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Football season getting closer



"Pinocchio in the future" is a pretty weak plot description for what is arguably one of Spielberg's most provocative films. A.I.: Artificial Intelligence is that and so much more. -ENTERTAINMENT, pg. 8

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UCF's trustees announced

Governor Jeb Bush appoints a diverse group to head up UCF's first local Board of Trustees

> BECKI PANOFF STAFF WRITER

As part of a plan designed to bring sweeping changes to Florida's post-secondary education system, Governor Jeb Bush announced his selections for the new UCF Board of Trustees June 22 in the Cape Florida Ballroom.

The governing body consists of twelve members appointed by Bush, and a student representative, UCF student body president Marco Peña.

"This is an auspicious day in the history of the University of Central Florida," UCF President John Hitt said.

Bush made his announcement in a series of stops around Florida

introducing local Boards of Trustees for the 10 institutions that comprise the State University System. The move from state Board of Regents to local Board of Trustees comes after the dissolving of the state Board of Regents, which was the result of a constitutional amendment passed in 1998. The amendment gave power to the governor to appoint a new state board of education as well as the new local university Boards of

"We're here to celebrate a new governance structure...for education as a lifelong pursuit," Bush said. "It (the local Board of Trustees) is a one of a kind struc-

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PHOTOS BY JOE KALEITA

Above: Gov. Jeb Bush talks about the new Board of Trustees for UCF.

Left: President Hitt joined members of the newly appointed Board of Trustees after the announcement of the members.



Build your credit as well as your mind

JENNIFER PATERSON STAFF WRITER

Beginning July 1, UCF students will be able to use credit cards to pay tuition.

"We believe this is a valuable service to our students," said Linda Bonta, university controller, adding "that the university is "working to accept payment via the Web during the current fiscal years" as well.

Students who wish to pay via credit card will be

*accessed a \$10 convenience fee since UCF is, by law, prohibited from paying credit card-relat-

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ed costs from appropriated funds. UCF also accepts



PHOTO BY KELLY PETRIK Students will now be able to pay for their tuition with their credit card. Students must pay a \$10 service fee to use this feature.

Many trustees have ties to university

AMY PAVUK STAFF WRITER

Governor Jeb Bush appointed 13 members to the Board of Trustees, including Marco Peña, UCF's student body president. Eleven of the trustees are local professionals, several of whom serve or have served on UCF committees or boards.

Judy Albertson is an art consultant with the Albertson-Peterson Gallery located in Winter Park. She actively supports UCF's arts

program and helped establish the Friends of UCF for the Flying Horse Press. Albertson has also served on the advisory committee for the Judaic Studies program. She was a founder of the Orlando Magic Youth Foundation and continues to serve on its board. Albertson received her bachelor's degree in 1960 from Oklahoma University.

UCF Alumna Olga Calvet is a member of the UCF Foundation

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UCF's Board of Trustees

- Judy Albertson
- Olga Calvet
- · Pat Christiansen
- Geraldine Ferris
- · Phyllis Klock
- Rick Lee · Dick Nunis
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Board to include student government president

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ture of governance for education in our country and the University of Central Florida is going to play a key role in this.'

These local Boards of Trustees will now take on many of the responsibilities of the old Board of Regents, including the hiring and firing of university presidents, policy and financial decisions and strategic planning. They will also work jointly with representatives from community colleges and local school districts to create a closer relationship between each level of public education in Florida.

"It's time to tear down the

barriers that have sepathe rated university system of education," said Bush. "The way to make that happen...is



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to shift the power back to the institutions, and to have a state board of education that will be focused on creating a 'seamless education system."

Secretary of Education Jim Horne announced the names of the Judy Albertson, Olga Calvet, Pat Christiansen, Dr. Geraldine Ferris, Phyllis Klock, Rick Lee, Dick Nunis, Ava Parker, Harris Rosen, Conrad Santiago, Rick Walsh,

Tom Yochum and Peña. Trustees are appointed for staggered, fouryear terms, and may serve a maximum of eight years. They will not be paid, but may be reimbursed for travel and situational expenses.

How

The new UCF Board of Trustees has a number of ties to the school, with three alumni represented and almost every member having already served on a board or worked in some way with the

UCF, the third state university out of ten to have its new board announced, is unique among Florida universities in its goal of becoming a premier "Metropolitan Research University." Hitt, who supported Bush's plan to phase out the Board of Regents, said the newly-appointed local Board of Trustees could help UCF achieve its goals.

