Life is one of the American Cancer Society's signature events to raise funds for research, cures and cancer survivors. Relay for Life Walk-a-Thons take place in more than 2,800 cities worldwide. This year is UCF's fourth event, which will take place at the UCF arena track on April 5 and 6.

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Poets bear their souls before an audience

MATT PHIPPS
STAFF WRITER

Last Thursday night a round of Broken Speech Poetry Slam was happening at Guinevere's. A virgin to the Slam might feel a bit overwhelmed at first, not knowing the rules, but after seeing the Slam for the first time, they will be back.

The rules are very simple: each poet has three minutes to act out their poem, which has to be an original work. It's act instead of recite because, like all good spoken word, one has to use their body and voice to portray the emotions and images.

After the performer is done, his or her work is judged by members of the audience on a scale from 1 to 10. This goes on for two rounds to narrow the competition to four. After that the performers have three rounds to woo the judges. The person with the most points wins.

Even with the rules made clear, the beauty that went into the contest still is not known. So to summarize the event, I have come up with a brief free-form synopsis to enlighten one on the Slam.

Performers step up like


brave soldiers, ready to unveil their souls to onlookers who judge their worth. 6.5, 8, 7.5 a low score for this round. They come yet again, firing rebuttals of pain and humiliation to the judges who have scarred their souls. They speak of inadequacies, and drugs of sorrows and pain so tangible you could swear it's happen to you. You see pictures of death and life, despair and hope. You feel the metaphorical sensualness of each poem as it wraps around your mind and caresses you like a lover, only to be ripped back to reality as each poem ends. Ready to judge again?

If interested in coming out to see the Slam in action, something, here is a list upcoming events:

- Guinivere's every Thursday night through April 4
- At Chapter's on March 30, bring beat poems or Jack Kaurac related poems in honor of Jack

• April 17 Dead Poet's Slam at the Barnes and Nobles Bookstore on East Colonial. Dress and perform as your favorite dead poet.

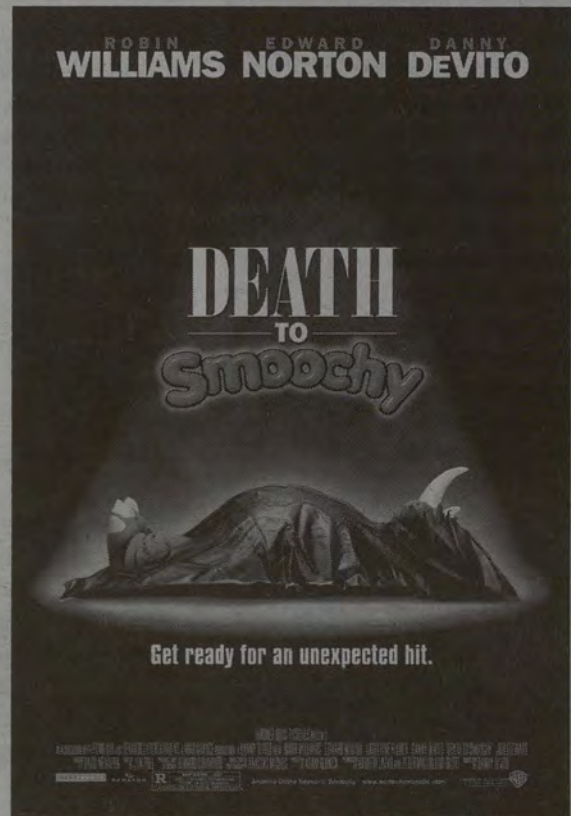
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 - 16 "Ulalume" author
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 - 19 Dishwashers' assistants?
 - 21 Presidential determinants
 - 23 Cosy home
 - 24 Captive GI
 - 25 Worn away
 - 27 Endeavor
 - 28 French hat
 - 30 Moist, sticky coating
 - 31 Slender prong
 - 32 Slow-witted
 - 34 Meager
 - 35 Sot
 - 39 Underground chambers
 - 41 Any day now
 - 42 Fled
 - 44 Chaney of film
 - 45 Glances
 - 47 Surround
 - 49 Hold up
 - 52 Lead on
 - 54 Set up a setup
 - 55 Computer choices
 - 56 Breakfast pastries
 - 59 Compatriot
 - 60 Diaghilev and Rachmaninoff
 - 61 Everyone
 - 62 Hair purchase
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 - 2 Waiter
 - 3 Of poor quality
 - 4 One of the Simpsons

- 5 Shocking revelation
- 6 Blind panic
- 7 British peer
- 8 Get behind the wheel
- 9 Carreras and Pavarotti
- 10 With less delay
- 11 Member of the cavalry
- 12 Affirmative
- 18 Deed
- 20 German cake
- 22 Dumbstruck
- 26 Lions' lairs
- 28 Apron element
- 29 Muscle spasm
- 31 Little fingers
- 33 Gossip spreaders
- 35 Wight or Skye
- 36 Fool
- 37 Western bone yard
- 38 Cheer
- 40 Erich Stroheim

- 43 Nudnik
- 46 Illegible signature
- 48 Noxious atmosphere
- 49 Prepare leftovers
- 50 Lake near Utica
- 51 Brushed one's cheek
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- 55 NYC arena
- 57 Catcher Berra
- 58 Part of the eye
- 59 Criticize harshly

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DVDREVIEW:

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Straight-to-video film more than it appears

DAVID TAYLOR
STAFF WRITER

The straight-to-video market is a much-overlooked venue in the entertainment industry.

Perusing the shelves of a nearby Blockbuster or Hollywood Video, such titles as "The Substitute 4: Failure is Not an Option," or the anticipated (note the sarcasm) Jean-Claude Van Damme hit, "The Order" inhabit the shelves. It does not take an avid movie watcher to realize these films are not exactly masterpieces. In fact, for the most part straight-to-video releases are distributed this way for a reason....they are low-budget pieces of fecal matter.

Remember though, miracles can hap-

pen, and when the planets are properly aligned during a solar eclipse the day before Hailey's Comet, a good straight-to-video movie is actually released. Case in point, the science fiction/teen movie/satire mix known as "Donnie Darko."

"Donnie Darko" spent some time in film festival circuits and art house theaters. Unfortunately, it never received a wider release due to some of its content in combination with the sensitive nature of this country post-Sept. 11. Not giving too much away, there is a scene in the film where a piece of an airplane crashes into a suburban home. That is it, no hijackings, suicide bombings or Pauly Shore sightings. This one scene was the reason why such a great movie was pushed into the straight-to-video market. Is the American

public this sensitive? Apparently, some entertainment moguls think so. If "Donnie Darko" was not an independent film or had some sort of studio backing, I bet it would have been as widely seen as "Memento." The past is the past and even though the film was snubbed theatrically, it now has a second chance on home video/DVD.

The film's story is a blend of numerous genres in a sometimes confusing but highly entertaining narrative. The main character Donnie Darko (played by Jake Gyllenhaal of "October Sky") is a troubled teenager living in the late 1980s. He has to wear a uniform to his private school (double ouch), he lives in "Conservative town, U.S.A." and has visions of a demonic, man-size rabbit spouting phrases about the

end of the world.

What may seem like "Harvey" for Generation Y is actually a clever sci-fi tale combined with some teen-angst and "American Beauty"-type satire of suburban life. The rabbit wakes Donnie up one night and tells him the world will end in twenty-eight days. As a result, Donnie must discover the mystery ahead of him while at the same time balancing out the life of a typical high school student (asking girls out, school bullies, etc.), as well as deal with the insane world around him. As the movie unfolds, Donnie learns that the rabbit is named Frank (which along with Thumper and Mr. Cottontail is in the top five rabbit names). Franks tells Donnie

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Bush reigns triumphant

RACHEL BRAVERMAN
STAFF WRITER

Bush played to a sold out show Friday night at the Hard Rock Live. On its latest Golden State Tour, Bush packed in plenty of goodies from "Sixteen Stone" and "Razorblade Suitcase." Opening the show was up and coming rock band Default.

Lights began to flash and a beat started pulsating promptly at 8 p.m. Default sprang out on stage with the lead singer screaming, "Make some F'n noise Orlando!" That they did while Default impressed Orlando with their melodic rock tunes and stage presence.

Default played a full set from their album "The Fallout." It is rare to find a band that can play rock music yet still maintain a solid and different melody in each song. Vocally, the singer is extremely talented. The talent is equally shared with the lead guitarist who, more than once, showed off his abilities. "Seize the Day" had a ripping guitar intro. Other good songs were "By Your Side" and the mellow "Let Me Down." Even the mellow songs maintained a rock sound, which can be seen in their latest single "Wasting My Time." The performance of this song sounded just as good live as it does on the radio. Cheers rose and the audience sang along while the singer stood on the speakers, inspiring everyone to get into the song. The audience also got a peak at the newest single, "Deny," which starts slow but has a great build up.

"Deny" closed Default's show with a great guitar exit. The lights were flashing and reflecting off of the guitarist's bald head. They thanked the audience graciously and were gone with the toss of the drummer's sticks, leaving the audience pumped up for Bush.

