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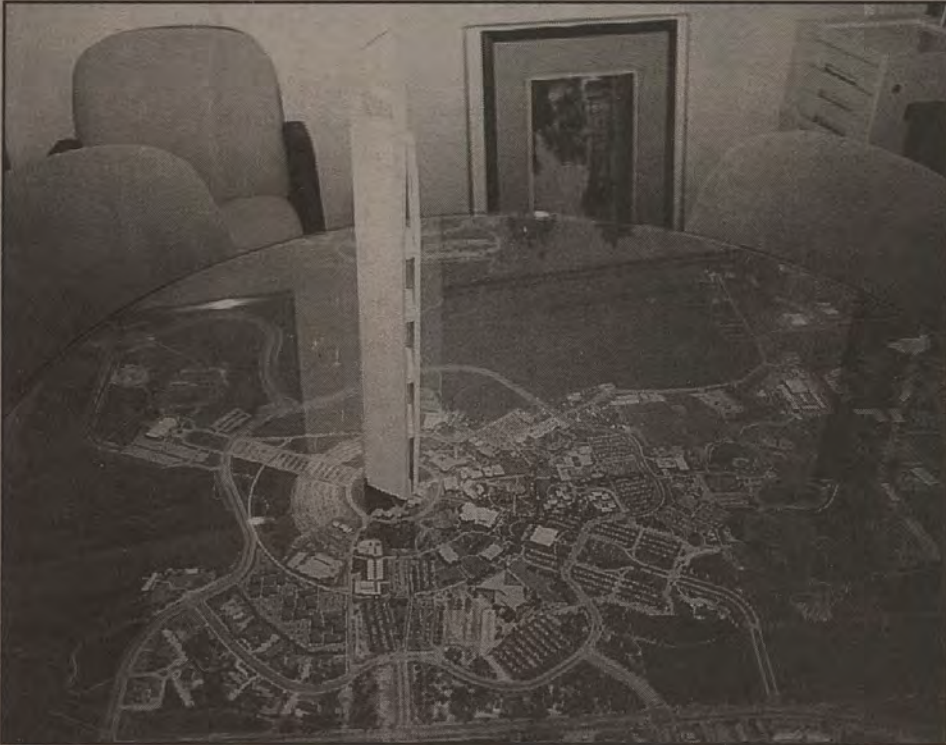


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A model of the Carillon Bell Tower to be seen on the side of the Reflection Pond

Chiming in a new tradition

By JENNIFER LINDSTROM
Staff Writer

A group of parents and students visiting UCF for the first time will typically hear a tour guide say, "Right in front of us is our Reflection Pond, the place where our first graduation ceremony took place in 1968, as well as our yearly homecoming movie nights and pep rallies."

However, this may not be the case if a few preliminary designs by project architect, Azita Dashtaki, get approved and funded. Dashtaki, with the assistance of UCF facility planning, helped with the plans.

In the design, the pond would no longer be a semi-circle, but a small circle with a fountain in the center. At the front of the pond where once stood a podium for former President Richard Nixon who gave the first UCF commencement speech, will be a small pool of water that will waterfall into the fountain.

Around the fountain will be a series of trees that will have benches underneath. The trees will have low lights that will luminate in the evening hours.

The request for this new design is due to the trouble that UCF maintenance has been experiencing.

"The pressure cleaning of the reflection pond to keep it free from dirt and algae has become somewhat of a maintenance headache," said Peter Newman, director of facility planning.

However, the reflection pond changes are not the only design Dashtaki has made. There are also plans for a 75-foot Carillon Bell Tower to be built on the side of the pond, further up the hill near the library.

The bell tower will be made with either black slate or marble. A control room will be built inside the library or the administration building to operate the tower.

"We chose this location because when the carillon bell rings it can be heard throughout the campus," Newman said.

The preliminary idea is to have the bells chime every hour. There are also ideas such as playing the UCF Alma Mater every day at noon and possibly Christmas carols during the winter.

"I think the new pond and bell tower will help to enhance campus life at UCF," said Student Government President Keith McDonald.

"That part of our campus is the first place new students see when they walk out of the administration building on a tour, and I think it will look beautiful when it is complete."

In addition to the pond and tower, Dashtaki also designed a new sign and sculpture that will replace the current ones that appear at all four gateway entrances. The sign will also be made of black marble, like the bell tower.

Newman said the only project designed by Dashtaki that has been funded is the entrance signs. There is currently no funding for the reflection fountain or the Carillon Bell Tower.

The department of administration and finance is working on it.

Jill Painter, a junior majoring in exceptional education thinks the new plans are a good concept.

"I think shrinking the pond will make it easier for maintenance to keep it clean and presentable," she said. "As for the bell tower, I feel it will make our university even more traditional than before."

Health center undergoes reconstructive surgery

By ROSS STEIN
Staff Writer

Plans to renovate and expand the UCF Student Health Center are underway. Health Center officials said the changes will allow physicians to provide more efficient service to students.

"We have looked at other college health centers such as USF, FSU and Georgia to get ideas," said Bob Faust, director of medical health administration for Student Health Services. "We want good patient flow."

The reconstruction of the Health Center began in July, but the idea to renovate came about four years ago. Since then Faust and the health administration board have been separating some of the health fees students pay each semester and have collected about \$500,000 for the project.

The undertaking will consist of three phases, the first of which is underway. The first phase is to connect the Health Center with the Wellness Center located next door. The enclosed area will be used to enlarge the lobby.

Phases two and three will entail relocating the Wellness Center to the mobile units the ROTC occupies. The

empty space where the Wellness Center used to be will house new offices for the Health Center's appointments and accounting offices.

Lastly, the old accounting and appointments offices will be reconstructed as six new patient examining rooms, increasing the number of patient care rooms to twelve. Faust said this increase will aid in reducing patient waiting time.

Along with the expansion will come a larger pharmacy. Currently the pharmacy occupies a 200 square-foot area which only allows room for storage of about 30 prescription and over-the-counter medications. The pharmacy will encompass 1,000 square feet, increasing the number of storable medications to 100. The increase will also allow the sale of more common over-the-counter products.

"One of our goals is to hold cost down and become very competitive," Faust said. "We want to at least meet or beat prices at other local pharmacies or clinics."

Sheryl Gamble, pharmacy manager, said the new facility will be like a Walgreens or Eckerd's, only more accessible to stu-

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"Night with Adam Sandler" comes to UCF

By Olivia K. Curnow Managing Editor
and Brian Smith News Editor

The Campus Activities Board confirmed Monday that comedian Adam Sandler will be at the UCF Arena on October 3 at 8 p.m.

Sandler, Saturday Night Live alumnus and star of "Happy Gilmore" and "Billy Madison," is on a nationwide tour tentatively called "A Night with Adam Sandler" in which he will perform a musical comedy act.

Kelli Belfatto, popular entertainment director for CAB, said Sandler's original price quote was between \$75,000 and \$100,000. However, the price was lowered and CAB will pay about \$30,000.

Senior Allison Beaver was enthusiastic when she heard Sandler was coming to UCF.

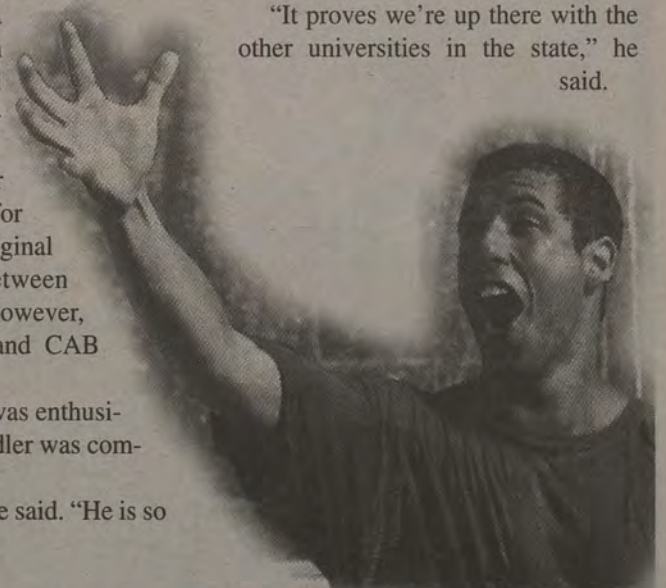
"That's totally cool!" she said. "He is so funny!"

The performance is free to UCF students and will cost \$10 to non-students.

"I think it's great that it's free to students," said journalism major Tyler Gray. "It's about time they got decent acts for free."

Aaron Rosentetler, a member of the popular entertainment committee, favors UCF having a big name coming to campus.

"It proves we're up there with the other universities in the state," he said.



Blind intern does incredible work in counseling

By ERICA TYLER
Staff Writer

When one listens to the story of Cameron Dean, an intern at UCF's Counseling and Testing Center, the word 'incredible' comes to mind.

During his third year at the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, Dean was diagnosed with Von-Hippel-Lindau, a rare genetic disorder. This disorder led to a condition that damaged his optical nerves, leaving him blind. Since then, Dean said his perspective on things changed and he became enlightened about the importance of physical well-being. The result was he felt a need to help others.

After his rehabilitation he went back to college to take undergraduate classes in psychology. Dean applied to the doctorate of psychology program in clinical psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary graduate school in Pasadena, California. He is currently in the pre-intern-

ship program, which is the latter stage of obtaining a degree and a full internship, with what Dean jokingly refers to as a "starving salary."

Dean wanted to work with the student population and UCF was the closest university in Florida with counseling services. He contacted Dr. Robert Harman, director of the Counseling and Testing Center, about possible openings. He came in for an interview and was selected with four other interns. Each pre-intern has a supervisor which is how Dean met Dr. Allen Hale, a psychologist at the center.

Dean is currently advising students in academics and helping them in making career choices. He is also co-leading counseling groups and is involved in outreach programs. Many students may have seen Dean with his seeing-eye dog. Dreyfus, a very friendly labrador retriever, has been with Dean for six years. Dean fondly describes him as a "very educated dog."



Dean has already done four individual counseling sessions. The most difficult aspect of counseling Dean says is the non-verbal cues, such as body language.

"In trying to understand a patient, a lot is said through body language," he said.

Dean describes himself as determined, energetic, and an honest individual who truly enjoys helping others. He enjoys the interaction with students who want to improve. Dean says that the loss of his sight has taught him not to make long range goals. Dean's special interest is in helping these who have been in accidents or have had illnesses that left them disabled. In the future he estimates that he might be in a private practice, and he would like to stay in Florida.

Photo by MIKE MARSHALL

Intern Cameron Dean, and his seeing-eye dog Dreyfus are a common sight at the counseling and testing center

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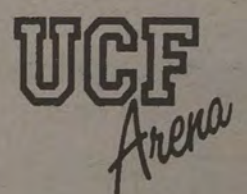
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Dole inspires leadership at UCF Arena

By **BRIAN SMITH**
News Editor

Bob Dole, former majority leader of the U.S. Senate and the Republican presidential nominee, took center stage 8 p.m. Wednesday at the UCF Arena.

Betsy Penne, speakers director for the Campus Activities Board, introduced Dole as one of the greatest leaders Americans have ever known.

Dole walked to the podium as students and community members stood in ovation.

After wishing luck to UCF's football team against South Carolina, Dole said he came to UCF to discuss leadership.

His speech focused on the definition, decline and future of leadership.

Dole defined leadership as the moral belief in accountability and integrity.

"Leadership is not an expression of style but an expression of character," Dole said. "Leadership without responsibility is not leadership at all. It's an

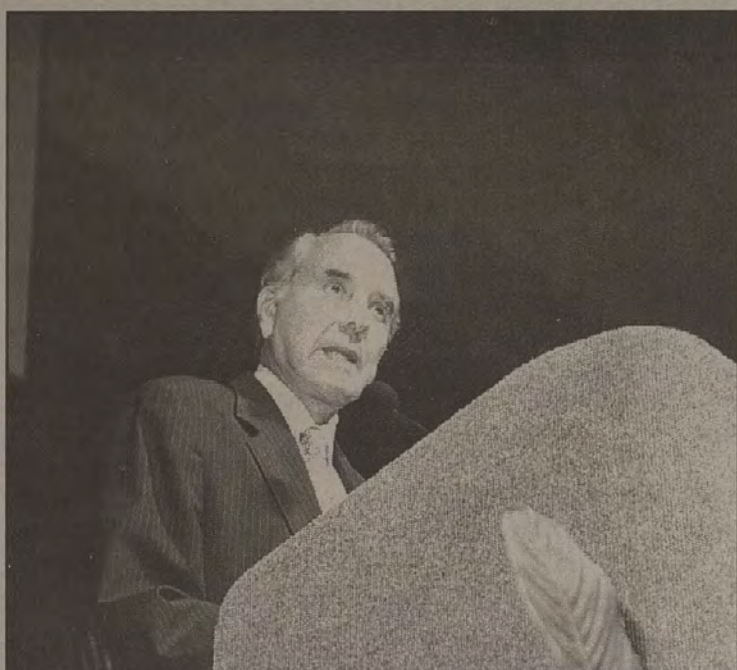


Photo by **PETER KUNDIS**

Bob Dole's speech Wednesday focused on the definition, decline and future of leadership

ability to inspire trust."

Dole said decline in leadership over the years is due to negative influences such as opinion polls, television and the media.

"This has caused people to have a lower expectation of politicians and a lower trust in government.

People see politicians as the same and believe low standards are normal.

"I have lots of friends in the media, especially after the election," Dole said.

However, Dole said the direction of leadership toward the

positive or negative will be decided by college students.