"They will be advocates for one university, and I think that could be helpful to us," he said.

The concept of localizing control over public universities is relatively new in the United States, and state governments across the nation will keep a watchful eye on the success or failure of the new

"States all across the country are beginning to watch what Florida does... some call this a onal experiment," Horne said. "This is the model for education structure in America."

> Staff writer David Marsters contributed to this report.

Credit card companies likely to benefit from new policy

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debit cards, cash, checks or money orders as forms of payments.

"That's (paying by credit card) better than the cash advance fee that I had to pay to my credit for tuition when I could?????? pay tuition on time one semester," said Juan Martinez, UCF graduate who will be beginning his graduate studies in

Credit card companies stand to gain a hefty sum of cash from the use of credit cards for tuition by college students. If only onethird of UCF's student population opted to use the credit card payment option, it would result in over \$110,000 dollars in revenue per semester, over \$200,000 in an academic year.

Payment by credit card is not a new phenomenon. Many other schools in Florida accept this form of payment including Florida International, Florida Florida Atlantic and the University of Florida as well as numerous state community colleges, but in recent years it has sparked much debate over the question of who really benefits from their use.

Take the bonesty quiz and find out...

are UCF students? a car (minor or major)?

PHOTO BY KELLY PETRIK

CASEY MCCORKLE STAFF WRITER

Many may argue that we live in a society where morals and integrity sometimes take a backseat to fame and success. Recent studies have proven that most Generation X'ers will do whatever it takes to achieve their goals-even if that should mean lying, cheating and stealing. So how does UCF measure up when it comes to honesty? Well that all depends on the question...

Would you lie, for a job, to a future employer?

Of the students polled, over 78 percent of guys, while only 30 percent of girls would tell a lie if that guaranteed them a position. What makes guys more likely to lie in this instance? "Past indiscretions," said a UCF senior. "Guys definitely have a lot more to hide than girls, it's easier for the girls to get a job based just on looks-we usually have to do a lot of bargaining."

If you missed a test because you slept in, would you lie to your professor in order to make up the test?

"Absolutely," maintains a communications major, "I've done it several times when my alarm didn't go off -there was no way my professor would let me retake a midterm because I hit the snooze button too many times!" A majority of students agree-when asked 95 percent of girls and 80 percent of guys said they would have no trouble lying to a professor if it helped their individual performance in the class.

Have you ever stolen from your work (supplies, food, products...etc.)?

"Who hasn't" asked one UCF junior. Apparently a lot of UCF students, who were noticeably divided over this issue with only 40 percent of girls, and 64 percent of guys admitting to practices of thieving at their place of employment.

Have you ever been involved in a hit and run, with

Nobody who will admit it anyway, since 98 percent of guys and 92 percent of girls said "no way" to speeding away from the scene of an accident. "That's just wrong, people who do that obviously have no souls!" said a UCF freshman, "...and besides that, there are serious penalties if you get caught."

How often do you cheat in school?

Few students admit to cheating often, while 42 percent claim they sometimes copy homework or discuss test answers with other classmates. But most students feel that cheating is wrong, and resent those students who take the easy way out. "It would bother me," said junior Scott Thompson, a computer engineering major, when asked how he would feel if another student were to copy answers from his exam. "I would never blatantly cheat like that."

What constitutes cheating on a significant other?

UCF students conclude that a kiss or beyond definitely means you have gone too far. "A kiss is a kiss," says computer science major Justin Drahl, "...if you are dating someone, they should be the only person you show passion for...that is, if it's serious." While few students considered playful flirting to be harmful, 66 percent of guys and 70 percent of girls felt that kissing another qualifies a person as unfaithful.

How many times have you cheated on your significant other?

Most students remain fairly faithful as 24 percent of guys and 13 percent of girls have cheated 1-2 times in their current relationship-only 5 percent admit to cheating 3 or more times. Even fewer students told their significant other about their "act of indiscretion." When asked if he would break up with a girlfriend who cheated, junior George Mella kept an open mind. "Depends on the circumstance-the severity of the relationship. I realize we are young and want to see other people, who am I to get in the way of that?" But would he immediately take her back? "Not right away, I would talk to her first, see what her intentions were."

Final outcome of the honesty quiz? Cheating is relative say most students, who maintain the individual situation determines whether or not a student is dishonest. "In some cases its just a small, white lie," one student said, "if it doesn't hurt anyone, then what does it matter?" But another incoming freshmen debates that claim, asserting that, "it's an act of personal integrity-the type of person you are will determine your definition of honesty."