When Bush came out, the audience screamed. When the audience, or females, saw Gavin take the mike, the screams got even louder. The stage set up was plain as well as their dress with the idea in mind that the concert taking place was not about impressing anyone, but about the music and playing for the fans. All that was up was a large video screen that would at times scroll song lyrics.

Bush started out with newer material, such as "The Chemicals Between Us" from "The Science of Things" (1999) and "The People That We Love" formerly known as "Speed Kills" from their latest "Golden State" (2001). Gavin thrashed about, but the real audience thrashing came from their older material. "Everything Zen," the song that started it all for Bush in 1994, got the audience pumped. The band was cloaked

in a red light. That is, until Gavin pulled a disappearing act.

In one of the bravest acts of a rock star ever committed, Gavin vanished, only to be spotted in the balcony! Playing guitar and singing, Gavin perused through the people, stopping to refresh himself with a beer from a fan. The audience responded in cheers. As he walked, girls held nothing back and practically molested him. He didn't seem to have too big a problem with this. His bodyguards did, and they had no problem throwing those who got a little too close to the ever good-looking singer.

Other audience favorites included "Greedy Fly" from "Razorblade Suitcase" (1996). In addition to Gavin's smoky voice, the song thrilled with an explosive guitar and drum build up. "Machine Head" also got the crowd moving after a lull with the song "Superman" from their new album. Everyone could be heard in unison singing, "Breathe in...breathe out..." "Come Down" also received an energetic response.

Suddenly, the mood changed and a calm, sad atmosphere enveloped the Hard Rock. No one knew what to make of it. Then, on the screens appeared images of Ground Zero. It was a song in dedication to September 11. Gavin gave a very meaningful performance.

Bush picked the pace right back up again, telling the audience how much they love coming to Orlando, before performing what seemed to be the favorite song of the evening, "Glycerin." The stage was black with only a white spotlight on Gavin singing and playing low. Above the music everyone could be heard singing along. Near the end, the stage lit up and the rest of the band kicked in to finish the song.

Next on the hit list was "Swallowed" which was another popular song for the night. Heads everywhere were bouncing. It was "Little Things" that closed the show. Gavin ran to both ends of the stage, shaking hands with the fans, and nearly getting himself pulled in. Audience involvement is definitely what makes a Bush concert. Gavin snuck away again and reappeared on top of the speakers prompting everyone to clap overhead. With arms spread open, he relished the growing cheers. As the song came to a close, the drums beat the end out of it.

As they exited the stage, Gavin thanked the audience for coming and everyone took their moment in the spotlight. Never before at any other concert has a band been so involved with the audience and really seemed to care about the fans. Their performance was top notch and thoroughly impressive. After all these years, Bush still has what it takes to play to a packed house.

"Donnie Darko" a blend of genres

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to perform certain actions, which make him increasingly erratic and unstable, eventually leading to the climax of the film.

"Donnie Darko" is a movie that really has to be experienced. "Donnie Darko" is not an easy movie to grasp immediately and may take another watching to understand completely. The results however are well worth the effort.

Jake Gyllenhaal is perfect as the tortured and sensitive yet at time arrogant Donnie Darko. An added plus is Gyllenhaal's unique look that brings an aura of creepiness to the film. Donnie's love interest Gretchen Ross is likewise well acted by Jena Malone ("Life as a House"). The supporting cast is nothing to scoff at either, with actors like Noah Wylie, Mary McDonnell and Katharine Ross giving good performances. Even Patrick Swayze is thrown into the mix as an over-the-top motiva-

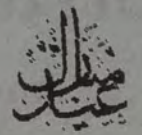
tional speaker!

So what is the one exception to this effective array of talent? The presence of Drew Barrymore. She plays Donnie's English teacher and has way too much screen time with hardly anything to contribute to the plot. In fact, her character has her own sub-plot that never really takes off. In the end, Barrymore's acting just seems too rehearsed and melodramatic. A close inspection of the credits reveals that she was the executive producer for the film. It is safe to say that there is a good chance her added screen time was a result of this.

Other than some gripes in the acting department, "Donnie Darko" is an excellent film and definitely worth a rental. First time director and screenwriter Richard Kelly has done a masterful job in creating Donnie Darko by blending a serious science fiction film with the elements of a late 80s teen movie.

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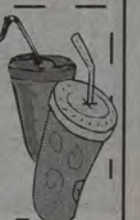
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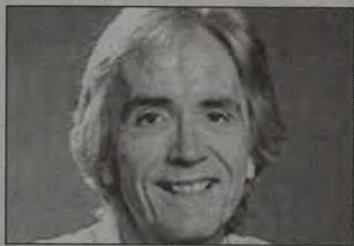
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Lead stories

• Wired magazine reported in March that two German designers have invented a computer game with hand sensors allowing the administration of shocks and burns to opponents; with the winner being the player who can stand it longer. Painstation (not affiliated with Sony) is based on the old game Pong, and if a player misses the ball, it will hit randomly arranged Pain Inflictor Symbols (heat, jolts, shocks of varying degrees). The game ends when one player lifts his hand off the Pain Endurance Unit.

• In March, the Saskatoon (Saskatchewan) StarPhoenix, citing several witnesses inside the Pine Grove Correctional Centre, reported that some formerly heroin-addicted female inmates so desperately crave methadone that they routinely consume the fresh vomit of inmates currently on methadone treatment because enough is still present in the regurgitation. The newspaper uncovered the practice while investigating the death of an inmate in February. Said a source, "The whole building

knows (that the inmate choked on vomit). That's how she died."

Latest cutting-edge research

The journal Experimental Biology and Medicine reported that regulating men's hand temperature has no effect on the temperature of the rectum but that regulating scrotal temperature does. And a University of Hertfordshire professor, working with the British Association for the Advancement of Science, concluded that the world's funniest joke involved Dr. Watson's attributing worldly significance to campground star-gazing while Sherlock Holmes was recognizing that if he looked up and saw stars, it meant only that someone had stolen their tent. And an August Journal of Sex Research report by two Georgia State University professors concluded that people who desire sex but are not having it are grumpier than those who are having it or who don't want it.

The litigious society

• Kaziah Hancock and Cindy Stewart won almost \$300,000 in dam-

ages in January from a breakaway Mormon sect in Manti, Utah, based on their lawsuit for fraud claiming that self-proclaimed prophet Jim Harmston failed on several promises, including one to produce Jesus Christ himself in the flesh. Hancock said Harmston persuaded her to give 67 acres of land to the church and that the church would give her back a place to live but that after the church made one payment on the new place, Harmston said God told him to stop paying.

• In December, the Department of Justice applied to dismiss the lawsuit filed last year by Salah Idris, owner of the pharmaceutical plant in Sudan that President Clinton ordered destroyed in 1998, supposedly as retaliation for terrorism (in that the U.S. thought the plant was a bomb-making factory). According to Idris, however, Clinton ordered the attack mainly to divert political attention in that the raid took place only three days after Clinton had admitted for the first time to having had an improper relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

• In March, a Canadian federal judge refused to quash convicted murderer David Wild's \$2 million (U.S.)

lawsuit against the Mission Medium Security Institution in British Columbia. Wild claims the guards aren't quiet enough when they do nighttime bed checks and thus make getting a good night's sleep impossible, causing Wild headaches, loss of balance, blurred vision, irritability and depression, and leave him too weary to play in the prison's soccer tournament.

Not my fault

• Fugitive Harvey Taylor, 48, told reporters in February from his hospital bed in Bangor, Maine, that he would soon sue the sheriff's deputy who failed to arrest him fast enough, a delay that resulted in Taylor's spending three nights in the woods and losing two toes to frostbite. Taylor said that after fleeing the pursuing squad car, he got lost in the woods in hip-deep snow and that "(n)obody looked for me, not even the detective that I'm going to sue as soon as I can find me an attorney that will take the case." Taylor is a convicted sex offender wanted for probation violations in Brevard County, Fla.

• Paul Andrew Jackson was awarded about \$31,000 (U.S.) in March in his lawsuit against the provincial Roads and Traffic Authority after hurting his back at a bicycle bridge near Wollongong, Australia. Jackson, a 35-year-old surfer, had stepped over a guardrail in the dark to relieve himself but underestimated the drop-off (after a self-reported six-beer night), falling 40 feet down and momentarily knocking himself unconscious.

People different from us

• In March, a 39-year-old man who was described as someone who helped out with autopsies in Cochise County, Ariz., was sentenced to a year and a half in prison for fondling the corpse of a 17-year-old girl and taking pictures of it and other bodies in what the police called a "continuing

fascination with the dead." Though initially he was also charged with a crime against a minor, that charge was dropped, as the man assured prosecutors that there were no live victims associated with his activities.

Unclear on the concept

• In a joint federal-state child-protection announcement in December, the German government proposed that online pornography Web sites could transmit only between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. (which, for example, is 5 p.m. to midnight in New York and 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. in California). And a vacancy announcement for the Auburn University football team's defensive coordinator (a job filled in February by Mr. Gene Chizik) listed minimum qualifications as "seven years experience as NCAA Division I defensive secondary coach," but then noted that "women are encouraged to apply."