"Your generation will need to recover it and practice it," Dole said. "Politics is not a spectator sport. The easiest thing a person can do is sit on the side-lines."

"This nation will either reflect your high standards or your low expectations. Your generation of leadership needs to be value based leadership, public morality and public leadership."

After the speech, Dole answered questions from the audience and received a black and gold jersey from Kappa Sigma President Jack Howard.

Student response to Dole's speech was positive.

"I think he was great," Student Government Vice President Karen Montague said.

She added that it was inspirational when Dole said one reason he has persevered in politics over the years was by looking at the U.S. Capitol at night. She said SGA can relate because just looking at the Student Union and other advancements for UCF

have helped kept them going.

Also, Montague said she was surprised by Dole's sense of humor at the reception before the speech.

"He was telling jokes and talking about being on shows like Conan O' Brien and Jay Leno," Montague said.

Sophomore Forest Crumpler said Dole spoke well in public.

"He was very articulate," Crumpler said. "I respect him more as a speaker than a politician, since it's after the election it's easier to accept what he's saying."

"He bounced around quite a bit and he was a little difficult to follow," junior Lane Reinert said. "His speech on leadership might get more people involved with the country."

Dole left UCF with one final thought:

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CAMPUS CRIME

More than \$3,000 in computer equipment stolen

By JENNIFER PRIDEMORE
Staff Writer

Sometime between Aug. 22 and Aug. 26, a computer, monitor and keyboard, valued at \$3,234, were removed from the Institute for Simulation and Training. On Aug. 26, Dan Briestel met with police to discuss the theft.

An inventory had been taken of

the room on Aug. 22 at about 2 p.m.. Then, on Aug. 26, at about 10 a.m., the first employee entered the room, and discovered the computer system missing. There were no signs of forced entry. However, two finger prints were taken from where the computer was and placed in evidence.

In other reports released by the UCFPD:

Nicole Woods, 18, reported a burglary on Aug. 25. After park-

ing her car on campus about 11 a.m., she hooked up her cellular phone to its charger, placed the phone in the glove box, locked her car doors and left.

When she returned to her car about 3 p.m., Woods found her cellular phone missing. However, there were no signs of forced entry. Woods had given no one permission to enter the car or use the phone, and prosecute. There are no witnesses or leads.

On Aug. 25, Jeffery Brian, 26, reported his bicycle, valued at

\$500, stolen from a friend's pickup truck on campus. Brian reportedly chained his bicycle to the bed of the truck with a padlock at about 4:30 p.m., and left. When he returned at 4:40 p.m., he found the bicycle and chain missing. Brian had given no one permission to use the bicycle and is willing to prosecute.

A parking decal was reported stolen by Kimberly Simonetti, 21, on Aug. 25. Her car had been parked in a temporary parking lot, and between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., the decal was removed

from the car's left rear bumper.

On Aug. 27, Aderemi Ademosu, 21, reported his Florida license tag missing from his vehicle he had parked on campus, and left around 5 p.m. He found his license plate missing when he returned to the vehicle around 6 p.m., with the tag screws reinstalled on the tag holder. Ademosu will prosecute.

Sororities show their appreciation to police

By JENNIFER PRIDEMORE
Staff Writer

UCF has the lowest crime rate in the state university system. This is because UCF has its own police department that works within the university.

To show appreciation to the department for their hard work and dedication, the seven national Panhellenic sororities will

continue the Adopt-A-Cop program this fall. The program was temporarily paused for the summer months when sororities do not hold meetings.

Adopt-A-Cop has the seven sororities taking turns every week to give the police department a bag of baked goods or homemade cards. In the future, posters and signs with positive messages of thanks will be

placed around the department.

"Last semester we also gave the police department cupcakes for Easter, and sent letters out inviting officers to different barbecues and parties. They seemed to really appreciate it," said panhellenic house chair Jane Luong.

In November 1994, panhellenic delegate Angel Passailaigue and Sgt. Tom Gorbass started the program to improve student-police

relations by showing gratitude to the officers. Since then the program's first plan has been slightly altered.

"Originally, the program started with each sorority adopting an individual cop, but now we are just doing the entire department as one. We are trying to build [the program] up," Luong said.

Heather Wojtowicz, the panhellenic director of chairs, said

the program has been going very well between the sororities and the police officers. Gorbass said.

"I thought the program to be a good idea," he said. "Police officers often get no appreciation for their work, and this is a great opportunity for the community to show their appreciation and gratitude."

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LEAD STORIES

• In July, a judge in Doncaster, South York, England, released suspect Martin Kamara, 43, a black man who had been accused of threatening a financial adviser, because of police impropriety. Cops wanted to put Kamara in a lineup for identification, but because of recent racial incidents, no black men could be found who were willing to stand alongside Kamara. So Doncaster police hired a makeup artist to put black faces on seven white men for the lineup. (However, the artist forgot to make up the men's hands.)

• The Wall Street Journal reported in July that the Environmental Protection Agency has ordered 71 mining companies in Idaho to submit copies of all of the paperwork they have produced in the last 117 years. EPA says it needs the information to help determine who is responsible for lead pollution in Idaho's Silver Valley. According to the president of one firm, the order was so crazy that the EPA investigators "must not live on this planet." Another pointed out that there are not enough copy machines in the region to handle the work.

• A confidential report, prepared for the Australian Foreign Ministry and with uninhibited appraisals of many South Pacific leaders, was accidentally left on a table at a regional economic ministers meeting in Cairns, Australia, in July, and reported in the press. While the Australian delegation was outwardly friendly toward its smaller, island-nation neighbors, the report described by name many of the nations' leaders as inept or corrupt. And two weeks earlier, Austria's foreign minister came under fire for his name-calling at a breakfast meeting in the Netherlands. Minister Wolfgang Schuessel reportedly called one German official "a real pig," the Belarus president a "smelly Turk," and U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright "an aging Bette Davis."

POLICE BLOTTER

• Four young men were arrested for trespassing and attempting to remove tires from a vehicle at a car-auction lot in Des Moines, Iowa, in May. Owner Dan Carney had seen the men enter the lot late at night on his security camera and hopped on his forklift. He picked up

the men's getaway car and hid it inside a building. While the men were next door inquiring whether anyone had seen their car, police arrived to arrest them.

• In March, nighttime thieves stole the two 300-pound, \$30,000 solid brass doors from a side entrance of the Baltimore court house at Calvert and Lexington streets.

• In June, supersleuth detectives in Loudon County, Tenn., and Lexington, Ill., cracked messy burglary cases. Loudon County sheriff's deputies arrested Frederick Downing, 31, after he pawned a VCR with bird droppings on it; deputies were waiting for that because it appeared that a bird in the burglarized home regularly perched above the VCR. In Lexington, James D. Kennedy, 32, pleaded guilty after being linked to a piece of stolen railroad machinery by freshly vomited spaghetti on the casing; the Lexington police chief inquired at a local restaurant that had run a spaghetti special on the night of the burglary and received a description of Kennedy from workers.

• Dallas police officer Raymond Dethloff Jr., 34, was suspended for 15 days in March for eating a McDonald's chicken sandwich he took from a crashed car at an accident scene he was working. The 16-year-old girl to whom it belonged had been taken away in an ambulance with minor injuries.

• A Chicago Tribune correspondent, writing from Caracas, Venezuela, in April, reported on the recent carjacking of Rosa Clemente, who was en route with her grandmother to visit her ailing grandfather. The grandmother pleaded with the two robbers to forget about the car (they could not, they explained; they needed it for the weekend) or at least to swing by the hospital and drop the two women off (which they reluctantly did). The grandmother also got them to promise to return the car by Monday because the women needed it for continuing transportation to the hospital. The men actually returned the car, but the women couldn't use it for three months because the police were holding it as evidence.

• Fleeing on foot just ahead of cops in hot pursuit near Collinsville, Ill., in June, murder suspect Ronald Hardwick, 24, ran into a field and attempted to hide. However, alert Texas County sher-

iff's deputies noticed that a few cows, rather than idly grazing, had seemed to congregate in a certain area and were staring at a particular place where the field turns into woods. Deputies headed that way and soon ran across Hardwick.

• Irene Luby, 75, was arrested in Barrington, Ill., in April and charged with felony shoplifting. It was her 145th arrest since 1989 (under as many as 60 aliases). This time, according to police, she had lifted a whole salami, two rolls of film, and several packages of medicine from a Jewel/Osco supermarket. In the police holding room, an officer said he heard a thump on the floor at Luby's feet and looked down to see a package. "What was that?" he asked her. Luby responded, "Would you like some cheese?" The officer then added a package of cheese to the charge.

• Robert Hayden, 30, was arrested in East Moline, Ill., in February and charged with attempted robbery of the Esquire Lodge East. According to police, Hayden walked into the lobby with a hood over his head, and simulating a weapon in his hand, and demanded money. Hayden, who is black, then sheepishly aborted the robbery when he realized that the Esquire Lodge East was black-owned and -operated. He fled, but police caught him nearby.

PEOPLE WITH TOO MUCH TIME ON THEIR HANDS

• At a celebrity auction in May, Debbie Dacoba of Paw Paw, Mich., bid \$8,625 for a pair of Mr. Ed's horseshoes and was so overcome with joy when she won that she had to retreat to the ladies' room for 20 minutes until she stopped crying. Later she told a reporter that she would keep the horseshoes in plastic because specks of brown residue in the nail holes "could be manure, which I hope it is because then I have a piece of him."

• A June Associated Press profile of Bernard Williams, 77, of Hannibal, Mo., described his work over the last 13 years: He has rewritten both the Old and New Testament of the Bible into rhyme in two books published by a local man, Jim Hefley, doing business as Hannibal Books. Williams' goal was to make the scriptures more accessible to readers.

UPDATE

News of the Weird reported in 1996 on hard-luck Oklahoma rapist Darron Bennalford Anderson, who had received a 2,200-year sentence in 1994 but appealed and won a new trial. Unfortunately for him, he was convicted again and this time given more than 90 additional centuries behind bars, a total of 11,250 years, including 40 centuries each for rape and sodomy, 17 1/2 centuries for kidnapping, 10 centuries for burglary and robbery, and five centuries for grand larceny. In July 1997, the state Court of Criminal Appeals held that the grand larceny charge was double jeopardy on the robbery conviction and dismissed it, speeding Anderson's release date up five centuries to the year A.D. 12,744.

WRONG PLACE, WRONG TIME

Jimmy Robert Jewell, 33, was arrested in May in Redondo Beach, Calif., and charged with indecent exposure. He had opened the door of his van to flash a female passerby, who just happened to be carrying a camera in order to take pictures of a house she had had her eye on. She snapped several photos, of Jewell and of his license plate, and police tracked him down a short time later.

(Send your Weird News to Chuck Shephard, P.O. Box 8306, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33738, or Weird@compuserve.com. Chuck Shephard's latest paperback, "The Concrete Enema and Other News of the Weird Classics," is now available at bookstores everywhere. To order it direct, call 1-800-642-6480 and mention this newspaper. The price is \$6.95 plus \$2 shipping.)

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US News ranks UCF in lowest tier

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

On a 4.0 scale, UCF scored 1.7 in academic reputation, according to a US News survey of America's Best Colleges.

UCF was ranked in the fourth tier, lower than Florida State University, University of Florida and Florida International University.

The rankings are based on academic reputation, freshman retention, faculty resources, stu-

dent selectivity, financial resources, efficiency and alumni giving rate.

The freshman retention rate indicates whether a school is retaining and graduating those who enroll as freshmen. Although UCF scored 72 percent, UF surpassed UCF with a rate of 90 percent. FIU scored 21 percent for alumni giving, six percentage points higher than UCF. FSU scored 15 percentage points higher than UCF for the percentage of classes under 20.

"The ranking criteria tend to penalize younger institutions in two ways: reputational and financially driven," said Dean McFall of university relations. "Younger institutions who don't have a long track record aren't ranked as high as older universities. UCF has historically been an underfunded institution. We expect [those figures] will improve when the dollars come, as they have this fiscal year."

McFall said the quality of our students has improved because

UCF is the third most preferred university in Florida, the application growth is "astonishing," and the ACT scores for incoming freshmen are the third highest in the state.

Jodi Riendeau, a graduate student in educational technology, did not know UCF ranked low.

"It probably would have [affected my decision to attend UCF] because I looked all over the country," she said. "But, I'm happy with what I've gotten since I've come here."

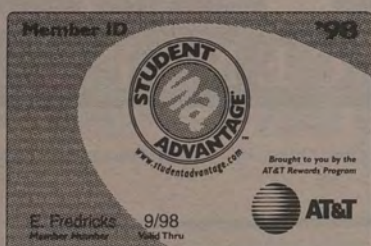
Freshman Nicole Stockli said the rankings would not have affected her decision if she saw them before she applied to UCF.

"I know if I had gone to UF, which was my alternative, the classes there would have been a lot bigger and I basically would have been lost there," she said.

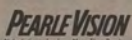
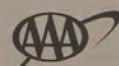
"We think [the students vote] is more important than any magazine rating," McFall said.

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Get to know your COP through new program

by OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

UCF is the first and only Florida state university to receive a \$300,000 grant to improve student-police relations.

The University Hiring Program grant is awarded for 3 years by the U.S. Justice Department. This money will be used to hire five police officers to implement the Community-Oriented Policing (COP) program. The officers will be stationed at the residence halls, Lake Claire Apartments, Greek Park Drive and the Student Union.

"The COP program is getting back to the basis of the beat cop, which is the officer working in partnership with the community," said Sgt. Tom Gorbas, public information officer.

Gorbas said the officer will still enforce laws and make on-site arrests but will also build a relationship with the students.