College students susceptible to credit card fraud

JENNIFER PATERSON STAFF WRITER

In January, Kyle, a 21-yearold UCF student, encountered a problem that has become widespread among college students and consumers as a whole. In addition to the monthly average of \$2,478 that the American undergraduate student has to balance, now they have to worry

fraud.

Unfortunately this crime is much easier to commit than many people may think.

"I went to (a local restaurant) on Aloma and the guy who worked there was hassling me about my credit card numbers. He was asking 'Um, is this you?' and I told him that was me," said

Nevertheless, after a little about a new problem - credit trouble Kyle was able to order

his food and be on his way. Not hours." until a few weeks later did Kyle realize that his identity had been stolen and credit used to make more purchases.

"A week later it was the Superbowl and I called the bank and I was missing \$50 so I talked to someone and they told me that a number of other purchases were coming in regarding (food)," said Kyle. "The guy ended up spending \$180 in four

In retrospect, Kyle felt that something was going on that day at the restaurant. "It took him too long, in my estimation, to put the numbers in the machine."

Once the theft was identified, Kyle reported the incident to his bank and only after months was this money returned to his card. "It was a nightmare, what I had to go through to get the money back. I sent a letter into the bank and detailed all the purchases that I did not make and the bank lost my statement," said Kyle. "It took two months to clear up and a lot of headache."

What Kyle may not know is that there could be further damage to his credit. Fraudulent transactions to one's credit can be more than using a credit card to make bogus purchases and can

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Thirteenth seat held for student body president

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Board. Calvet volunteers at an Orlando elementary school teaching Spanish and computer classes. She actively participates with the Civitan Club, an organization that fosters leadership training and community involvement. Calvet serves as a senior advisor for middle and high school students involved with the Junior Civitan Club. She received her bachelor's degree in 1971.

Orlando attorney Christiansen is with Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A. Currently, he is a trustee for the UCF Foundation Board and UCF Civic Theater. Christiansen has previously taught business law courses at UCF. He is also associated with the Museum of Art. Christiansen received his bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1969 and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1972.

Dr. Geraldine Ferris is a periodontist in Winter Park. She has 19 years of professional teaching experience at the University of Florida and Nova Southeastern Colleges of Dentistry. Ferris has been a guest lecturer and clinical instructor at Valencia Community College and Orlando Technical School. She mentors students at both the collegiate level and public

University of Florida with her doctorate degree in 1982.

CompBenefits Corporation CEO Phyllis Klock presently works on boards for both the UCF Foundation and Educational Foundation, Inc at Georgia State University. In 1967, she earned her bachelor's degree Bridgewater State College, Massachusetts. Klock previously held the Graduate Programs Coordinator position at UCF in the Business college Administration.

Rick Lee, CEO for Citizens Bank of Oviedo, presently serves the Board of Trustees for Seminole Community College and also sits on the board of directors for private school, The Masters Academy. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1985 from UCF and obtained his banking degree in 1994 from LSU Graduate School of Banking. A member of both the Future Business Leaders of America, and Oviedo Revitalization Committee, Lee was awarded in 1999 the UCF Alumni of the Year Award, College of Arts and Science.

Windermere resident Dick Nunis has held a position on the UCF Foundation Board since 1988 and is currently the president of New Business Solutions, Inc.

schools. Ferris graduated from the Previously, Nunis served as chair of the Board, as well the Governor's Commission Education and is now the National Chair of the UCF Capital Campaign. A trustee of the executive council of the UCF College of Business Administration, Nunis helped begin the School of Hospitality at Valencia Community College. In 1955, he obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California.

> A Jacksonville attorney with her own practice, Ava Parker earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Florida in 1984 and graduated from the University of Florida College of Law in 1987. She was a general counsel for the religious institution, Edward Waters College. Parker previously assisted in the creation of the Association of Black Alumni at UF, and served as past president of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers.

> Rosen Hotels and Resorts president and CEO Harris Rosen recently pledged \$10 million to build a new School of Hospitality Management for UCF. Currently, he serves on the board of directors for the Boys & Girls Club and the YMCA aquatic center. Rosen graduated with his bachelor's degree from the Cornell University School of Hotel Administration in 1961

Society of Hotelmen and the Waldorf Astoria Distinguished Alumni Association. He served as president of the Orlando/Orange County

Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Conrad Santiago is a senior financial advisor with American Express



Financial Advisors, Inc. A Central Florida resident, Santiago served as a member of President Hitt's UCF Advisory Council. He has provided internship programs and served as mentors for UCF finance students through American Express Financial Advisors. Santiago said he is eager to learn about and prioritize students' issues.