Recurring themes

• Bizarros in the News: The man arrested in February for violating the FAA's remain-seated rules for Olympics airline flights into Salt Lake City (who, despite repeated warnings, said he just had to get to the rest room) was Mr. Richard Bizarro. Before that, the family's good name was most prominently maintained by Mr. Joe Bizarro (no relation), spokesperson for Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth during the state's 2000 presidential election recount crisis.

Our civilization in decline

• In March, police in Jaipur, India, arrested 81 bookmakers who had been offering bets as to whether the Hindu-Muslim riots would escalate to adjacent states (as well as offering over-under bets on the number of casualties). And Reuters reported in March that veterinarians in Jerusalem are finding that more dogs suffer panic attacks due to increased gunfire and are generally prescribing Valium for them. And through inattentiveness of the Albuquerque telephone directory's publisher, sex-oriented businesses were listed in the latest edition under "Incest Abuse" and "Rape Abuse," thus compounding victims' anguish when they inadvertently called for counseling.



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Café Tu Tu Tango is priced for the starving student

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all of our heads, Café TuTu Tango.

Located on I-Drive, Café TuTu Tango is set in a Spanish artist's loft, right off of South Beach joint, keeping its artist theme from floor to ceiling. Every night, a featured artist from the area with a unique talent, is creating their work while people eat and watch. The walls are adorned with local artists creations, all for sale and all worth taking notice of.

On each table is a vase with silverware that looks like paintbrushes and tiny dishes, all of which have different designs on them. Although the atmosphere is more than enough reason to check this place out, it does not hold a candle to its menu.

Café TuTu Tango is not your average restaurant. Unlike most places with an extensive menu of entrees and such, Café TuTu Tango never went beyond the much loved appetizers, because it was made to be food for the starving artist. Yes, that's right, their entire menu is appetizers. Instead of rolls you get these to-die-for



Every night, a different local artist brings their talents to Café TuTu Tango, an art-themed restaurant on International Drive.

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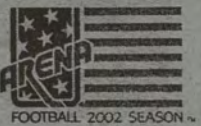
crackers served on none other than a painting palette.

Okay, the question much be addressed, how is anyone expected to be satisfied after eating an appetizer? It's simple, nobody orders just one. With a menu ranging from Oriental Marinated Steak Skewers to Spanish Antipasto, with an array of gourmet pizzas (personal pan, of course), soups, breads, empanadas, the whole idea is to order a bunch of different things, all of which you taste and pass on to the others at your table. And the good stuff is served as it is ready, so once you have finished one, another is being served to you.

Food isn't all they've mastered. Café TuTu Tango specializes in Sangria and Make-It-Yourself Margaritas. Can it get any better? Yes it can. The prices are reasonable, remember they are feeding the starving artist, so you are paying a price equal to the amount of food you are being served. If they can understand a starving artist, they can understand a starving college student. So, get your friends together, take a trip to I-Drive, and get in touch with your artistic side.



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311 played an even setlist at Hard Rock

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Hard Rock Live in support of their sixth CD, "From Chaos."

311 was wise to tap a band like Hoobastank as support this time around. It doesn't hurt to have one of the hottest young bands in the country as your opening act. Thanks to a highly marketable image and an immensely overplayed single, it won't be very long until Hoobastank is headlining tours of their own. The California-bred quartet does have a good ear for melody and hooks, even if certain similarities to Incubus border on copyright infringement. They proved themselves as a solid live act, however, as the diehard 311 crowd seemed to approve of their tight and compact set.

Thoughts of "Hooba-who?" probably crossed the minds of all in attendance as soon as 311 hit the stage, though. When the first chord of their opener "Omaha Stylee" blasted

through the speakers, it was obvious that 311 was the only band that mattered. The energy that could be felt throughout Hard Rock was unbelievable as band and crowd became one and rocked in unison all night long. Partners in rhyme SA Martinez and Nick Hexum are easily one of the best one-two punches in rock, with distinctive vocals that compliment each other perfectly. Backed by guitarist Tim Mahoney, bassist P-Nut and drummer Chad Sexton, 311 turned in a performance that was just as good if not better than the one they gave at the UCF Arena back in October.

With a sound that could best be described as a musical orgy, 311 blend hip-hop, reggae, funk and metal to create an eclectic experience for their listeners. The band always covers this spectrum in concert and is one of the few bands that come off better live than they do in the studio.

They are also a group that understands the con-

cept of giving the fans what they want. A nice balance between recognizable hits ("All Mixed Up," "You Wouldn't Believe," "Come Original") and underground favorites ("Feels So Good," "Hydroponic," "Beautiful Disaster") was struck as their setlist was made up evenly of material from their entire discography.

The highlight of the night came when Sexton launched into a mind-blowing drum solo, a nightly event that has become tradition at 311 shows. This raw display of skill and timing proved that Sexton can take his place among the elite drummers in rock today. In what has become another showstopper for the group, the other four members returned with bongos and proceeded to start a drum circle on stage. The crowd went into conniption fits at the sight of this and that vibe would not change until long after the final song was played and 311 had successfully leveled another city.



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311 mixed in radio hits like "All Mixed Up" with lesser known fan favorites such as "Feels so Good" and "Hydroponic."

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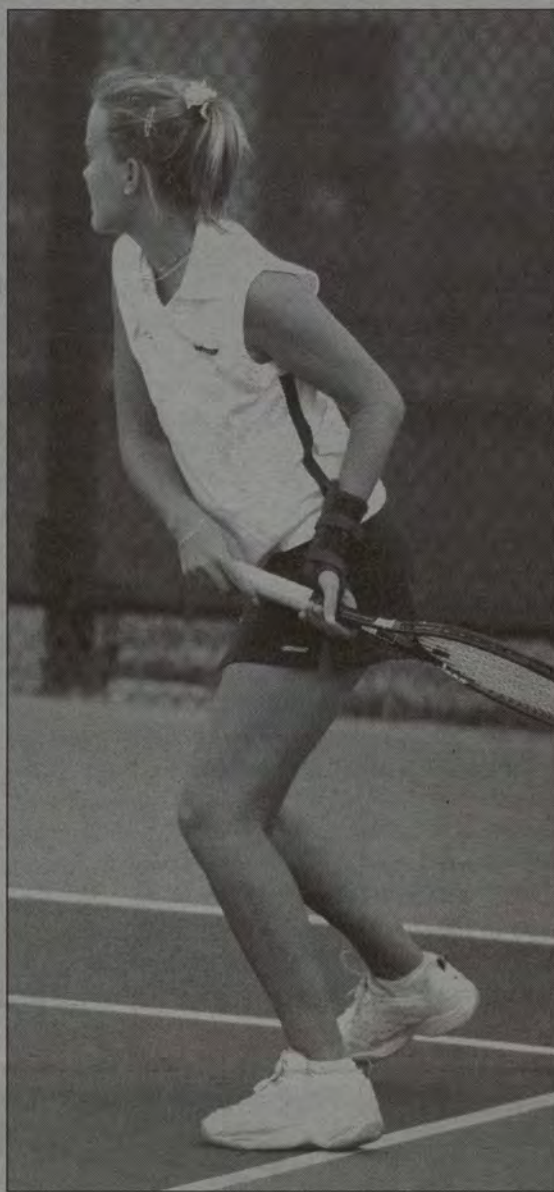
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There is a bright future on the horizon for the UCF women's tennis team. Some might wonder just how bright that horizon might be. After all, a 6-7 overall record is not exactly considered an overwhelming success. However, what most people do not realize is that the win/loss column can sometimes be misleading.

With over half the season behind them, the Golden Knights look back and see a path that closely resembles a bell curve. The team started out strong winning six of its first eight matches. Since the 6-1 beating the Knights gave Stetson, there hasn't been much to celebrate losing their last five matches.

UCF is still a very powerful team. With just a handful of matches left to play, the Knights can make a good run before the Atlantic Sun Conference Championships at the end of April. What makes the upcoming schedule so appealing is that the team is past the critical section of its schedule and UCF has made it through alive. Four out of their last five losses have come at the hands of nationally ranked opponents while playing on the road.

The Golden Knights will be in perfect position to storm into the latter part of the season and take back the coveted A-Sun Championship. Although they currently have a less than desired overall record, UCF still boasts an undefeated 3-0 record in conference play. So contrary to how things look on paper, things are definitely looking up for UCF. Led by sophomore Julie Pecastaing and freshman Kristina Lohmos, who enjoyed rather impressive winning streaks of eight and six games,



Julie Pecastaing (left) and Kristina Lohmos began the season on winning streaks of eight and six games.

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UCF will be a tested and victorious team.

Pecastaing will be a big part of the team's success as it tries to rebound from its losing streak. At one point in the season, Pecastaing was undefeated in singles play at

8-0. The international business student from France came to UCF as a part of ISP; a student exchange program designed to help establish young tennis players in the United States. Pecastaing had her pick to go anywhere in the country. She contemplated all

of the major universities in Florida such as Miami, Florida State and Florida. Her relationship with Johan and Anna Westin, also UCF tennis players helped her decide to attend UCF.