"He'll get to know people on a first-name basis, become a mentor for some of these students, develop a friendship between the community and police department and get that trust back because that has been lost over the years," Gorbas said.

Before the grant was awarded, the police department participated in an extensive application process, explaining the goals of the department. Sgt. David Zambri of the training division handled the application process prior to the grant period.

"We want to actually assign officers to housing, to provide assistance to housing," said Zambri. "Students, faculty and staff will be more involved with the police department."

Sophomore Jason Lee lives at Lake Claire Apartments and thinks the COP program is an interesting idea.

"I hope it will improve relationships between students and law enforcement officers here and hopefully give students a feeling they can talk to police officers and better relate to them," he said.

Gorbas said the university agreed to keep the five officers longer than three years because the campus is growing every year. The officers must be mountain bike certified and have public speaking skills for crime prevention seminars.

Gorbas said the response from housing officials has been positive and they are hoping to have

more COP officers throughout UCF in the future.

"I think it's a phenomenal idea because it's going to keep everyone in line and the police will give students a friendlier perception, not just enforce the laws," said resident assistant Larry Mattacchione.

Fellow resident assistant Jason Kennedy agreed.

"They just don't give tickets," he said. "If you know a police officer by name, you'll be friendlier toward them."

Dean to teach a new lesson in education

By TARA SUH DORSEY
Staff writer

The college of education welcomed a new dean this semester, Dr. Sandra Robinson. She was the interim dean at South Carolina prior to coming to UCF.

Robinson is happy with her initial experiences at UCF.

"What a wonderful faculty, such a dynamic atmosphere, full of energy and enthusiasm. I am very impressed," said Robinson. "I have visited other colleges and the degree of caring for the students here is tremendous. The

faculty finds different angles to benefit the student body and, from there, choose their decisions. It is extraordinary.

"The opportunities for the students here are enormous. Students are prepared to be able to teach in any town, city or metropolis."

Robinson said a 20 mile radius from the main campus allows students to participate in those three key environments.

Facilitators sharing the Robinson's enthusiasm are the local schools in the district, the Orlando Science Center and Walt Disney's Celebration

School.

"Students at UCF are able to intern with the Celebration School, which is really unique," said Robinson. "We are one of four partners with them. The others are Auburn, John Hopkins and Stetson. It is a nice way to make friends literally across the miles."

Her colleagues and staff have nice things to say about her.

"She is very innovated. I think the college and its interests are her main concern," said Jill Swanson, executive administrative assistant. "We are very fortunate to have her."

"She just recently arrived, but I think the college is headed in a successful path," said Sandra Martinez, education office's receptionist.

Settling in at UCF, Robinson's plans for changes are beginning to develop. A few changes within the office have already improved the life of her associates.

"She has moved me out of the limelight in the main foyer," said Donna Edinger, executive secretary to the associate deans. "With all the traffic, it was difficult for me to get my work done. She simplified my life."

Robinson's personnel trusts her judgment. She realizes their concerns and ideas are valid and important for delivering quality services to students.

"She delegates ownership of the education college to the faculty and staff and encourages input from us in decisions," Kim Whitney, Robinson's executive secretary, said.

"She is a wonderful asset and person to the college, leading us into the next century with seriousness and a good attitude," said Whitney.

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Opinion

Dole dodges the questions as we dodge the issues

BY JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

It is clear that we don't care about our own student government. Though it has a major impact on our lives as students at UCF we choose to ignore this crucial element of college life.

Voting was the main issue directed at us Gen-Xers during the last presidential election. We were told to "Rock the Vote!" It was a slogan which, in its very nature, looked down to the people which it was trying to influence. Perhaps, however, it was for a very good reason.

Recently one of the most respected politicians of all time visited our campus. He was Senate Majority Leader for like 60 years and most recently lost in his run for the title of President of the United States of America. These days you can see him starring in credit card commercials and making appearances on The Tonight Show. For some reason his PR people have decided that, since he lost the election, NOW they should start selling him as a more personable and down-to-earth guy. Politics, it's a world unto itself.

I was very excited to get a chance to see Bob Dole deliver a speech, in person. This is a man that our children will be reading about in their boring history classes when they're in college. Though you may disagree with his politics, and the fact that he is a politician in general, Bob Dole is a man that deserves respect.

I was surprised, however, to find that many students were disinterested in this most important event. As students we should embrace an event of this magnitude. Though we may rather go to the library than sit through a long, boring speech by some slick politician who is just looking to gain public support for his new crime bill, we should be at least mildly interested.

Mild interest seemed to be the driving force behind the majority of the students that wandered into the Arena for the speech. I noticed many scanning eyes and whispering mouths during Dole's speech. At one point it seemed more like a high school rally rather than a speech by the former Senate Majority Leader. A certain amount of respect should be considered during an event

such as this one, and it was sorely evident that perhaps UCF students are not ready for a speaker that demands a little composure. I was wondering if Mel Gibson was going to walk out onto the stage or Bob Dole.

All self-righteousness aside, the actual speech was a bit on the boring side. I didn't care about most of the issues that he spoke of and found myself struggling to pay attention. It was interesting to see my counterpart actually fall asleep during the speech, and she was more gung-ho about the whole thing than I was.

We did, however, notice one thing about the speech itself: once a politician, always a politician. At the end of the speech the question and answer period proved to be the most intriguing part of the evening. Over and over again Dole commented on his beliefs that you should stick up for what you believe in and make a stand. But when Dole was asked straight questions, he gave no straight answers. Even in private life he feels the need to gain the approval of the masses. Even when he has nothing to lose

by voicing his opinion he backed down and gave the grayest possible answer that he could think of. I enjoyed watching him pull this off though, so I found it to be terrifically engaging as well as extraordinarily funny. Imagine being trained to talk like that:

"Would you like some peas with that?"

"Boy I sure do love peas. I eat peas with meatloaf sometimes but other times I have yams. Yams are yummy! I remember one time back on the farm I had a dog named Glue, he sure did love that glue, and he ate up all these yams right after eatin' a bunch of glue and he darn near got 'em stuck to his snout. Me and ma, we laughed fer an hour 'bout that one."

"Soooo, do you want any peas with that?"

As a politician he is trained to answer the question without actually giving an answer. It is quite hard to do in any other job other than politics, or even in school:


"Can you tell me what the quadratic equation is for a multi-racial, singular number

function given for x, when x is really z and looks like f?"

"Well, you see, it is really hard to tell. I mean, there are just so many factors... No okay, I DON'T KNOW!"

In the academic world you just can't be shady about anything, so it was amazing watching a man do what he does best: politics. For those of you that missed it, you missed a great performance by an old pro. And why weren't you there?

Getting back to my original point, it is a shame that the house was not completely full. Here at good ol' U Can't Finish it would have been nice to see some students show their intellectual capacity for things other than drinking and whining about how bad things are, present company included of course. Perhaps Rock the Vote does not demean our sensibilities but rather preaches to those that need to be converted. After our showing at the speech maybe we all need to be converted just a little.



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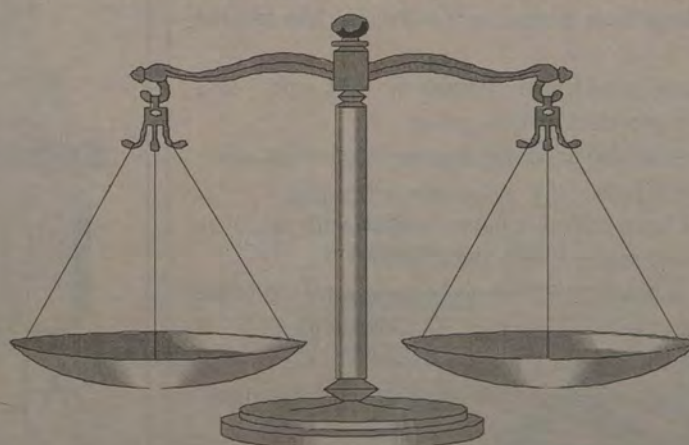
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Health center goes under knife

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dents.

"We'll be selling things like Band-aids and Ace bandages, things that kids ask for all the time but things we don't have [right now]," said Gamble.

To further convenience students, most of the examining room refurbishing will take place at night or during off hours to avoid disruption.

Being moved to the new mobile units will increase its office space for employees by almost 300 square feet.

"There will be more space for CHAMP (Comprehensive Health Assessment and Motivation Program)," says Erin Brown, the Coordinator for Health Education. "There will be space allocated for a new library and a bigger classroom to hold classes, seminars, etc. We need the bigger facility because we're really crammed in here."

Faust said he is hoping that all the construction will be completed by the end of the fall term. When finished, an open house is planned and students are invited to attend. Faust said he is enthusiastic the medical facility will be a big success.

"You'll get a little extra TLC here then you would get in say an emergency room," Faust said. "Even if you're not sick, come check us out."

Diplomats tackle diverse issues

By JOHN MORGAN
Staff Writer

UCF does not offer an international studies or geography degree, but if you are interested in issues such as diplomatic talks among nations, world trade or human rights, there is a group on campus worth knowing about.

The United Nations Association chapter at UCF has been active for about three years. The group of about 20 students involved in the U.N. Association simulate and discuss similar issues as the actual United Nations.

The United Nations was formed in the wake of WWII, to find solutions to problems of any kind that effect humanity any where on the globe. People from differing political and social systems, rich and poor alike, participate to achieve peace.

It is in this spirit the U.N. group at UCF involves its members in international interest.

Students involved agree there are significant skills to gain.

"I have more respect for the differences among people of the world," senior Amar Mahabir said.

Twice a year the U.N. group attends conferences. The conferences allow students to apply and simulate the actions of the United Nations.

Universities nationwide participate by representing various countries of the world.

Students said by representing countries that have controversial histories, they are able to ascend beyond negative preconceived views.

In fall 1996, UCF students attended the regional conference and represented Columbia and Cuba. They are especially proud to report they won an award for their representation of Cuba

"I was glad we were able to represent Cuba in a positive way," said Mahabir.

The national conference takes place in New York and host many U.S. colleges. Last year, there were students from Germany and Egypt.

Just as the actual U.N. is culturally diverse, so to is the group at UCF. There are students from origins such as Poland, Iran and the United States.

"I have made so many good friends through the U.N. club," said Graceila Noriega, the president of U.N. group.

The U.N. association is also good preparation for various careers or graduate studies programs.

"The experience I have gained is going to stick with me, even after I leave UCF," said senior Laleh Alemendez.

If your interested in finding out how to become involved in the U.N. Association, contact Noriega at GDN03504@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu.

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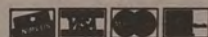
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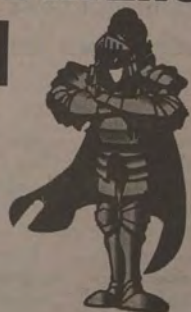


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Huntington makes web banking easy

By STEVE BARNES
 Web Editor

CYBERSPACE — OK, OK, so you've logged on to the Beavis and Butthead home page and done a little web surfing with the likes of Pamela Lee. But what about real life? Are you using the Web to make your life easier, to save time and money? Now you can.

Web banking is now a reality, with a number of traditional banks offering a broad range of Internet-accessible services. Recently, I opened a checking account with Huntington Bank, and signed up for its on-line account access. Now, I balance my check book, transfer funds and pay bills, all from the comfort and privacy of my home, seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

The site is well organized, with the main page providing links to a variety of services, including on-line banking, financial tools, a resource library, a small business library, mortgage loan information, credit card application and employment opportunities.

The heart of the site is access to traditional banking services; checking and savings account management. Using this program, you can view daily balances and detailed descriptions of all transactions. The register is updated daily, allowing you to see which checks have cleared and which are still pending.

With the bill pay feature, you can pay almost all of your bills via the Internet. To do so, simply add the name and address of the payee and your account number to the bill pay screen. (Accounts may be organized by type, if you desire.)

When you are ready to make a payment, simply click on the name of the payee, type in the amount you wish to pay and click the send button. The information is forwarded to Huntington as if it had received a check, and the amount is deducted from your account and transferred to the payee.

Your statement is then adjusted to show the pending transfer of funds. The transaction is listed just below your regular statement and the register shows your current balance and the new balance pending processing of the transaction. This feature is especially handy if you are the type who sometimes forgets to record transactions in your checkbook. (You know who you are.)

The site also allows you to download a program called AMC Loan Assistant. This program allows you to customize a loan to suit your needs. It allows you to input information such as the amount you wish to borrow and various interest rates to determine your monthly payments. Or if you prefer, you can enter your desired payment and the program will tell you how much you can afford to borrow.

The small business library includes a number of helpful articles designed to help entrepreneurs navigate the stormy waters of the business world. Included in the section are articles on topics as diverse as taxes, import-export operations, and business relocation. While security on the Web is still something to take into consideration, the environment is getting safer all the time. In fact, most experts agree that using services like these is safer than giving your credit card over the phone or handing it to the waiter at your favorite restaurant.

Accessing your account requires both a user name and a pass word, which you may change at any time.

Huntington is not the only bank offering such on-line services. Other banks doing business over the Internet include: Barnett, First National, First Union, South Trust and dozens of others. One location to find a listing of other banks offering on-line services is <http://www.bankweb.com/bankweb.html#f1>

Huntington Bank may be found at: <http://huntington.com>

On-line banking is definitely an idea whose time has come. The freedom and ease make this a real time saver and eliminates the hassle of searching for envelopes and stamps. (Besides, who wants to lick the backside of even a young, thin Elvis?)

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What Factors Go Into Deciding What Student Attends A School?