"Obviously my goal as a member is to work towards the betterment of the school," he said. "I have no preconceived thoughts or ideas, I am in the data-gathering

Santiago is currently the vicechair of Healing the Children and the treasurer of the American Red Cross of Central Florida. He received his bachelor's degree

and is a member of the Cornell from Bentley College in 1983 and his master's degree from the College of Financial Planning in

> UCF Alumnus Rick Walsh is an executive with Darden Restaurants, with headquarters located in Orlando. He serves as a trustee with the UCF Foundation and is on the Dean's Advisory Council, UCF College of Business. Walsh coordinated the endowment of the country's first Chair in Restaurant Management at UCF. He was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1985 and serves on the United Arts Board of Directors. Walsh received his bachelor's degree in 1977 and his master's degree in 1987.

> Winter Park resident Tom Yochum is the president, chairman and CEO of SunTrust Bank, Central Florida. He is currently a trustee emeritus for the UCF Foundation. Yochum serves on the Florida Center for the Arts and Education and is volunteer chair of the Valencia Community College Foundation. He has co-chaired a campaign to raise \$2 million to build the first president's house at UCF. Yochum graduated from Rollins College in 1974 with his bachelor's degree.

> UCF Student body President Marco Pena is the 13th member of the Board of Trustees.

Students can avoid credit fraud with FTC

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last much longer if not cleaned

Sally, a senior at UCF, learned this all too easily.

"Just a few weeks ago, I tried to get a Banana Republic card so I could get 10 percent off my purchases and I was denied," Sally said. "Needless to say, I found this very bizarre because I do not have a balance on any cards and have only one student loan."

Sally took advantage of her consumer right under the Fair Credit Report Act, which says that any person who is denied copy of their credit report from credit tampered with is pretty three credit reporting agencies the agency that denied it. Sally

called the Experian credit agency and ordered her free report. When she got it she discovered that an account from a cellular store was in collection.

"Its funny because I have never received any notification of these collections and it boggles my mind how someone could have stolen my identity, but really it is pretty easy," Sally said. "I mean college student get a fake driver's license all the time and that is all that is needed to get, say a pager."

In today's world where more and more people have access to credit and proliferation of its use is skyrocketing, and the probaconsumer cannot be held liable for more than \$50 of fraudulent transactions on a credit card and damage to a credit report must be taken off if it can be definitively be proved that the person was not responsible.

"For myself, I have to send the collection agency a copy of my driver's license and they said that if the signatures do not match up that they will fix it. We will see," said Sally. "I ordered my other two reports and luckily it only showed up on one so it makes it much easier to fix."

One of the most important types of prevention maintenance one can do with their credit is to great. Luckily, law says that a Equifax, Experian, and Trans • Give out your Social Security

Union — every year. The cost is around \$8.50 and more information can be found at their respecweb sites www.equifax.com, www.experian.com, www.transunion.com.

Also, The Federal Trade Commission gives consumers a number of helpful tips to prevent fraud from happening for more preventative

- Before revealing personal information, find out how it will be used and will it be shared with
- · Pay attention to billing cycles and follow up with creditors credit has the right to order a bility of someone having their order a report from each of the when bills do not arrive on time.

Number only when necessary.

- · Minimize the number of cards you have.
- · If cards are lost or stolen, notify your creditors immediately and also call the credit agencies so they can put a fraud alert on your account.

Keep items with personal information in a safe place; tear them up when you don't need them anymore. Make sure charge receipts, copies of credit applications, insurance forms, bank check and statements, expired charge cards, and credit offers you get in the mail are disposed of properly.





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Discounts for attractions available to students

DARCY ELENA RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

Summer is here and everyone wants to have some fun. With some time off from classes, many students have the opportunity to visit some of the attractions and shows of the tourist and attraction capital of the world. The pitfall is that the majority of college students don't have the money to go have that kind of fun. Relax, there are some places that honor the fact that college students are poor and so kindly offer student discounts.

The major attractions such as Disney, Universal, and Sea World no longer offer Florida resident discounts for those students wielding the resident ID, Wet-N-Wild, however, does provide Florida resident discounts with which tickets are only \$19.99 plus tax. For some of the other attractions, there is a way to get in cheaper.