Although only a sophomore, Pecastaing has been playing tennis since she was 5. Seeing the A-Sun championship leave UCF's ownership has motivated all the players to get it back. She has made great strides this season in improving her game. Her forehand is much better and more consis-

tent than last year.

Her serve is also much improved as well as her overall consistency. This season she has gained a stronger ability to go to the net. As she continues to improve through the rest of the season, her play will be instrumental in returning the A-Sun title to UCF and helping UCF into the NCAA tournament.

"My goal is to win the conference championship and get past the first round of the NCAA," Pecastaing said. "Especially since UCF hasn't

been that far."

Pecastaing said she feels that she has an added responsibility this season as a leader on the team. Second in age only to Marieke Gunawan, the seasoned sophomore has had plenty of winning experience. She has nine wins this season, her only loss coming against an Old Dominion player ranked 35th in the nation.

In addition to the team's recent five-match skid, Lohmos saw her winning streak also come to an end. Lohmos won six straight before falling at Texas Christian University. After her only other loss came against Oklahoma, Lohmos won for the first time in her career at the No. 3 spot in two sets. As a freshman, she has already far exceeded any expectations for this season.

Playing competitively since age 11, her successful season has come as no surprise to her. She is confident that her play in the remaining season will help the team advance into the post-season. Lohmos came to UCF from Sweden, where she knew the Westins as well. They were a large reason why she decided to come to UCF to play tennis.

She quietly sees herself as just a piece to the overall puzzle of success. She does not expect her role to change due to her breakout season. She simply remains humble and intent on helping the Knights attain the A-Sun Championship. Lohmos has seen much improvement in her volleys and consistency. She says the weight training has helped greatly too. Her play will also help UCF in its bid to go deep into the post-season.

Their record of 6-7 is misleading and the future is bright for the Golden Knights, who have no seniors and only two juniors on their roster.

Records broken at Disney Championship

CHARVI MAGDAONG
STAFF WRITER

The UCF track and field team won the Disney Showcase Championship at Disney's Wide World of Sports on Saturday, breaking two school records.

With two individual first place finishes, Erica Garcia set a new UCF mark in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.71. Then, she tied her own school record of 12.18 in the 100-meter dash. LaTrica Firby also tied her school record in the triple jump with a measure

of 41-2.5.

In the 400-meter run, Valerie Beaubrun ran a 55.91, eclipsing her previous school record of 56.20 that she set in 1998.

In the long jump Diana Chin had a winning leap of 19-3.5, while teammates Lynnsey Hicks and Firby finished second and third.

Jamie Pew took event titles in the high jump and javelin throw. She also helped earn a first place finish in running a leg in the 4x100 relay team, consisting of Garcia, Kelly Roloff and

Firby.

Sonja Shedden claimed the first event of the day, winning the 5,000-meter run with a time of 17:25.47. GeAna Rivera, Michelle Daniels and Jaclyn Baron occupied the other top spots in the race.

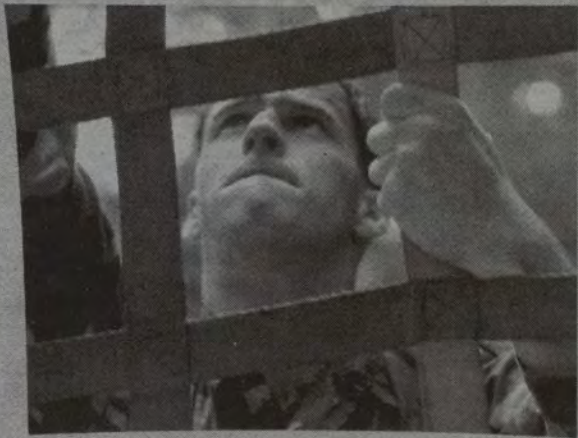
Emily Pugh, Lauren Chadwick and Melody Parry went one, two and three in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles. In the shot put, Tiffany Roebuck took second place with a throw of 41-07.25.

In other news, UCF does not have an official men's track and field team

but had athletes competing on Saturday. The men earned a good performance in the 5,000-meter run. Danny Cook finished second with a time of 15:37.09. The third through fifth places included Golden Knights Ben Mena, Kiley Blake and Brian Sharbono. All four athletes competed for UCF's cross country team that finished its season in November.

The next track and field event will be in Gainesville for the Florida Relays on March 29 and 30.

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Team improves with experience

KRISTY SHONKA
STAFF WRITER

A season of maturing, that's what UCF Coach Kirk Speraw called this year's men's basketball season.

Last season the team won just eight games and lost 23. This season the Golden Knights went 17-12 and won 11-of-14 games at home. Steve Sloan, UCF's athletic director, rewarded Speraw with a new contract that will keep him here for at least two more years.

Speraw and his staff were on the bubble the whole season, but shortly after the Knights defeat to Georgia State in the Atlantic Sun Tournament Sloan offered the coaches new contracts.



Speraw

"I felt good that (Sloan) liked the team and the direction it was going," Speraw said.

After last year's dismal performance Speraw said the team overcame any doubts that may have crept in. He said that the Knights grew together and matured as a team.

"We gained a lot of confidence from

which we can really build on this spring and this summer and put to good use next season," he said.

UCF lost its leading scorer and rebounding in Paul Reed, and best perimeter shooter in Jason Thornton, but returns 73 percent of its offense. Junior college transfer Ray Abellard was third on the team with 13 points a game and was second to junior Al Miller with 85 assists.

Sophomore twins Joey and Stephen Graham were the only two Golden Knights to start every game this season. Joey was second on the team in scoring with 13.3 points and he averaged 28.7 minutes a game. Stephen averaged 12 points and 27.1 minutes a game.

Speraw said the Graham brothers made remarkable progress between their freshmen and sophomore seasons and expects to see them accomplish even more this off-season.

"We put a lot of leadership on them as sophomores this year and they handled it well," he said. "They're going to have to take on an even more important role in regards to leadership on this team and lead by example, but also lead by voicing their opinions."

The return of Ed Dotson this season came as a surprise to everyone after he had a rod implanted in his shin after suffering a stress fracture in November. Fans caught a glimpse of how good Dotson could be in UCF's final game when he scored 17 points on 7-of-11 shooting in 26 minutes.

Dotson has returned to basketball after almost two years away from competition. He sat out last year after transferring from Centenary, where he earned the A-Sun's Freshman of the Year award.

At the end of the season Dotson was just starting to get his timing back and was becoming more comfortable on the floor, next season he should be a big contributor at the post for the Golden Knights.

"I think he can be a very big factor in regards to, not only our team, but I think he'll be a force in the league," Speraw said.

Speraw said he does not foresee a drop off in the A-Sun next season. He said this year's was the most competitive he's seen and that next year could be even tougher.

With the core of the team returning and the Graham brothers anchoring that group UCF should have no problem improving upon this season's finish.



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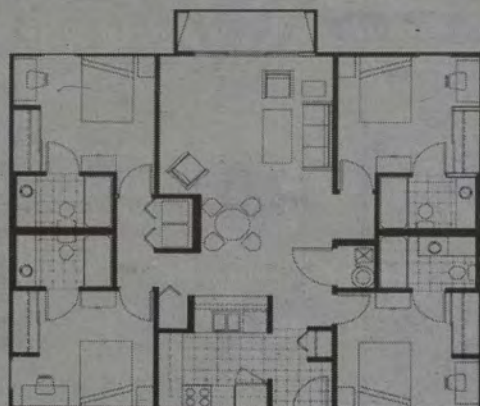
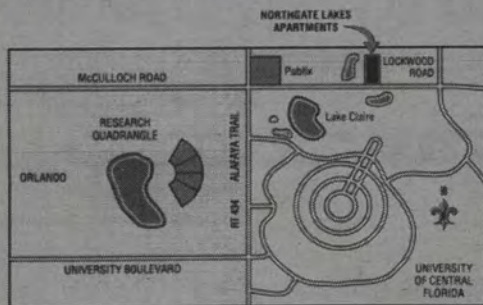
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Education and experience key to athletic training

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She originally came to Orlando for a NATA conference and interviewed with a lot of schools and UCF happened to be one of them. Perez said she did not expect for this to be a long-term job, but she enjoys it here. She has teaching responsibilities within the athletic training program at UCF and said that teaching is a good direction for her to go.

Schellhase became an athletic trainer because she was in the right place at the right time. At her high school in Pennsylvania in 1989 there was a full-time athletic trainer and she heard an announcement that the trainer needed help. She decided to try it out and she was hooked.

Schellhase got her bachelor's degree from Penn State in exercise and sports science. She earned her master's degree in medical athletic training from the University of Virginia in 1997. After graduation she went to Coastal Carolina in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where she said the school had 18 sports and only two trainers. One of the reasons she left was because the school was adding a football team, but no additional trainers. Schellhase already traveled with the volleyball, basketball and baseball and decided it was time for a change.