By SUNNI DENICOLA
College Press Service

Ever wonder what the deciding factor was in your being admitted to your alma mater? Was it that great application essay you agonized over? Did those sky-high SATs blow admissions officers away? Or how about that 4.0 GPA that took years of sweat and tears?

Believe it or not, a final selling point might have been which high school you attended. Yes, if your parents had bought that house one block over, you might not be at your college right now. Some selective colleges give a boost to applicants based on the competitiveness of their high schools. But since students rarely have any say over which high school they attend, critics are asking if the practice is fair. Often the best high schools are available only to the wealthy, says Ralph Williams, executive director of the National Association of College Students, a nonprofit group that counsels students applying to college.

"It gives preference to people who do not need preferential treatment," he said. "If a student from a wealthy suburban area has mostly A's and a few B's, but one in an economically deprived

area receives all A's, the student who received all A's should be given higher consideration, provided the classes are at equal levels."

Yet when admissions offices are inundated with applicants whose GPA and SAT scores are all high, a "weighting scale is often used to narrow the pool," said Seppy Basili, managing editor of Kaplan/Newsweek's How to Get Into College guide.

"The practice of weighting factors in college admissions is practical, not elitist," said Basili. "The University of California-Berkeley received 12,000 applications from students who had over a 4.0 GPA because the UC system gives extra credit for AP (advanced placement) courses. . . And, if you were relying just on scores, you'd do kids a disservice because some don't test well, but truly are top students." Not surprisingly, weighting systems often give preferences to under-represented minorities, children of alumni, the number of honors courses taken, campus leadership activities, etc.

But the selection process also leads to the practice of weighting high schools, says Basili.

"The real tension is: how do you compare students from very, very different schools? It really

is a tough call," he said. "Admissions committees often need to weight factors like a high school's competitiveness in order to equitably evaluate, for example, an applicant who has a 3.5 GPA at a school with a challenging curriculum and another who has a 4.0 GPA at a school with a weaker curriculum."

Truly competitive colleges have to be this selective, says William S. Dingleline, Jr., an independent college counselor in South Carolina.

"It is important for admissions officers to compare the nature of the academic background and training that each student has in order to make a decision," he said.

"If the discussion was about athletes and their potential to become a top college or pro player, one would look closely not only at their physical abilities, but also how they performed in competition and what level of competition they were up against."

While most agree a weighting system is necessary, not everyone feels it should be applied to the high school itself.

"Although I understand why and how it would happen, I personally feel it is not fair to students," said Williams. "Any stu-

dent should have the shot to get into any college based on how they've applied themselves in high school, without any preconceived notions of admissions officers of a school. It is important to look at individual merits of students and not the merits of an individual school."

Williams says he feels enough other criteria exist for schools to use.

"Standardized tests, quality of admissions essays, quality of recommendations, timeliness of applications—these are all things that can be evaluated at the same level," he said. "All things being equal, such as grades, these are the things they should look at."

In Detroit, the media recently took the University of Michigan to task for weighting high schools. UM uses a rating system called SCUGA—Schools, Curriculum, Unusual, Geography, Alumni. That means that the caliber of the high school is one of five factors considered. Others include giving preference to AP courses; "unusual" or distinguishing attributes such as leadership activities, involvement in creative projects, or being in an ethnic minority; under-represented geographical location; and whether parents are alumni.

"We receive 20,000 applications for 5,000 spaces," said Julie Peterson, UM Admissions Office spokesperson. "We look beyond test scores and GPAs to find interesting things about students. SCUGA tries to give guidelines for a fairly subjective process. We start with the GPA and then look at a variety of other things including a school's curriculum—how challenging was it and have they really pushed themselves."

"Not all schools' programs are equivalent...we evaluate this based on our own experience with these schools and how many they send to college and how successful they are."

Still, high school weighting is not the practice at all competitive schools.

"We don't weigh admissions in this way, because students have little to say about where they attend high school," said David Smith, dean of admissions and financial aid at Syracuse University.

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CAL - Berkeley produces most Peace Corps volunteers among universities by far

By COLLEEN DE BAISE
College Press Service

WASHINGTON—The University of California at Berkeley has produced the most Peace Corps volunteers since President John F. Kennedy founded the agency 36 years ago.

Berkeley ranked No. 1 on the agency's top-50 list, with 2,960 alumni serving as Peace Corps volunteers over three decades, the agency said. The University of Wisconsin-Madison was second with 2,237, followed by University of Washington with 1,990.

Harvard University, one of only three private universities to make the top 20, ranked fourth with 1,966. The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where Kennedy proposed creating an overseas service program in 1961, came in fifth with 1,821 volunteers.

Mark Gearan, the agency's director, sent letters to the presidents of universities on its list, thanking them for contributing their "best and brightest [to] help solve some of the most challenging problems in the developing world."

During the agency's history, 150,000 volunteers—most

college graduates—have served in 132 countries. The agency decided to research which universities have produced the most volunteers.

Berkeley, a campus well-known for its political and social activism, was the site of the first-ever Peace Corps recruitment campaign in 1961. Berkeley graduates were among the first 50 volunteers to teach high school in Ghana.

Berkeley graduate Patricia Wilkinson Garamendi, now the associate director of the Peace Corps, remembers being inspired to join after hearing Kennedy's Bay Area speeches in the early 1960s.

As a high school senior, she and her classmates traveled to the Berkeley campus to be among 80,000 people who "heard the call for young men—and young women—to serve," she said. "As women, it opened the doors of the world to us."

Garamendi, whose husband, John, is the U.S. Deputy Interior Secretary, went to Ethiopia as a Peace Corps volunteer after her graduation from Berkeley.

"John had been accepted to Harvard for an MBA," she said, "but I said, 'I'd love to marry you, but we're going into the Peace Corps.' He said he'd been thinking of join-

ing, too, so we went together."

Nearly 6,500 serve now in the Peace Corps. The top 20 universities that have produced the most volunteers, according to the Peace Corps, are:

1. University of California-Berkeley, 2,960.
2. University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2,237.
3. University of Washington, 1,990.
4. Harvard University, 1,966.
5. University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 1,821.
6. Michigan State University, 1,756.
7. University of Colorado-Boulder, 1,633.
8. University of Illinois-Urbana, 1,550.
9. University of California-Los Angeles, 1,445.
10. Stanford University, 1,240.
11. Cornell University, 1,207.
12. Ohio State University, 1,196.
13. University of Oregon, 1,187.
14. University of California-Santa Barbara, 1,159.
15. Indiana University-Bloomington, 1,123.
16. University of Texas-Austin, 1,091.
17. San Francisco State University, 1,044.
18. University of California-Davis, 981.
19. San Jose State University, 970.

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Entertainment

James Taylor brings years of song and dance to Orlando Arena

by **PETER KUNDIS**
Staff writer

This past Thursday night, one of the best musical acts of the seventies era, made a very strong presence here in O'Town. The nearly full-house, was something that even former-Beatle Ringo Starr and His All-Star Band weren't able to generate during their latest stop-over in Orlando. Even though the name James Taylor may not be all the familiar with much of today's younger crowd, there were quite a lot of young faces present at the concert.

James Taylor had a very impressive music catalog from which to draw the many songs that he played live for Orlando. And not surprisingly, most of his songs still sound just as fresh as they did, when they were first recorded. For those readers who just can't recall any of his biggest hits, I'll try to bring you up-to-date: "Fire and Rain", "Carolina in My Mind" and "How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved by You)" come to mind.

Unlike most of the groups today that depend heavily on a very amplified sound to get their message across, Taylor prefers to use his warm voice and a mellow musical background to do it for him. Backing Taylor was a very solid band of musicians, and four very talented back-up singers: Valerie

Carter, Arnold McCuller, Kate Markowitz, and David Lasley.

Mr. Taylor provided a very satisfying bending of both his classic hits from the past with many of the songs from his latest release, "Hourglass". One of the songs that is receiving a lot of airplay on WMMO 98.9 FM is the love song "Little More Time With You". The lyrics of this song give reference to his former drug and alcohol problems: "I passed on the cocaine/ said bye-bye to my methadone ... Still I feel like a hopeless junkie/ Like a man who can't say no".

Another song "Line Em' Up", starts out talking about the reception line for Richard Nixon's presidential resignation, and ends with mention of the massive wedding ceremony, held in Madison Square Gardens by the Unification Church.

The album "Hourglass" also features the songs "Ananas", a song that is half in French and half in English. "Up in Your Life" is a spiritual hymn for agnostics (according to Taylor). The album is a multimedia CD, which contains an interactive portion featuring interviews with Taylor and insights to the backgrounds of some of the songs.

So when you need a refreshing break, from all of the intensive studying you need to do during the term, pull out a copy of the "Hourglass" CD, to relax with.

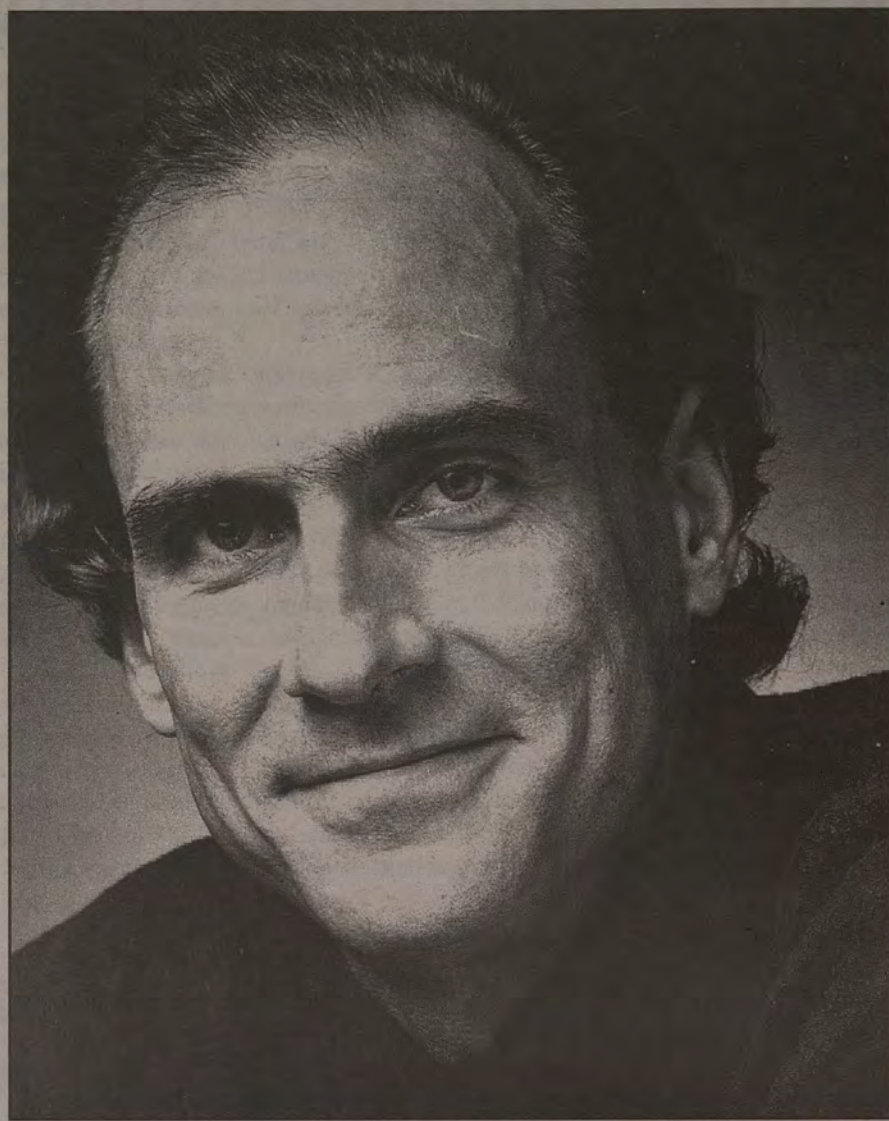


Photo special to the FUTURE

James Taylor performed in Orlando to promote his latest album "Hourglass"

This year's summer movie season invades fall

by **ARTHUR A. PAULK**
Staff writer

Well summer is over. Or is it? Batman is busted, the Speed 2 ship sank, and aliens reigned supreme, ala 1996, but despite the autumn breezes, the summer movies keep on coming. The fall and winter movie season is packed with horror, sci-fi and action flicks.

What's happening in Hollywood? The very fabric of moviegoing is being ripped at the seams by greedy executives, looking to crank out an "event movie" almost every week, regardless of the season.

It used to be that fall signaled the release of more serious, adult dramas. You know, Oscar type stuff. Traditional logic was that with the kids being back in school, it was time to turn the multiplexes back over to Mom and Dad. But with more yuppies and boomers getting in touch with their "inner child", Hollywood has provided us with more and more summer movies all year long.

Soon there will be no more movie seasons. Just an endless parade of chases, explosions, and action heroes gunning down malfesors. 1997 marked the dawn of a new era in cinema: the endless summer. This year summer began in January, with the re-release of Star Wars on the big screen. February saw The Empire Strikes Back, in March we got Return of the Jedi, and then the new summer releases were under way with Volcano in April.

And I thought the summer movie season began Memorial Day weekend.

Shows what I know.

Now we are well past Labor Day, and what's on the horizon? Well this month, it's The Peacemaker, an action film with George Clooney. October finds An American Werewolf in Paris, the long awaited sequel to An American Werewolf in London, with Julie Delpy, as well as Nightwatch, the much delayed Ewan McGregor horror/thriller. November brings the one two punch of Alien Resurrection and Starship Troopers.

Now I know what you're thinking. Those last two movies don't really count since they were pushed back from their initial summer release dates right? Wrong. That's just another clever tactic in the grand scheme of Hollywood to proliferate our lives with popcorn cinema 365 days a year. Take December's centerpiece attraction Titanic for example. Did anyone actually think James Cameron would deliver this picture by the July deadline? You don't have to be Jean Dixon to see that future.

And don't forget James Bond in Tomorrow Never Dies, and the yet unnamed sequel to Scream.

Looks like event pictures dominate December. Not that I'm complaining or anything. I love the genre pictures and I'm gonna ride this sci-fi/horror wave as long as it lasts.

I only hope that Hollywood doesn't dumb all these contenders down to the Beavis and Buttthead level that we are seeing more and more of these days.

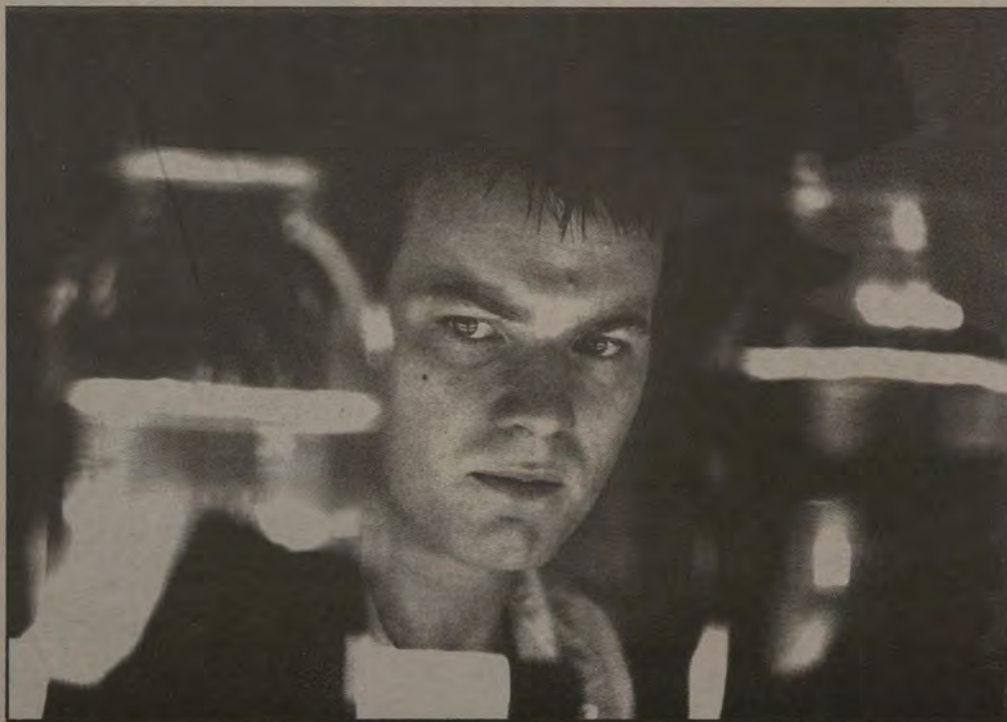
It doesn't have to be an art house film to be great art. If you don't believe me, just go rent Blade Runner. You'll see what I mean.



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George Clooney and Nicole Kidman (above) on Dreamworks debut thriller "The Peacemaker" opening September 26.

Ewan McGregor (below) stars in the thriller "Nightwatch".



Fleetwood Mac returns to form with lively reunion piece 'The Dance'

by DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment editor

The rumors have spread once again throughout the music industry. Is one of America's best-selling, influential rock bands reassembling for a rare reunion tour? You bet.

The original line-up from "Rumours" (1977) returns with a ferocious live set that's sure to spark major buzz and reminiscing from longtime fans. Yes, Fleetwood Mac is definitely back. The group's just-released "The Dance" is tops on Billboard's album charts. Nostalgic for the 70s? With the fiery musical instincts of Lindsey Buckingham, Stevie Nicks, Mick Fleetwood, Christine McVie and John McVie, the group has rewritten rock history. Mac aficionados can now rejoice.

On the blistering 17-song set, Fleetwood Mac reconstructs classic old tunes with four new memorable songs. The standout is the lovely Buckingham composition "Bleed To Love Her". Stevie Nicks' former mate has never sounded better. Perhaps sounding better some twenty years later is key to Mac's amazing stamina. Unlike the Eagles' reunion effort several years ago, Mac's energy is still there. The band hasn't lost any of it.

Four years ago, "The Chain", an engaging box set that featured rare takes, deep cuts, live performances and

a slew of hit singles, made its way to record stores. The set also covered the early days of the group, when Bob Welch (who went on to make the solo "Ebony Eyes" and "Sentimental Lady") and Peter Greene contributed their talents to many radio staples. Old hits that may sound familiar from Mac's hey-days include "Hypnotized" and "World Turning".

When the pair of Buckingham and Nicks joined for the group's self-titled 1975 effort, the transition proved smooth. Welch and Greene were out, and Mac enjoyed a resurgence into pop popularity with tunes like "Rhiannon (Will You Ever Win)", "Say You Love Me" and "Monday Morning". That same success extended to the historic "Rumours" and served Mac well on the ambitious, double-set "Tusk" two years later in 1979. And now with "The Dance", Mac has answered the fans' wishes. The act is together again, readying to embark on an extensive American tour.

The first single from the new album, a beautiful rendition of the 1975 ballad "Silver Springs", is already on radio stations across the country. Inviting the USC Trojan marching band to join the group on the album's last two songs, Mac goes pompous near the end. However, those blaring versions of both "Tusk" and "Don't Stop" prove Fleetwood Mac hasn't lost a bit of its magic.



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Front women Stevie Nicks returns with her bandmates for Fleetwood Mac's "The Dance" (now in stores)

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Two Ivys Tie In U.S. News' Best College Rankings

By COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON—Harvard and Princeton share top honors as the nation's best universities, according to annual survey by U.S. News and World Report. That's the first tie in the No. 1 spot since the magazine began publishing its controversial but influential rankings in 1983. Last year's No. 1, Yale, dropped to third, where it tied with Duke University.

Swarthmore College was a repeat for the second year in a row as the top liberal arts college. Amherst grabbed No. 2, and Wellesley and Williams colleges tied for third.

To determining the rankings, U.S. News considered several criteria, including academic reputation, graduation rates, and the ratio of faculty to students. The magazine compiled data from questionnaires sent to 1,400 four-year schools in early 1997. A change in the methodology this year accounted for several ties in the rankings. The final score of each ranked school was rounded to the nearest whole number, as "small statistical differences among institutions are not significant in setting them apart," the magazine said.

Rounding out the top 10 national universities were: 5. Stanford University, which will welcome first daughter Chelsea Clinton this fall; 6. Massachusetts Institute of Technology; 7. (tie) Dartmouth College and University of Pennsylvania; 9. (tie) Brown University, California Institute of Technology, Columbia University, Emory University and Northwestern University. The rest of the best national lib-

eral arts colleges were: 5. Pomona College; 6. Haverford College; 7. Carleton College; 8. Bowdoin College, Bryn Mawr College, Claremont McKenna College, Davidson College, Middlebury College and Washington and Lee University. The magazine said the rankings are to serve as a guide for prospective students.

"Our ultimate goal is not to give an absolute measure of the 'best college' for any and all student," the magazine said, "but to give students and their parents a set of tools to help them make a complex decision."

Vonnegut Really Will Speak At Commencement

HOUSTON—This time it's no rumor: Kurt Vonnegut really will impart words of wisdom to college graduates next spring.

For months, a copy of a commencement speech mysteriously attributed to Vonnegut has circulated on the Internet. The address, supposedly delivered to Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduates, begins: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the class of 1997: Wear sunscreen." In reality, Vonnegut gave no such speech. The whimsical poke at commencement speeches was written by Chicago Tribune columnist Mary Schmich for a June 1 column. Whether by hoax or mistake, hundreds of thousands of Internet users—including Vonnegut's wife Mary Krementz—have been fooled. Next spring, however, the acclaimed novelist will address Rice graduates. "We wanted the Class of '98 to hear the real thing," Rice President Malcolm Gillis joked.

The university actually invited Vonnegut, whose novels include "The Sirens of Titan" and "Slaughter-House Five," weeks before the Internet rumor began. Daryl Shorter, a student on the commencement speaker selection committee, said that he was among the many who read Schmich's words and believed them to be Vonnegut's.

"I'm sure the real speech will be as good as the fake one," he said.

Vonnegut will deliver his Rice commencement speech on May 9, 1998. Sunscreen is optional, the university says.

Got Milk? Many Students Don't

WASHINGTON—Away from home? Sure, order in pizza at midnight.

Just don't ditch the milk.

Milk is the first beverage students stop drinking when they leave for college, according to a national survey sponsored by the "Milk, Where's Your Mustache" education campaign.

As soon as students are away from Mom, they turn to soda instead: 65 percent report drinking the fizzy stuff regularly. That disturbs health experts, who say students should spend their college years guzzling milk for its bone-building calcium.

"Too often, college-age men and women don't think before they drink," says Susan Barr, a University of British Columbia nutrition professor. "They're trading nutrient-dense beverages, like milk, for nutrient-vacant ones, like soda and caffeine."

Less than 30 percent of college students report drinking milk

regularly, and on average, they drink only a half-glass each day, the survey found. U.S. Department of Agriculture research finds that eight out of 10 college-age women and more than half of men don't get enough calcium in their daily diets.

College students should drink at least three 8-ounce glasses of milk each day to meet the daily calcium requirement, Barr said. "Many college-age men and women don't realize their bones continue to grow until their mid-30s, so it's crucial to bolster the diet with calcium-rich foods, like milk, while they still have the window of opportunity," she said.

Citadel Pledges To Be "Hazing-Free"

CHARLESTON, S.C.—The Citadel began its second year of coeducation Aug. 25 with a toned-down "Hell Week," designed to make the military college a "hazing-free" zone for 20 first-year women.

"We will not tolerate hazing at this institution," the college's cadet commandant, Emory Mace, told the 20 women and 538 men in the freshman class. "If I find out about it, the hammer will fall, and it will be a pretty big hammer."

The Citadel enrolled four women last year but two dropped out after one semester, saying they were hazed and sexually harassed by male cadets.

The college is hoping to better integrate women into its corps of cadets this year. It has appointed a dean of women and brought in commandant Mace, whose daughter, Nancy is a sophomore.

Also, the college rule book has been rewritten. Sophomores may no longer order freshman around during the fall semester, and there is more adult supervision in the barracks. The college also has added sensitivity training.

"We're trying to move away from the negative," Mace said.

The week of intensive training nicknamed "Hell Week" also has been shortened and modified. Last year, "Hell Week" began with shouts of "get up, knobs" from upperclassman and AC/DC's "Hell's Bells" blared over loudspeakers.

But this year, there was no raucous yelling to greet new cadets. Instead, the freshman lined up outside their spartan barracks and signed into their companies. "It's basic training, it's not 'Hell Week,'" Mace said. "We have decreased the tempo."

Last year, female cadets Kim Messer and Jeanie Mentavlos quit after one semester, saying male cadets doused them with nail polish remover and set their clothes on fire.

The college dismissed one male cadet and gave 10 others lesser punishments for their roles in the hazing. Three other cadets resigned from the college.

Days before the Citadel welcomed its second coed class, the state announced that it would not file criminal charges against the cadets accused of hazing.

State prosecutor David Schwacke said he believed the female cadets were hazed, but that the state's anti-hazing law does not apply to the corps of cadets, only fraternities, sororities or similar chartered organizations.

Education Department Weighs Changes in Student-Aid Policies

By Charles Dervarics
College Press Service

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Education is considering a "super Pell Grant" that would give the neediest students an extra \$300 in their second year of college, higher education officials say.

The program, designed to promote the retention of low-income students, would serve as a "reward" for students who complete their freshman year and give them an incentive to continue their education, said one higher education lobbyist.

But the program would be open only to Pell recipients with no expected family contribution, meaning it would target only the most needy students, he said. The plan is part of the Education

Department's draft Higher Education Act (HEA) reauthorization plan circulating among higher-education leaders. The department is likely to introduce the package formally when Congress returns from its recess in September.

Congress is in the final stages of approving a Clinton administration request to raise the maximum Pell Grant from \$2,700 to \$3,000 in 1999. The \$300 "super" grant presumably would raise that amount to \$3,300.

The idea has strong support among educators, but finding the extra money may be another matter.

"How the [Education] Department would pay for a super Pell within the five-year balanced-budget agreement is the question," the official said.

By seeking the extra \$300, the Education Department is following the basic framework of an earlier suggestion from The College Fund/UNCF. UNCF had recommended giving an extra \$1,000 to Pell Grant recipients who maintained a B average in their first year of college.

The new plan "is very close to recommendations UNCF made," said William Blakey, Washington counsel for The College Fund. He welcomed the Education Department's move, noting the extra \$300 would come "at a critical point when students need additional aid."

"It gives them a modest boost, but a boost nonetheless," he said. Other elements under discussion at the Education Department include:

- Restricting to six years the

amount of time a full-time undergraduate could receive student aid. This plan, meant to encourage students from completing their degrees in a timely fashion, likely will face opposition from those who represent low-income students. They say a time limit would punish the very students who need aid the most. "A time limit doesn't make sense for students with financial need but jobs and families," said Noah Brown, government relations director of the Association of Community College Trustees. "These students might have trouble finishing in a prescribed time."

Currently there is no limit on how many years a student may receive a Pell Grant.

- Increasing access to aid for stu-

dents enrolled in distance-education programs.