She said she liked UCF and the way it was growing. Schellhase came to UCF in 1999 and began working with the cross country and track and field teams. She said that when she was hired it was to work with softball, which is in its inaugural season now, so she helped the track and cross country teams until the softball program began.

The 2001-2002 men's basketball season was Matson's first at UCF. He said he came to UCF because of Conway, whom he had known for seven years. Matson got his bachelor's degree in athletic training from Towson State and his master's degree in educational administration from Auburn.

Matson said he's worked with football up until this year and would eventually like to get back to it. He would like to be a head athletic trainer in the next seven to 10 years and would like to work in the NFL. His career goal is to be an athletic director. For now Matson says he is trying to hone his skills and study under Conway.

Matson's greatest accomplishment was one of the surprises in UCF athletics this year. Ed Dotson had to have a

titanium rod implanted in his shin in November after he suffered a stress fracture in a game against Jacksonville. Two months later Dotson was back on the court and he scored 17 points in the final game of the season.

Matson said Dotson's recovery was a combination of three things: Dotson's attitude and willingness to work hard, his body's natural ability to heal and Matson's education in athletic training.

Matson said that the first time Dotson came into a game after his rehabilitation he had to choke back tears.

"To Ed Dotson I meant everything at that time," Matson said. "To me, just to watch the pure joy of a great athlete playing, knowing I had a

small hand in it is all I do this for."

Many of UCF's ATCs said that one of the biggest misconceptions about their profession is the education they receive and the certification process. Other misconceptions include that all they do is tape ankles and hand out water, and that there is little time commitment involved. ATCs say they get there before the athletes do and stay long after the athletes leave.

The rewards of the job seem to outweigh the misconceptions however. UCF's athletic trainers agree that the greatest rewards are seeing an athlete who was injured back on the field or the court and the athletes' appreciation for what the ATCs do for them.



Mary Vander Heiden is in her third year with the UCF football team. This is her first season as an assistant athletic trainer.

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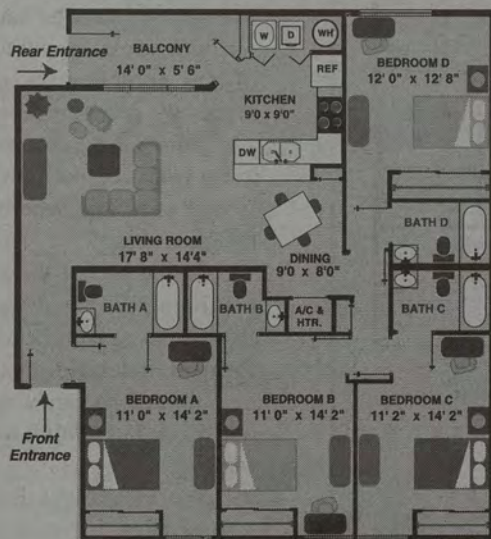
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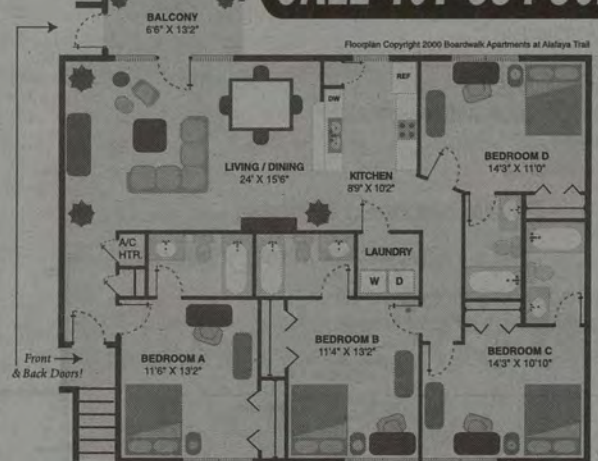
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Freshman finds immediate success

JOE MANZO
STAFF WRITER

The UCF women's golf team has been improving since coach Jill Fjelstul took over. Now, after six years, the team has a superstar. Her name is Federica Piovano.

Piovano placed second at the Waterlefe Invitational in Tampa last week, leading UCF to a fourth place finish. Only one other Golden Knight, Sarah Greene, finished in the top 15.

In February, Piovano led UCF to a win at the UCF Invitational by finishing second. During the fall season, her average was third in the nation among freshmen and 37th overall.

Those statistics are only

going to get better throughout her time at UCF. Piovano is from Rome, Italy, where it is too cold to play golf in the winter. Also, adjusting to another country and culture can be very difficult.

"It's very different," Piovano said. "You miss your country and your friends. All my friends are there. It's pretty hard, but it's a good environment to work in. They don't speak English that much back home in Italy. I learned it in school and going around in Europe. Coming down here was pretty tough."

Piovano plans on staying in this environment for all four years.

"I plan to get my degree," Piovano, a psychology major, said. "My parents would like me to get the degree. You never

know what life brings, but the degree is important."

However, the next three years are a long time away. What's important now is the end of this season. Piovano has an experienced team around her and they have a chance to return to the NCAA Tournament.

Teams can qualify for that tournament with an automatic bid or an at large bid. Last year, UCF made it as an at large. UCF does not want it to come down to that again this year. The Knights host the Atlantic Sun Tournament on April 15-17.

"I'm pretty confident (about the conference tournament)," Piovano said. "The team is working pretty good. I think everything is going to be fine."

The pressure will not get to

Piovano. She has played and done well in pressure packed situations before. Piovano has been a member of the Italian National Team for six years. She won the Italian Championship for her age group three times and won the Italian Medal Championship in 1998. Piovano also placed second at the German International Championships twice. In all, she won eight European tournaments before she came to UCF, and was a finalist or semifinalist in another 13.

Even with that success, Piovano is trying to improve parts of her game.

"I've definitely been improving," Piovano said. "I've been trying to work on putting, my short game."

Piovano will have more chances to improve in Europe during the summer. She will play tournaments there in addition to the fall and spring seasons here.

Piovano started playing when she was 10 and joined the national team a few years later after coaches realized her talent. She chose to attend UCF because of the area.

"Orlando is a very nice city," Piovano said. "It's a golf city. The weather is always good. The university is pretty good."

One day, Piovano wants to play professionally. If she continues to improve she will be able to, and she might help lead UCF's golf program to the next level in the process.



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Pew earned 2000 National Junior College Championship in the heptathlon

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302 points for an automatic bid into the championships.

Considering her history, the feat of earning one of those top 21 spots is encouraging. Prior to UCF, Pew became the National Junior College Champion in 2000 in the heptathlon while attending Central Arizona College. Also to her credit, she claimed the Arizona state titles in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles in high school.

As a Golden Knight, she placed second in the 60-meter hurdles and third in the 55-meter hurdles in UCF's record book.

UCF Coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth described Pew as a consistent, driven athlete with a lot of respect for her teammates. "Jamie thinks she can do anything and she's right," Mansur-Wentworth said.

Pew was two events away from completing her own heptathlon in the span of 11 hours at the Disney Showcase at Disney's Wide World of Sports on Saturday. The one-day event did not offer a heptathlon because according to the NCAA regulations, a heptathlon must be held on two consecutive days.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Pew competed in the javelin

throw, high jump and long jump. Due to events coinciding together, Pew had to go from one event while participating in another. She still managed to win and tie a school record in the high jump with a mark of 5-feet, 6-inches and finish first in the javelin throw with a measure of 39.44 meters, earning 20 points in team scoring for UCF. The scheduling difficulties might have been a factor when she did not score in the long jump but received a sixth place finish.

Her next event, the shot put was at 10:30 where she placed fifth with a mark of 38-3.25. After completing the field events, she helped the team gain 10 more points when she ran the second leg of the 4X100-meter relay, which earned a first place finish with a time of 47.29. Her final performance at 7:30 p.m. included the 100-meter hurdles, where she posted a personal best time of 14.21

Mansur-Wentworth said that Pew could pull up on a few of her events but explained that it is still early in the season. She said the outlook is very good in her qualifying for the championships. The next heptathlon scheduled for Pew is in Gainesville at the Florida Relays.

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BEHIND THE SCENES Part one in an on-going series

More than fetching water and taping ankles

KRISTY SHONKA
STAFF WRITER

Athletic trainers.

Everyone knows what they do. They tape ankles and give athletes water. Or at least that's what they used to do.

The profession is changing and now most states require athletic trainers to be certified according to the National Athletic Trainers' Association. Certified athletic trainers, or ATCs, are still responsible for taping ankles and ensuring the athletes are hydrated, but they are also responsible for everything from physical to emotional problems.

UCF has five full-time athletic trainers. Darryl Conway, in his first year at UCF, is head athletic trainer. Jennifer Perez and Kristen Schellhase are associate athletic trainers and Bryan Matson and Mary Vander Heiden complete the team as assistant athletic trainers.

Conway and Vander Heiden are head and assistant athletic trainers with the football team, while Perez is head ATC for women's basketball, Schellhase for softball and Matson for men's basketball. All five are certified and have master's degrees in a related field.