"The assumption is that if you're taking a distance-education course, your expenses are lower," Brown said.

One possible change could allow students to receive financial aid for shorter-term coursework leading to certificates rather than just toward bachelor's or associate degrees. Also, students may be allowed to include the cost of a computer when calculating their cost of attendance.

The Education Department also may take a more serious look at the quality of distance-education courses, Brown said. Such recommendations include guidelines for college and university accrediting agencies to assess the quality of these programs.

Manning's Moon, Other Incidents, Cost Tennessee

BY MARCO BUSCAGLIA
College Press Service

TENNESSEE-Peyton Manning is everywhere this college football season. You'll find his smiling face on the cover of nearly every pre-season football publication and see the talented quarterback interviewed endlessly on ESPN.

But the one thing you won't see is the Manning attribute that cost the University of Tennessee \$300,000.

Last year, Manning mooned—that's right, mooned, the kind of action you partake in on sixth-grade field trips—a friend of his in a training room during the spring practice season.

However, Manning's pal, a male track athlete, missed his glimpse of the pride of Louisiana's backside because

Jamie Whited, a female athletic trainer, was standing in the way. And Whited didn't think it was funny.

In fact, when Whited saw a little more of the Heisman Trophy candidate than she wanted to, she complained to the university. So the Volunteers' quarterback—the one with the former pro quarterback for a father, the one with the squeaky clean image, the one who stunned football fans last fall when he announced plans to return for his senior season instead of playing in the NFL—was forced to apologize.

And apologize he did. Manning left numerous messages on Whited's home answering machine saying his moon was never meant for her eyes. He tried to contact her in person to say he was sorry, and he eventually sent a registered letter of

apology just to make sure she knew he really, really meant it. And since the incident caused some negative press for the Vols, Manning had to run a lot of laps and stadium steps as punishment.

Still, Whited said the mooning incident was one of several complaints she said were ignored or not taken seriously by UT administrators. She made a motion to sue and finally settled with the school for \$300,000.

Whited, who worked as a trainer in the department, recently told the "Knoxville News-Sentinel" that her recent suit against UT's athletic department "wasn't for the money."

In her suit, Whited made 33 allegations of various types of sexual harassment and inappropriate behavior, saying most took place between 1994 through

1996. The incidents, she said in her suit, ranged from having jokes made about the size of her breasts to having Manning drop his shorts and expose his behind.

"This payment is not an admission of liability by the university or any other party and is a compromise of a disputed claim," said the school's general counsel, Beauchamp Brogan.

Whited didn't return a call to her home. Her answering machine indicated that she's on educational leave effective immediately through June 1998. According to UT athletic department officials, Manning has nothing more to say on the matter. Neither do any of the football players.

But UT senior Cliff Alexander does. He's busy making a T-shirt he hopes to sell at football games in this fall.

"This is great publicity for the school," Alexander said. "It shows Peyton isn't some spoiled athlete who has no sense of humor. He's just a regular guy, just like us."

"Regular guy" accolades aside, Alexander says he doubts the school would shell out even \$100 if it was him who mooned someone, say, in the science building.

"But it's nice to know he's human," Alexander says. "It's nice to know he's one of the guys."

And his T-shirt design, one he hopes will make him a few thousand dollars?

"It's got a picture of Peyton shooting the moon to Miami, Arkansas, Florida, FSU, Alabama, LSU, all our rivals," said Alexander. "It's the perfect message, all for just 15 bucks!"

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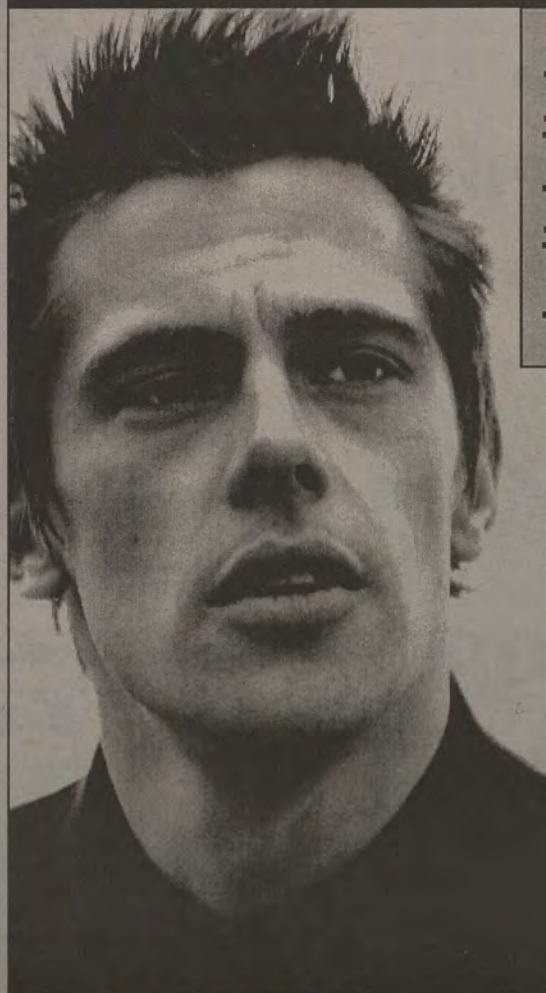
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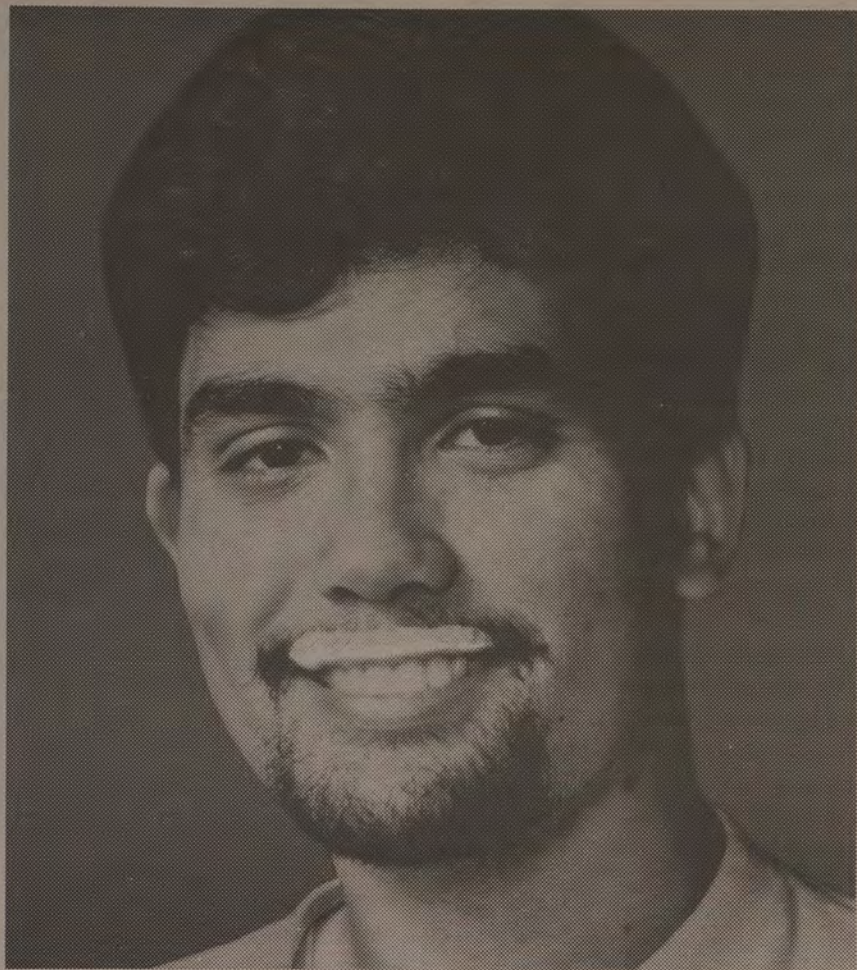
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Saturday, Sept. 13

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- Men's Soccer at Florida International University, 7 p.m. from Miami
- Womens golf at Lady Seminole in Tallahassee

Democracy in action on UCF campus

by **BRIAN SMITH**
News editor

The UCF Student Government senate elections will be conducted on Sept. 16 and 17.

The voting booths will be located at the Health and Physics, Education, Business and Engineering buildings. The booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Along with senator nominees, there will be five Constitutional Amendments and a Referendum on the ballot.

The two main amendments and the Referendum deal with the following issues.

Constitutional Amendment #5, adding to Article III, Section VI.A, states that all agreements between Student Government and other entities that involve Activity and Service Fee funds must be signed by the Student Body President and ratified by the Student Senate.

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The Referendum deals with whether students would support the construction of a Recreational Services Building if it caused an increase in the student Activity and Service fees.

All currently registered and enrolled UCF students are eligible to vote.

UCF football hopes for bigger crowds in its season opener, Sept. 20 against Idaho, after strong showings at Mississippi and South Carolina.

Photo special to the FUTURE



UCF football looks to make a legend against a legend

GONZO'S GROWL
By **DEREK GONSOULIN**
Sports Editor

How can you describe it as anything other than big?

UCF football's foray to Lincoln, Nebraska on Aug. 13 will be the biggest single event in the school's pigskin history. No, Sept. 13 won't have the same in-state flavor the game with No. 1 Florida State had, but it will be the defining moment of an oft ridiculed schedule by the national media. It is a chance to show the Knight's are ready for the best of Division I.

Through the first two games, UCF has been the new kid on the block, picking fights with Southeastern Conference bottom-feeders to make a name for itself. By losing by a combined three points, the Knights have.

Now UCF plays the top of collegiate food chain: the No. 5 Nebraska Cornhuskers.

"It's big time," running back Mike Grant said. "It's the epitome of college football ... the Nebraska Cornhuskers. Ever

play a team that never thinks about losing?!"

Coach Gene McDowell knows the Cornhuskers' storied tradition and recalls some of his own when he was a coach with the Seminoles. Back when a fledgling FSU program in the late 70's was taking cash payouts from big name schools to build up its program. The breakthrough game came at the turn of decade. It came against Nebraska.

"There was some writer that asked me after that ball game 'at what point in the game did you start thinking you could this thing?'" McDowell said. "Way before the game started. Way before the season started."

Listening to ESPN's Chris Fowler or reading the Miami Herald, one would think the program had sold its present for the future. The two reported the Knights excepted an NCAA-record \$1.4 million, guaranteed, to play seven road games. Over a million to sacrifice any chance and, as Fowler put it, 'to pay for

psychiatric help for the players battered psyches.'

The players don't consider the schedule, or the Nebraska game, as a sacrifice.

"If we can get the offense to where we can keep the defense off the field, we can do some damage," Grant said. "I've seen Lincoln on T.V. and the sea of red all that, but it's a whole different atmosphere when it gets that loud."

Before UCF plays before 72,270 Cornhusker fans screaming, "Go Big Red!" remember the team wanted to be there. They to make the Knights a household name.

"Sure we can beat Nebraska," said McDowell, whose team is a 42-point underdog this weekend.

"There's no rule that says we can't beat Nebraska. The rules say that whoever has the most points when time expires will be declared the winner. They play the games to figure who was going to win. If they knew who was going to win ahead of time they wouldn't even play."

1:30 p.m. Saturday, they play.

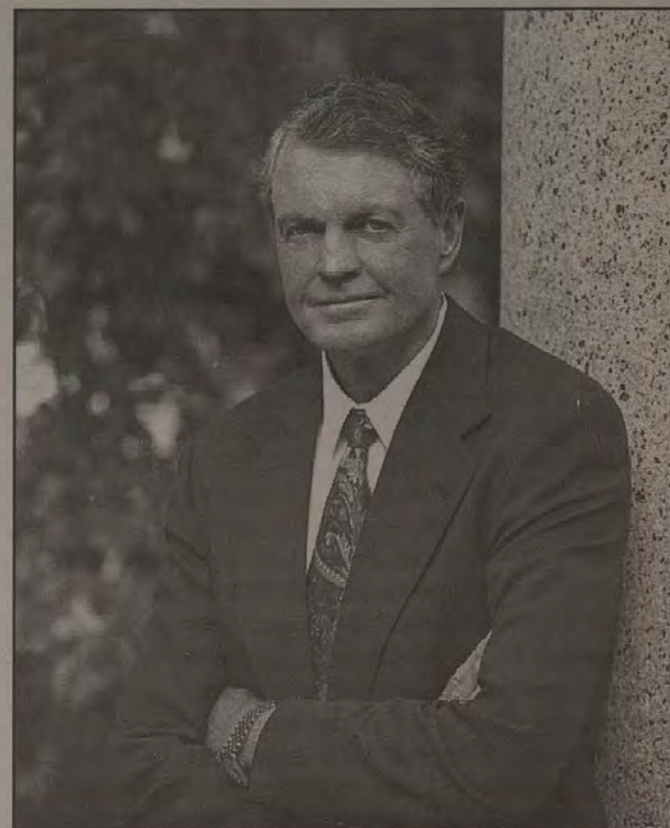


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Tom Osborne's No.5 Nebraska Cornhuskers are a six-touch-down favorite to defeat the Knights on Aug. 13. The Cornhuskers dominated Acron to begin the season, 59-14.

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A record setting evening in Columbia

South Carolina Notebook

The record setting began prior to kickoff, when 81,908 fans piled into Williams-Brice Stadium. That mark is the third highest in USC history and easily breaks the record for a UCF game. The previous mark was set on Sept. 23, 1995, where 76,600 gathered at Doak Campbell Stadium to watch the Florida State Seminoles beat the Knights, 46-14.