Conway graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in athletic training. After graduating he got the opportunity to work for three summers as a full-time assistant athletic trainer with the New York Jets in the National Football League. He earned a master's degree in sports management from Adelphi University. Before coming to UCF Conway was head athletic trainer at Morgan State and Northern Iowa.

He said he got into the business because he was a three-sport athlete in high school, but did not want to pursue athletics at the collegiate level. He wanted to stay involved in sports, however, and had met the Washington Redskins' athletic trainer when he was in eighth grade. He also wanted to help people and athletic training was a profession in which he could do both.

Conway says his greatest accomplishment is that every student trainer under him since he was certified has passed the certification exam in the first try. He said that only about 20 percent pass the test in the first sitting and he's

a perfect 14-for-14 so far. Conway's also proud of where some of his former students have ended up. He said one is a head athletic trainer for an NBA team, another is an assistant athletic trainer in the NFL and another is the first female football athletic trainer at Oklahoma.

While at UCF Conway said he hopes he is able to help the athletic trainers under him advance in their careers.

"I'm somebody who'd like to see my staff leave every three years if they're going to be a head athletic trainer somewhere because that means they're moving up in the world," Conway said.

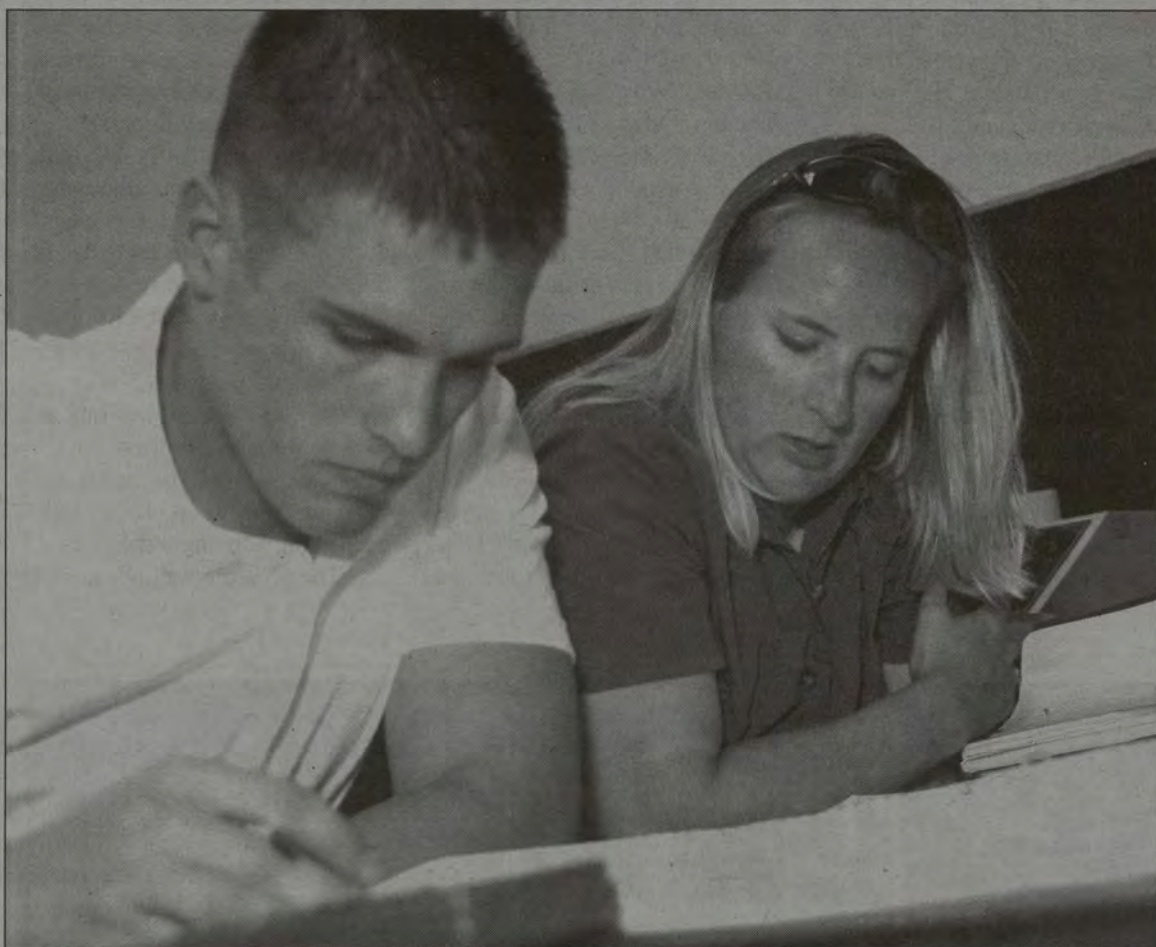
Vander Heiden is in her first year as assistant athletic trainer for the football team. The past two years she was the team's graduate assistant. She earned her master's degree last May from UCF in exercise physiology. She got her undergrad degree from the University of Wisconsin Eau-Claire in 1998 in kinesiology with a minor in exercise management and a concentration in sports medicine.

Vander Heiden said she became an ATC because she too wanted to take care of people. She said she was an athlete and got injured and saw what athletic trainers do. She said she was interested in physical therapy when she was younger, but a job as an athletic trainer suited her better.

Eventually Vander Heiden said she wants to become a head athletic trainer.

Like Vander Heiden, Perez decided to become an athletic trainer after she got hurt and saw what they did. She said she too originally wanted to do physical therapy, but realized she did not want to work in the clinical setting. Perez graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in physical, health and corrective and adaptive education, with a minor in psychology and a specialization in sports medicine.

She came to UCF in 1996 and spent the next two years as a graduate assistant athletic trainer helping with the volleyball team. In 1998 she earned her master's in health service administration. She was promoted to associate athletic trainer and has spent the past four years with the women's basketball team.



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Kristen Schellhase is one of UCF's associate athletic trainers and works with the softball team.

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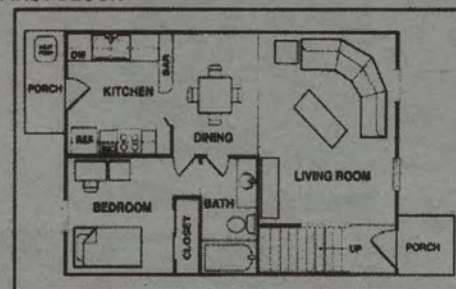
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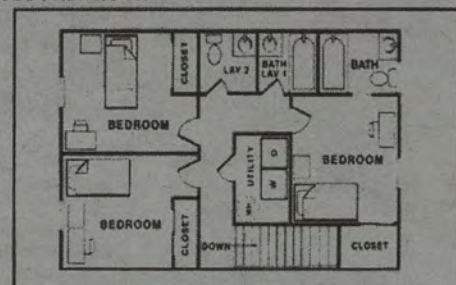


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coach and raises money for the team.

For Haynes it helps put football in perspective. Working with kids especially reminds him why he's out on the practice field every day.

"It let's you know there are other things out there other than football," he said. "A lot kids see that you do play football, they look up to you and they admire the things that you do."

Now Haynes continues to

get ready for the upcoming season, excited about the prospect of playing in the MAC. With a year of experience under his belt, he's primed for a big season. And he'll have plenty of fans around the Orlando area.

"Great kid. He's always working with the kids, always trying to find a way to make a difference and make the kids that are coming up better," Daniley said. "That's the kind of guy he is, he does a lot of great things."

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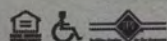


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Men's tennis team at its highest ranking ever

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Tennis

The men's team jumped from No. 78 in the nation to No. 56 after a successful trip to the west coast. It is the highest ranking for the team in school history. The women's team had a match Thursday, but it was called during doubles play when it started raining.

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The junior varsity and novice boats cleaned up at the University of Miami on Saturday, as they all finished first. The varsity boat finished third

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Softball hits conference schedule

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on a Nikki Green single and then scored on an error by the right fielder.

score and were led by Manz who hit a two-run home run and had four RBI for the game.

Rebel Games go on

The Golden Knights return to the Osceola County Softball Complex to continue play in the Rebel Games Thursday. They take on Towson University at 2:20 p.m. and Iona College at 4:10 p.m.

Last Wednesday UCF split two games at the Rebel Games. The Knights lost to Columbia University 2-1 and beat the University of Vermont 10-3. Home runs were the story in the first game. Bush hit her first of the year in the second inning, but Columbia's pitcher Allison Beuhler hit a two-run home run in the fourth inning for the win.

In the second game Lindy Oakley picked up the win after throwing a complete game. After Vermont took an early 1-0 lead in the first inning UCF countered with two runs scored on a Schmidt double. The Knights continued to

UCF goes deep

From last Wednesday to Saturday UCF played seven games, in those seven games the Knights hit nine home runs. Manz led the way with three, running her season total to seven. Shinhoster and Best both had two, increasing their team-leading totals to eight. Hess and Bush each hit their first home runs of the season. The Golden Knights have 30 home runs as a team. Schmidt has one and Cupp has four.