Siaha Burley posted 231 receiving yards on eight receptions to tie David Rhodes' record for most receiving yards in a game. Rhodes set the mark on ten catches in a 50-36 loss at Western Kentucky on 10/24/92. South Carolina wideout Zola Davis' ten receptions ties the mark for the most catches a UCF defense has allowed a single player. Several players have accomplished the feat, with the last being Marty Booker on Oct. 19, 1996, in a 39-38 win for Northeast Louisiana over UCF at the Citrus Bowl. The Gamecock defense also tied a record, registering eight sacks. Georgia Southern is the only other team to have sacked UCF as much back on Dec. 8, 1990.

Duante climbs the charts

With a 71-yard touchdown pass to Burley in the third quarter of Saturday's loss, Daunte Culpepper accomplished several personal feats. For starters, it was the longest pass completion in Culpepper's career. The Burley reception also tied Mike Collier for the fifth longest reception in UCF history. The pass also vaulted Culpepper past Dana Thyshen for third place on the UCF passing list with 4,996

yards. He surpassed the 5,000 mark with a 29-yard completion to Burley on the following drive.

Culpepper also passed Thyshen for third place in completed passes with his 381st completion on a 28-yard pass to Todd Cleveland, which also extended Cleveland's mark for consecutive games with a catch to 19. Mark Nonsant also caught a pass to extend his streak to 13. Nonsant's consecutive games with a touchdown reception ended at five. On the season, Culpepper is 30 of 69, for 495 yards, six touchdowns and one interception.

Penalty party

Unbelievably, USC and UCF combined for 28 penalties for 247 yards. The teams nearly set a record with the Knights losing 122 yards in penalties and the Gamecocks losing 125 yards. Both coaches had interesting remarks soaked in sarcasm.

"It's early in the season, that's all you can say," USC coach Brad Scott said. "Penalties, turnovers, the kicking game (are problem areas)-and we mastered two of them tonight. I take full responsibility for that."

"Those were some of the worst penalties I've ever seen," McDowell said. "Absolutely ridiculous. Of course I'd never accuse SEC officials of home

cooking."

The good

* Special teams- Blocking two punts, an extra point and stuffing another extra point opportunity. Darryl Latimore was a hero with both blocked punts while Emory Green snuffed out the PAT. Fred Waczewski accounted for seven

USC's Anthony Wright tossed for 266 yards and three touchdowns, with Zola Davis catching 10 balls for 120 yards.

*Rushing— Mike Grant played very well late in the game, but amassed just 48 yards on 11 carries. Mike Huff and Kendrick Moore combined for just six yards on six carries.

*Penalties— The officials probably needed losanges after calling 17 penalties for 122 yards on the Knights. The worst came when Deon Porter was flagged for a illegal block on a punt return, pinning UCF inside its own five. The offense failed to move the ball and USC started a touchdown drive at the UCF 27.

The interesting

*Injuries—UCF-Mike Spencer hobbled off in the second half. His status is up in the air. Deaubrey Devine played and should be in the starting lineup against Nebraska. South Carolina lost Darren Hambrick for a couple of weeks with an ankle injury.

*Central Florida was a 19-point underdog against USC, meaning they have been an underdog by a combined 33 points. They have lost the games by a combined three points.

*Freshman tailback Dwight Collins entered college football

for the first time this season. Collins entered the game at 11:46. At 8:52 in the second quarter, he got his only carry and gained one yard.

Next week: Nebraska

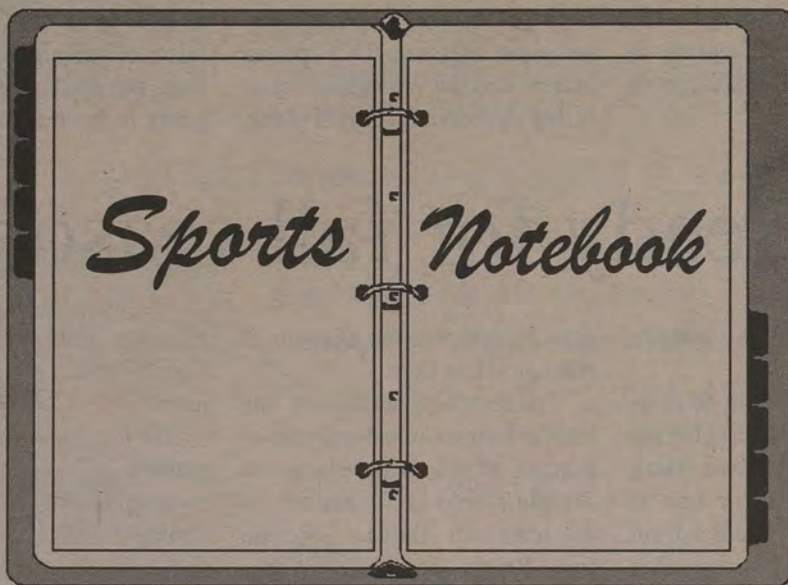
The Knights face probably their toughest opponent next week, when they travel to Lincoln to face the No. 5 Nebraska Cornhuskers. With the expectations from a national perspective sure to be that of a massacre, will UCF go into the game overwhelmed?

"We're just going to keep plugging away. One of these days we're going to upset one of these big name teams. That's when the UCF program is going get rolling," said Culpepper.

"It's frustrating. We should have won these last two games. Now, we have to regroup and reload and come out for Nebraska," said tailback Mike Grant. "They can only line eleven people out on the field at one time, just like we can. We'll see what happens."

"We feel it's a little insulting that people expect teams to beat us by a lot of points, but they never do. We play hard, against Nebraska it will be no different," cornerback Reginald Doster said. "They put their shirts and shoes on the same way we do. They are just another team.."

-TONY MEJIA



UCF points, drilling four extra points and a 45-yard field goal.

*Culpepper to Burley- An absolutely terrific performance. Burley loves to be the go to guy and Culpepper made him the first option in his reads.

*Run Defense- Troy Hambrick was tremendous, carrying the attack for 81 yards on 18 carries. Hambrick also scored one of USC's two rushing touchdowns. The other was a sneak by Anthony Wright. Both Wright and Hambrick scored on three-yard runs.

The bad

*Pass defense—After allowing 303 yards passing to Mississippi,



UCF played before the biggest crowd in school history in South Carolina. The attendance of 81,908 was the third-best ever at Williams-Brice stadium.

Photos special to the FUTURE

Despite being sacked eight times, quarterback Daunte Culpepper (left) had another big day throwing for three touchdowns including 71 and 49-yard scores to receiver Siaha Burley.



Special teams anything but losers vs. Gamecocks

by **TONY MEJIA**
Staff writer

COLUMBIA, S.C.- Amazing efforts by many individuals went rewarded only with moral victories in the 33-31 loss to South Carolina. However, it was the special teams play of the Golden Knights which stood out among the rest. Several blocked kicks opened the door for UCF's first touchdown and kept it open throughout the game.

Cornerback Darryl Latimore's two punt blocks led to the first and last touchdowns. Latimore

said the special teams just took advantage of a Gamecock weakness.

"They had a slow punter, and we saw on film that he was blockable, so we just maxed. Whoever got to the ball first got the block," said Latimore, who accomplished the feat both times.

"It's all about following technique and wanting to do it. I wanted to get the block for my teammates. When I got the opportunity, I took advantage of it. Nothing special, it's all about effort."

What a difference the effort made. Latimore's punt blocks kept UCF in contention. The special teams also kept points off the board by smothering South Carolina on a botched snap of an extra point, and Emory Green blocking another extra point try outright.

On the other side of the ball, Fred Waczewski made good on all four of his extra point tries, and added a career best 45 yard field goal in the second quarter for good measure. UCF punter Marek Butcher performed solidly for the second straight week,

and saw his punts go unscaved into the night air of South Carolina, which was something Gamecock coach Brad Scott would have appreciated.

"They have a fine offensive attack and their defense hung in all night, but it was their special teams that killed us," said Scott. "Their special teams outplayed our special teams, and that was the difference in the ball game."

The Knights did come up short in their upset bid of USC, but if this performance was any indication, the UCF special teams is going to have a very big say in

the outcome of many ball games this season.

"Nothing surprised me about it. Going in, we thought we could block their punts, and that's exactly what we did," said coach Gene McDowell.

"None of it was very easy, but it was there for the taking. I'll have to check the film to see how we blocked that extra point. That surprised me, because that's really tough to do. I have to see how we did that."

Extra special effort probably had a little something to do with it.

Women's Golf ready for fall season, Seminoles

By **BROOK BENNETT**
Staff Writer

The UCF women's golf team is getting ready for another fall season, with promising new editions and reliable returners.

The golfers, under the coaching of Jill Fjelstul, are directly behind each other in the five

qualifying rounds already played.

Leading the pack with an average of 77 on a tough qualifying course is returner Line Berg from Norway. Next in line is Emma Soderlindh, a junior from Sweden with a 78 average. Zoe Grimbeek, a transfer from Lynn University in Boca Raton, aver-

ages 79, and was the Division II champion last year.

Another new edition to the team is Loren Connatser, with an average of 82, a transfer from Temple Terrace. Fifth and 6th on the team are Tatiana Londono from South America and Hege Friling from Norway.

UCF will start the season out at

Florida State this weekend. Coach Fjelstul is confident in her team.

"We have so much depth compared to last year. We'll be much more competitive," Fjelstul said. "We had a big recruiting season and were fortunate to obtain quality athletes. We need to start off good at Florida State because

of all the regional teams that will be in the tournament."

The second tournament will be at Auburn, then at the University of South Florida, and finally the women will travel to Hawaii for their fourth and final tournament of the fall season.

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Nebraska (1-0) had the week off after defeating Akron 59-14. The Knights (0-2) lost at South Carolina, 33-31.

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Notes:

Nebraska-Ranked No. 5 in the ESPN and USA Today polls ... With preseason injuries slowing the tail-back position, option quarterback Scott Frost (1,440 yards, 13 TDs passing in 1996) will be expected to carry more of the load ... Offensive linemen Eric Anderson and Aaron Taylor highlight a unit which averages 300 pounds ... the defense is led by senior defensive end Grant Wistrom (9.5 sacks in 1996) and senior tackle Jason Peter (10 tackles for loss in 1996) ... Talented but young, only three defensive starters return from 1996.

UCF-Proving equal to their tough schedule with a win against Ole Miss or USC was more realistic than against the Cornhuskers ... The Knights have lost their first two games by a total of three points, but this week it could get ugly. The Gamecocks manhandled UCF in the trenches both defensively (Eight sacks of Daunte Culpepper and 31 rushing yards) and offensively (No sacks allowed and 153 yards rushing). Nebraska is well known for having the strongest line play in the country ... Culpepper and junior receiver Siaha Burley connected eight times for 231 yards and two touchdown against USC, but no other receiver had more than one reception. The team needs everyone to get involved in the passing game to keep this one close ... UCF has yet to intercept a pass or recover a fumble on defense ... The special teams have blocked two punts and recovered a fumble.

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The shake

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Gamecock fans lower (sonic) boom on Knights

by TONY MEJIA
Staff writer

COLUMBIA, S.C.— During this opening road trip that has UCF visiting some of the elite powers in college football, the Knights have encountered an advantage which they are not accustomed to in Orlando—fan support.

Lots of it.

Sadly, with so many alumni from different universities residing in the Orlando area, UCF has yet to generate the fan base that their opponents enjoy. Not to say that the typical Golden Knight fan leaves something to be desired when compared to one of another school. UCF has many quality fans. It's just that UCF fans can't pack the vast capacity of the Citrus Bowl. Historically, they haven't even been able to pack a fourth of it on a consistent basis.

The usual emptiness of the Citrus Bowl became crystal clear when the Knights trotted on to the field before 81,908 screaming fans at Williams-Brice stadium. The crowd was the largest to ever witness a UCF football game and the third largest in USC history.

"The crowd out there was a huge disadvantage. Playing in front of small crowds in

Orlando, we're not used to that kind of stuff," said coach Gene McDowell. "The hostile environment forced us to work real hard to keep our poise."

South Carolina fans made life tough for Daunte Culpepper to call the plays. They cheered wildly when he went down on eight occasions. When a penalty was called on their beloved Gamecocks, fans filled the stadium with a resounding chorus of boos. The experience left the comparatively Citrus Bowl atmosphere with much to be desired.

"That's Gamecock football. We love our boys, and we stand by them. This is an event," said proud USC fan Jerry Grace, one of the many crimson and black supporters of South Carolina. "UCF had a lot of confidence, but we pulled through. We take great pride in backing them to win games like these."

The fans in Columbia, S.C. also take great pride in partying, as the tailgating was in full effect hours prior to the home opener. A loud marching band, food and football talk had the crowd into a frenzy before even entering the stadium. It was a carnival atmosphere, and to say the Gamecock fans were rowdy and excited would be an understatement. Raucous is more like

it. But where does that leave UCF?

The Knights are looking for more support in its second season in Division I-A. Although a crowd the likes of the one that gathers at Williams-Brice is unlikely, having played in the self-proclaimed "best setting in the nation to watch a college football game," will give UCF something to look forward to when they open their home schedule Sept. 20 against Idaho.

"We have a team that can have a great season, and they are exciting and provide a great show," said UCF fan Tony Nicholson, who trekked to Columbia to root on the Knights. "If we don't get the fan support in Orlando for this, I don't know what's going to bring them in. We are a I-A team, and we are not a slouch. This team is for real, and they need supporters. Eventually, the players and this program will fill the seats."

That moment can't come soon enough for a UCF team that seems to be outgrowing the baby steps phase of their development. The question remains how many will be there to see the finished product?

UCF Rugby ready for new season

CFF staff report

As the 1997 season starts, the UCF Men's Rugby Club is determined to return to its tradition of dominance. After winning five Florida State Championships over the past seven years, this year's team looks to improve upon last year's second place finish in the State Championship and the seventh place finish in the Southeast. Led by Captains Joachim Wiese and Craig Hochman, the team is setting its sights on the Southern Championship, currently held by the University of Florida.

New Head Coach Ken Lindsey brings years of experience and an unparalleled understanding of the game to the team. Under his tutelage, and with coaching help from John Holton, and former Captain Will Dedelow this young team should mature quickly. Team captain Joachim Wiese looks for this season to be a rebuilding season.

Hochman said, "With the talent and leadership brought back by our returning veterans, and the strong play that we have seen so far from our new players, there should be nothing to stop us."

Highlights on this season's schedule include the opening match against the local men's team, Iron Horse, on Sept. 13. On Sept. 27, UCF will host defending Southern Champion, University of Florida in a rematch of last year's state championship game.

FALL 1997 SCHEDULE

Sept. 13 Iron Horse
Sept. 20 @ Naples
Sept. 27 University of Florida
Oct. 11 @ Daytona
Oct. 18 Emory
Oct. 25 @ Sarasota
Nov. 1 @ University of Miami
Nov. 16 Alumni

All of the home games are at 2:00 p.m. on the intramural fields. Everyone is invited to the games, and there is no charge for admission, so come out and support the team.

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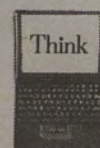
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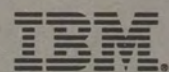
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Knights play well but suffer loss at South Carolina

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hopes something could be done about the offensive woes.

"We were very fortunate. I think they may have relaxed going into halftime," UCF coach Gene McDowell said. "They may have thought they had the game won and relaxed. It took a couple of touchdowns by us for them to wake up."

The wake up call was provided by Burley. After Culpepper was sacked twice more by the Gamecock blitz, he finally got some time to throw and found a streaking Burley over the middle for a 71-yard scoring play, the longest pass in Culpepper's career.

The duo was just getting started. On the next possession, Burley made a circus catch down the sideline for 29 yards, inverting his body, making the grab at a near impossible angle and keeping his feet in bounds. Two plays later, Burley turned a harmless-looking screen pass into a breath taking 49-yard touchdown reception, breaking a pair of tackles on the way. Less than four minutes into the second half, a stunned crowd saw a 10-point UCF lead, and the arrival of one Siaha Burley.

"He's such an exceptional athlete. I knew it was just a matter

of time before he got rolling," said Culpepper of his new game-breaker.

quickly on quarterback Anthony Wright's three-yard TD run.

Up 24-20, the Knights were in

padded their lead when Anthony Wright completed five of six passes on a 10-play, 80-yard

USC coach Brad Scott said.

"You find out a lot about yourselves in that situation. They have a good team that came to play. Our guys just fought back, and that's a good sign."

A second blocked punt by Latimore set up the final UCF touchdown on a two-yard run by Huff, but the Gamecocks were able to use Hambrick's running prowess to run out the clock, running the Knights out of town narrowly.

"We were close to winning again," said defensive end Jermaine Benoit.

"This was a tough loss for us, but we'll have to put the game behind us and get ready for the next one. We made some good plays but they just weren't enough to win tonight."

The Knights may have raised a few eyebrows with their tough play in the early season, UCF has made it clear they are not content with enhanced credibility alone.

"The team, overall, played very well, and everyone deserves a lot of credit," said Culpepper, who threw for 299 yards and three touchdowns.

"However, I can speak for the team when I say we aren't happy with a loss. We're never happy with a loss."

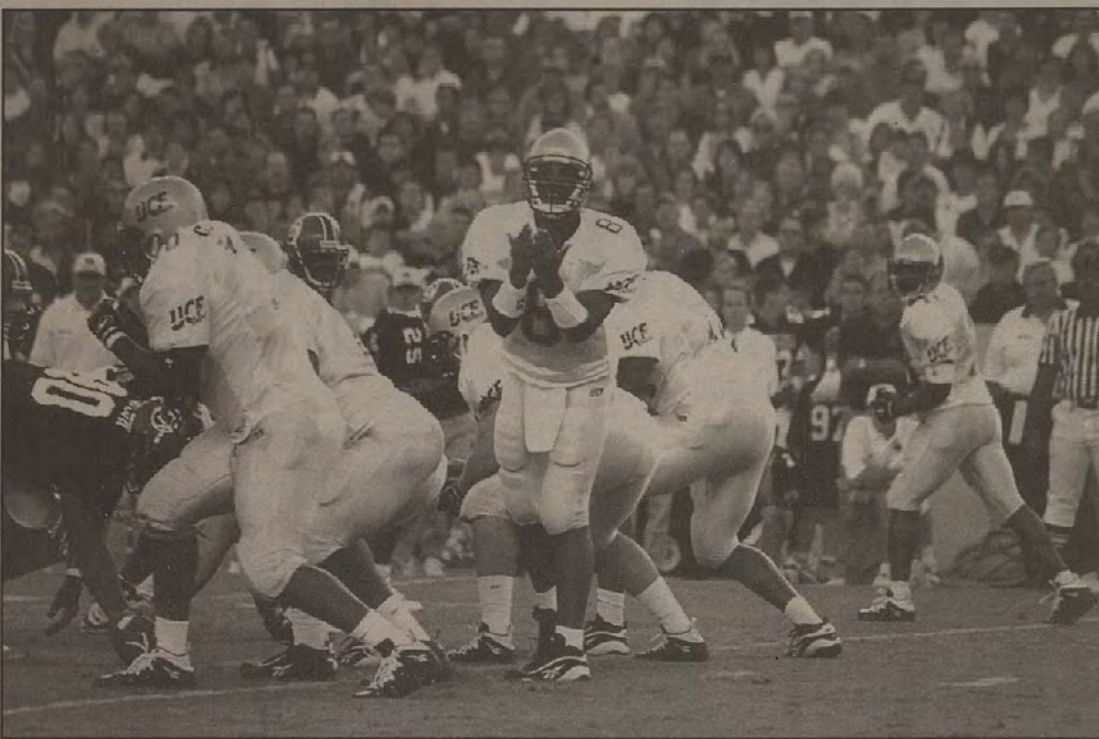


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All-American candidate Daunte Culpepper (8) directs his offense in Saturdays game against the South Carolina Gamecocks

Burley finished the night with eight receptions for 231 yards, tying David Rhodes school record for most receiving yards in a game. The performance certainly woke up the sleeping Gamecocks, who answered

USC territory when Mike Huff missed a Culpepper option pitch for second consecutive week. The fumble opened the door for the Gamecocks, who proceeded to score on a Troy Hambrick three-yard touchdown run. USC

drive, that culminated with a six-yard toss to receiver Jermale Kelly. The snap on the extra point was botched, leaving USC up 33-24 with just under eight minutes remaining.

"We were ten points down,"

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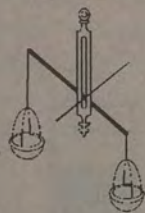
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Sports

Knights second upset bid slips away

by TONY MEJIA
Staff writer

COLUMBIA, S.C.— The UCF football team did many great things in their upset bid Saturday night. Unfortunately, they made just as many bad plays.

Struggling to make their big splash in the I-A ranks, UCF came up short against an SEC rival for the second consecutive week by falling 33-31 to South Carolina.

A huge day from junior wideout Siaha Burley and special teams excellence were offset by a costly fumble and a bundle of penalties. Add a devastating USC pass rush and the Golden Knights failed to send a sellout crowd of 81,908 home unhappy.

Early on UCF silenced the crowd with the first of numerous big plays on special teams. The first of cornerback Darryl Latimore's two blocked punts set up a Daunte Culpepper four-yard pass to Mike Grant. UCF had a 7-0 advantage just 76 seconds into the game.

"It's a momentum swing, like an interception," Latimore said. "The field position makes it easy for us

to get into the end zone. This is a team game, and we play as a team."

The Gamecocks awoke as Anthony Wright tossed

turbing, blitzing Culpepper at will, sacking him four times and denying UCF positive yardage in the first quarter. At one point in the

ing, which our offensive linemen couldn't do anything about because we can't block six people rushing at us," said Culpepper.



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Wide receiver Todd Cleveland (20) follows the block of Kendrick Moore (43) while scrambling for extra yards.

touchdown passes to Kerry Wood twice in the first half, taking a 14-10 lead into the locker room. It was the manner in which they took the lead which was the most dis-

second quarter, the Knights had been out gained 147 to minus ten yards.

"South Carolina put a lot of pressure on me," Culpepper said. "They did a lot of blitz-

Defensively, UCF withstood the Gamecock attack, keeping the team close in

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Big first win for women's soccer

By DEREK GONSOULIN
Sports Editor

Style points don't count, but conference victories do. In the Trans America Athletic Conference opener for both teams, the UCF women's soccer team defeated Florida International in a battle of struggling offenses, 1-0.

The only goal came when 1996 scoring leader Danya Harris scored on a penalty kick over the top of Panther goalkeeper Martine Materasso in the 60th minute. Harris got the winning opportunity when FIU midfielder Marcela Montenegro tripped her in the Panther goalkeeper's box from behind.

The score was a welcome sight to Harris, who said more is to come.

"We need the extra touch," Harris said. "It's just the one more step to get the shots we need and we know we can do it."

The Knights' and Panthers' offenses were shut down against Georgia and No. 12 Duke in the UCF Soccer Classic and the strug-

gles continued against each other. UCF (1-2) failed to score outside of the penalty kick despite several opportunities off corner kicks, which

UCF coach Karen Richter said playing a tough early schedule will serve her young team well.

"We are working on it and

offense and it showed in our organization, which was much better. We just couldn't put the ball in and finish the goal."

With the win, the Knights have the early lead to host the TAAC conference tournament. Holding more significant is the NCAA Play-In the conference champion gets to host against the Conference USA champion. Richter knows the rematch with the Panthers will be even more critical than Friday's match.

"This was our opening game all over again," Richter said. "We wanted to take care of business in the conference and we did it. Now we have to get much better on offense before we play [FIU] again."

The Knights tied South Alabama, 3-3, at home on Aug. 8. Harris led UCF with two goals.

Forward Wendee Hoffmann suffered an ankle injury against the Panthers, but should be ready for Florida Atlantic. Goalkeeper Alyssa O'Brien had three saves against FIU after sitting out the Duke loss a leg



Photo by MIKE MARSHALL

Danya Harris leads UCF with three goals in four games. The Knights have scored just five goals on the season.

would have put away the game late. FIU (0-3) still has yet to score this season and was out shot nine to three by the Knights.

that's a part of being a young team," Richter said. "Our major focus has been defense first. This week we have been working on our

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Cross Country's best is back

When the UCF Cross Country Invitational begins on Aug. 12, sophomore Anne Panaggio will be leading the UCF women's team. Something coach Marcia Wentworth didn't think she would be doing in 1997.

Panaggio, who was the third-best Cross Country runner as a freshman, had a disappointing spring season due to a knee injury and a severe form of anemia, which took a long time to diagnose and recover from.

"She just looked terrible during the spring," Wentworth said. "Even after the knee healed and she was structurally O.K., she looked real flat in practices. There was no zip in her legs."

It came to a point Panaggio said enough was enough.

"I got tired of not being able to do anything out there," she said. "He [The doctor] told me to rest, take lots of Iron, get better after a little time off get back out there."

Despite the setbacks, Panaggio is healthy now after a summer of workouts. Wentworth said Panaggio is looking as if she could be a TAAC contender. She ran 18:40 for a three-mile time trial on the very hilly, "Micanopy Loop," which is located near Gainesville.

"She came in almost a minute ahead of everyone else on the team," said Wentworth, who added Panaggio can help lead the deepest team she's had in years. "She looked amazing. She didn't look tired at all. She immediately stopped, turned around and waited for her teammates."

Cross Country Notes: Also looking strong after two weeks of practice are freshman, Kerice Klammer, sophomore Megan Rodell, April Vitori and Susan Hartley. Rodell, Vitori, and Hartley are all ahead of last year's marks.

Walk-on Stephanie Cameron is showing that she will be a strong TAAC threat. Wentworth said. Cameron finished within one minute of Panaggio's time at the time trial for the squad on Labor Day. Also in the hunt for the top seven varsity spots is junior Micah Adriani, who is coming off a good track season.

On the men's side, Lou Snelling has started running again after dealing with Achilles tendonitis. Snelling, who ran in the top spot for UCF in 1996, is expected to be the top runner again in 1997.

Among the teams in the UCF Cross Country Invitational will be Miami and TAAC foes Florida International, Stetson and Florida Atlantic.

Men's Soccer claims regional ranking

As a result of its 2-0 start, the University of Central Florida men's soccer team has moved to 10th place in the latest NCAA Division I South Region as released by the NSCAA/Umbro College Soccer Rankings. The Golden Knights share the 10th place spot with North Carolina State.

"The South Region is traditionally one of the toughest regions, so it is good to be recognized," said head coach Bob Winch. "I think the tie for 10th place is coming from last year's record, but it is an honor we deserve."

UCF finished the 1996 season with a 10-7-1 overall record. Last weekend the Golden Knights defeated Long Island University, 3-0, and Winthrop University, 4-3 in the UCF Soccer Classic I. Heikki Ritvanen (Espoo, Finland), who led the nation in goals scored (24) at the end of the regular season in 1996, is leading UCF with six total points after scoring two goals against Winthrop and one against LIU.

The Golden Knights will take on Jacksonville

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