Conference road ahead

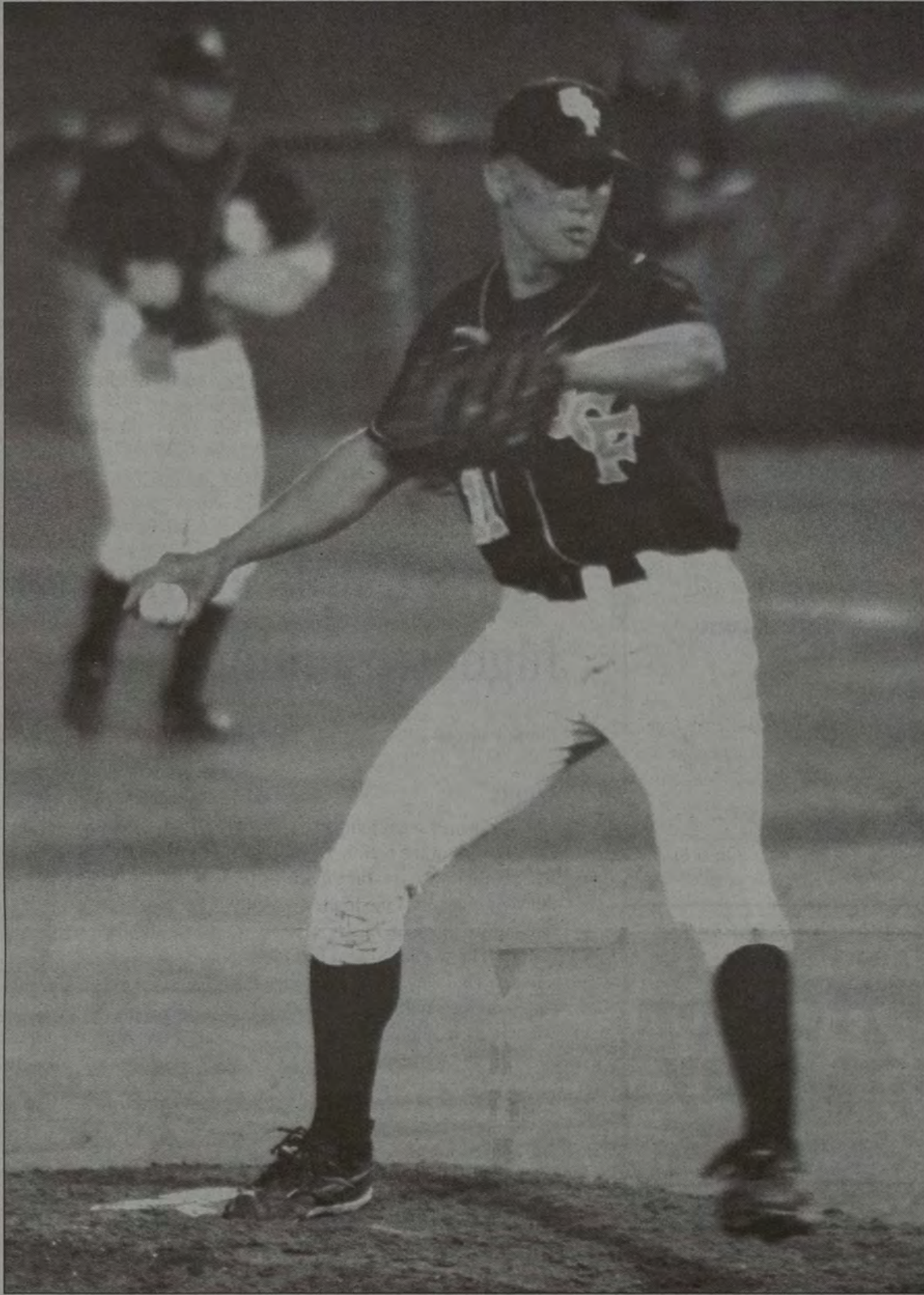
Beginning Friday UCF begins a span in which it plays seven conference doubleheaders in the month of April. This span begins with a trip to Florida Atlantic, currently ranked 11th in the nation.

This will be the second time UCF plays a nationally ranked opponent, with the first time being Saturday against 20th-ranked FSU. UCF lost 10-2.

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BASEBALLNOTEBOOK

Knights take two from Jacksonville State



JOE KALEITA / CFF

Jason Graham has a 3.72 ERA in eight appearances this season. He is also hitting .300 in 10 at bats.

TOM ALEXANDER
STAFF WRITER

Knights take two from Jacksonville State

UCF improved to 16-12 overall and 5-1 in the A-Sun Conference with a pair of wins this weekend at Jacksonville State. The Knights opened the series on the right note with a 5-4 win Friday, led by Clay Timpner's seventh inning double that scored Jeremy Frost, who had tripled just before. Von David Stertzbach pitched 4.1 innings in relief of starter Burt Clark and improved his record to

3-0 with 8 strikeouts. Stertzbach and Clark combined for 15 strikeouts in the game.

The first of Saturday's doubleheader saw another stellar pitching performance from Mark Michael as UCF beat the Gamecocks 7-1. Michael threw six innings of one-run ball, giving up only three hits and striking out eight. Sophomore David Mann cemented himself as the everyday DH and went 5-for-6 with three runs scored and a RBI out of the leadoff spot for the day.

The Golden Knights were unable keep their conference record perfect in game two on

Saturday, despite Clay Timpner's 5-for-7, three RBI performance on the day. The Knights' one run lead would be squandered in the third inning as Jacksonville State shelled Lincoln Mincks and took advantage of UCF's two infield throwing errors.

The Knights scored four runs on four hits in the top of the seventh on RBI singles by Mike Myers, Timpner and Rich Wallace to take the lead 5-4, but the Gamecocks took advantage of being the home team in the bottom of the seventh, when, after Nick Whidden gave up a one-out walk, Andrew Tarver hit a walk-off two-run home run to



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Catcher Jeremy Frost scored the go-ahead run in Friday's 5-4 over Jacksonville State.

end the game with JSU on top 6-5. UCF had a nine-game winning streak against JSU until the loss on Saturday.

header Saturday beginning at 1 p.m.

Tearin' it up

The Golden Knights' offense is finally showing some life after a slow start to the season. Four regular players: Clay Timpner, David Mann, Ty Hanson, Rich Wallace, and Dee Brown are hitting .300 or above, and two—Timpner and Mann—are hitting above .400.

Wallace, who is batting .327, seems to have cemented himself as the Knights' first baseman after a disappointing sophomore season...Right-handed stopper Von David Stertzbach is 3-0 in 6 appearances with a 1.47 ERA (the best on the team) and has 20 strikeouts in 18.1 innings of work...Mark Michael has also been a bright spot on the Knights' staff this season. He is 3-2 in seven starts with a 2.51 ERA and 47 strikeouts in 43 innings of work...Sophomore Burt Clark has made the most of his five starts, posting a 3-1 record with a 2.81 ERA and 31 strikeouts in 25.2 innings of work...

Knights come home this week, will face Samford

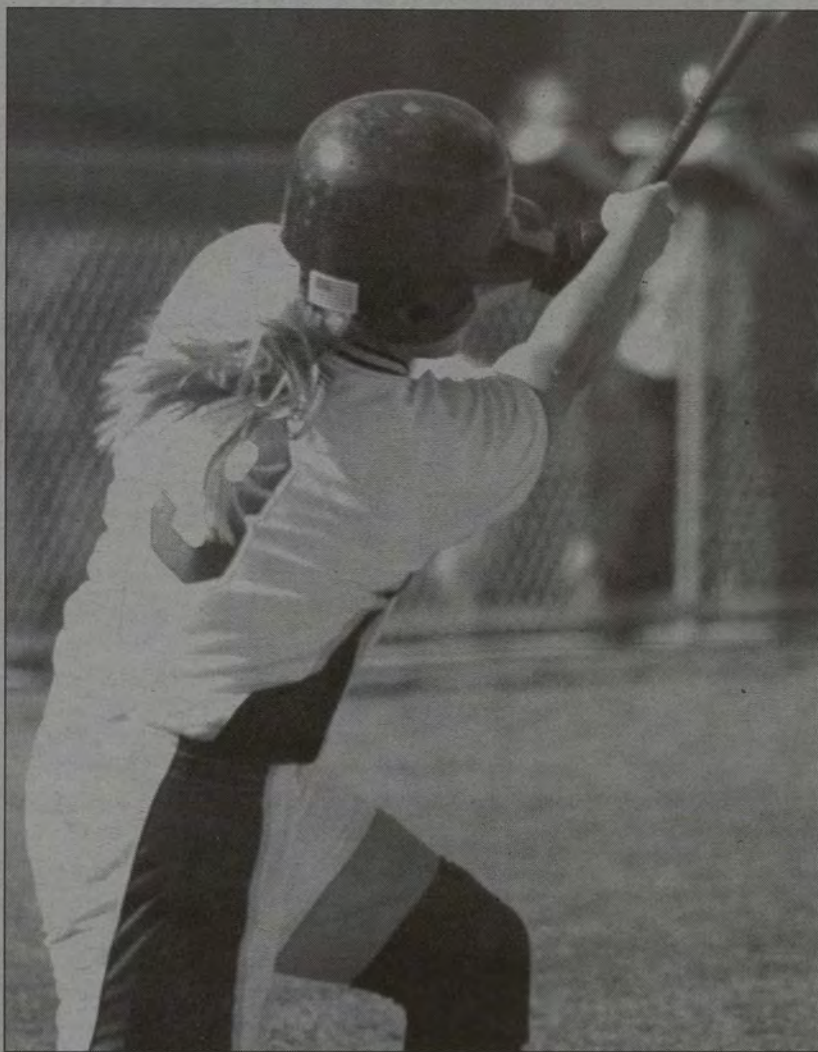
The Golden Knights return home this weekend with a three-game series against conference rival Samford at Jay Bergman Field. The Knights (16-12, 5-1), who are 12-2 at home this season, will face a Samford team who is 4-3 on the road, 14-12 overall and 5-7 in the A-Sun. The Bulldogs are led by pitcher Frank Allen Yielding (4-2, 3.32 ERA) and a potent offense, with four regular players hitting above .340.

The Knights, however, have freshman Clay Timpner, who leads UCF in seven offensive categories and is batting .436 with four home runs and 21 RBI, and sophomore sensation David Mann, who is batting .434 with a .571 on-base percentage. Game one of the series is Friday night at 6 p.m. at Jay Bergman Field, with a double-

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SOFTBALLNOTEBOOK

UCF goes 2-3 at Buzz Classic



Stephanie Best hit two home runs last week. She and Jania Shinhoster lead the team with eight.

JOE KALEITA / CFF

KRISTY SHONKA
STAFF WRITER

The UCF softball team picked up wins over Princeton and UNC-Greensboro on Friday, but fell to Ohio State, Campbell and 20th-ranked Florida State on Saturday.

Princeton got on the board first with solo home runs in the first and second innings, but a fielder's choice by Rachelle Schmidt scored Lauren Cooper. Lindsay Bush scored on a Princeton error in the top of the seventh to tie the game at two.

In the extra inning Dottie Cupp and Lindsey Manz scored when Bush singled to left field. Bush and Schmidt also scored in the inning to put UCF up 6-2. Princeton could only manage one run in the bottom of the inning and the Golden Knights won 6-3.

Cupp pitched a complete game, striking out 13 batters.

Against UNC-Greensboro the Golden Knights went up 2-0 in the third on a Manz double. The Spartans tied the score in the fifth, but Stephanie Best hit a two-run home run to give UCF a 4-2 win.

The Knights went up early against Ohio State on a three-run home run by

Manz. The Buckeyes scored on an error in the bottom of the first and broke the game open in the bottom of the fifth. Kristine Himes hit a solo shot to start the inning and Stacy Roth hit a grand slam to put OSU up 6-2. The Buckeyes added three more runs in the sixth.

Jania Shinhoster hit a two-run homer and Tepora Hess hit her first home run of the year, but it was too little too late as UCF fell 9-6.

Shinhoster led off the game against Campbell with a home run, but Shannon O'Bryan hit a grand slam for the Camels. Best hit a solo shot in the second inning for UCF, but the team allowed six runs in the final three innings to lose 10-2.

Friday's wins put UCF in the single elimination consolation bracket, but the Knights were pitted against Florida State, ranked 20th in the nation. FSU struck first scoring three runs in the first inning and used two home runs to beat the Golden Knights 10-2.

UCF scored both its runs in the fourth inning. Manz hit another solo shot for UCF's first run. Best scored Knights' final run after she reached on a fielder choice, stole second, advanced to third

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Heptathlon no small feat



Senior Jamie Pew hit the NCAA provisional mark in the heptathlon March 13

CHARVI MAGDAONG
STAFF WRITER

Twenty-one athletes participate in the NCAA track and field championships in the heptathlon, a seven-event contest. For senior Jamie Pew, she looks to be among the contenders fighting for a berth to compete in late May.

Record

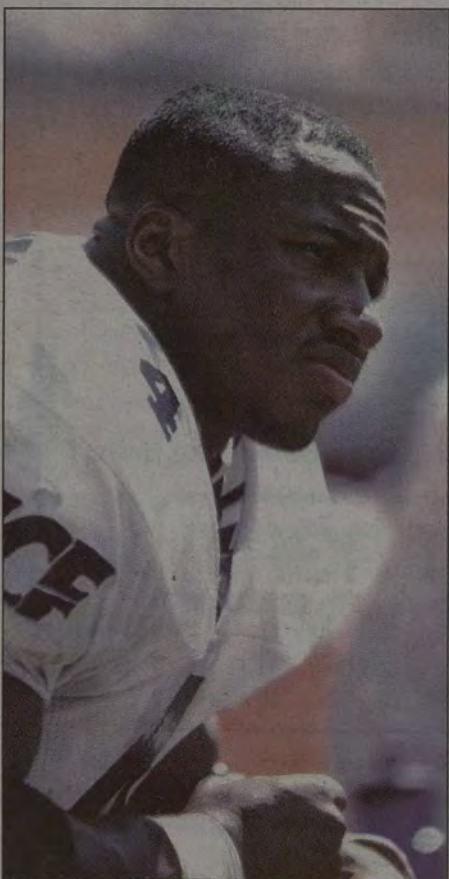
UCF breaks record at Disney Championship.

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Already this season she provisionally qualified by taking first place at the Charleston Southern Home Meet in Charleston, S.C. Pew's 5,198 points eclipsed the provisional mark by 23 points. However, she needed an additional

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Haynes helps youths stay on track



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Alex Haynes works with the Florida Elite Track Team, which helps children ages 6-18.

CHRIS BERNHARDT
STAFF WRITER

It was UCF's first practice of the spring in full pads on Friday, and Alex Haynes is already hard at work. Taking a handoff from quarterback Ryan Schneider during drills, the sophomore tailback cuts, hits a hole, and runs for a couple of yards before being crunched by two of his defensive teammates.

As a freshman last year, Haynes was a pleasant surprise. Taking over the starting tailback spot early in the season, he let the team in rushing with 690 yards and ran for 4.9 yards a carry and nine touchdowns. Those numbers would have been even higher had he not missed the better part of three games with a leg injury.

But what Haynes has done off the field makes him all the more impressive. He's been working with the Florida Elite Track Team, an organization of past and present local track athletes that helps children ages 6-18.

"Little kids see us, that helps them realize that we went through the same things that they're going through," Haynes said.

The team was founded in 1997 when

Ellis Daniley, director of Barnett Park, brought together several track athletes from various area schools that didn't have enough participants to compete, over the summer. Among these athletes was Haynes, one of the top 40 hurdlers in the nation while attending Evans High School.

"(Daniley) has just been a guy that's like our mentor," Haynes said. "He's always looked out for us and just watched us come up. He was a father figure that was there for us."

The team has been involved in school tutoring, car washes, fund-raisers, track meets for elementary students and charity basketball games. Edmonds High School's track team is also tied in, with its athletes using the Elite Team as a means of staying in shape over the summer.

"We try to give the kids something positive to do over the summer to keep them busy," Daniley said.

Though his days of competing on the team have past, Haynes continues to lend a hand particularly with younger kids. It's among the several bits of charity work Haynes participates in. He's also worked with churches. His father Tony also helps

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COMMENTARY



KRISTY SHONKA
STAFF WRITER

Covering the bases

Baseball

The baseball team lost its first conference game of the season, 6-5 loss to Jacksonville State in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader. UCF won two of the three games in the series, and improved to 16-12 overall and 5-1 in the Atlantic Sun.

David Mann and Clay Timpner had the hot bats over the weekend. Mann went 6-for-8 in the three-game series, improving his average to .434, second to Timpner's .436. Timpner went 7-for-12. Mann seems to have found a permanent place in the UCF lineup as the designated hitter.

On the mound Mark Michael has been the most consistent starter for UCF and Von David Stertzbach has been the highlight of the bullpen. Michael is 3-2 with a 2.51 ERA in seven starts and 43 innings pitched. Stertzbach is 3-0 in six appearances and leads the team with a 1.47 ERA.

Softball

The softball team seems to be finally showing signs of inexperience. The Knights still have an impressive record at 29-8, but soreness in the shoulder of junior pitcher Dottie Cupp has hurt the team. Cupp has two freshmen behind her in Pysha Simmons and Lindy Oakley and they are gaining experience by fire.

In the past week UCF dropped one of its games at the Rebel Games and three at the Buzz Classic in Georgia. If Cupp is not healthy by Friday's doubleheader against 11th-ranked Florida Atlantic it could spell trouble for UCF.

Track and field

Erica Garcia and Valerie Beaubrun broke school records and Garcia, LaTrica Firby and Jamie Pew all tied school records as the team won the overall championship at the Disney Showcase. This weekend the track and field team heads to Gainesville for the Florida Relays.

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