The Ticket Center at UCF, located in the Student Union, offers discount tickets for the major attractions Universal Studios, Islands of Adventure, Wet-N-Wild, Busch Gardens and Sea World. These tickets are available to stu-

Ticket Center Prices

· Busch Gardens \$38

Universal Studios \$31

· Sea World \$38 • Islands of Adventure \$31

dents, staff and faculty with valid UCF IDs and cost between \$31 and

For those wanting to relax without driving so far or spending that much, there is usually a movie theater within a couple of miles of anybody. The UC7 Regal theater on the corner of Alafaya and University is the only theater in the

UCF area that offers student discounts. Movies at the UC7 cost only \$5. If stadium seating is your heart's desire, then the Ticket Center also offers super saver tickets for Regal and AMC theaters. Tickets are \$5 for Regal theaters and \$4.50 for AMC theaters. But before heading to that theater, check with the location to make

sure of special engagement movies, where discount tickets are not allowed. The best part is that these tickets are good for about a year.

The only drawback to the Ticket Center is that tickets at the are limited to a certain number per ID and there are several other restrictions.

If live entertainment is what you want, Theater UCF offers students tickets for about \$6 and has shows running throughout the sum-

So, enjoy the summer and take advantage of living in the attraction capital of the world.

JAMES NUNEZ STAFF WRITER

Burglars with cahones

On June 16, an unknown preparatory found Ferenc Szipocs' black Toyota Camry in the East Parking Garage and smashed the drivers side window in. The perpetrator then stole Szipocs' Sony Discman with a car kit, as well as a number of CD's.

A fingerprint was lifted off the driver's side door, but the owner of the print has not yet been identified. Szipocs said that he would not prosecute.

Why a projector?

Christopher Rank reported that he found a classroom that was unsecured from the outside. Upon entering, he discovered that a

ceiling projector worth \$5,000 had been

Five other projectors have also been stolen during recent weeks from the education and communication buildings. These thefts have occurred during evening or weekend hours.

The projector is a Proxima with a model number of 6850. If you have any information please call (407) 823-TIPS.

PHOTO COURTESY OF UCF WEB SITE Several projectors have been stolen out of the **Communications and Education** buildings over the past few weeks.



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opinion

New system doesn't take the politicians out of education

DAVID MARSTERS STAFF WRITER

Those with an interest in Florida's public university system can take a collective deep breath the system of local Boards of Trustees is officially in place.

When Governor Jeb Bush announced his appointments for each of the 10 new respective boards, he ushered in a new era of localized control over post-secondary education, ending the reign of the Florida Board of Regents. Proponents of the system are hailing it as the savior of the state's public education system, while opponents think students and taxpayers alike are getting railroaded.

One part of this debate is the assertion by the plans' backers (Bush being the foremost) that the new system will de-politicize education policy in the state of Florida. Transfer power from bureaucrats in Tallahassee to local business people, proponents of the system say, and decisions about Florida public universities will be made without so much influence from politicians.

That, however, is hardly the case. In fact, this new system is now even more political. Bush – a Republican, appointed the members of all 10 boards. There are a token few Democrats on each board, but the majority of appointees think along the same lines as the governor. Trustees serve four-year terms, and have a two-term limit, so chances are someday a Democratic governor will be handling the appointments. Then there won't be many Republicans around. Either way, the process is highly political, and very similar to the appointment of Supreme Court justices by the president. It is only natural to appoint people who think like you do to positions of power in your adminis-

Also, these 10 different local

Boards of Trustees will now be competing with each other for state funds. The old Board of Regents was in charge of all of the State University System, and had to look out for the best interests of all the public universities. Now, colleges are being pitted against one another for budgetary needs. Now it is up to the executive and legislative branches of the Florida government - politicians - to decide whose proposal warrants the most funding. To that end, there are probably a whole lot more UF and FSU alumni in Tallahassee than UCF or USF grads. Think that provides an unfair advantage to the already powerful?

The local Boards of Trustees may work wonders for Florida public universities, or they may be the death of them. The new system probably won't do either, instead finding the middle ground where most policy plans end up. But make no mistake; it doesn't take the politicians out of anything.

The Charlie Coddingtons of the world; to pity or punch

CHRIS ZAPATIER STAFF WRITER

I was sitting in an anonymous Boston Market booth the name Charlie Coddington popped into my head. It was a name I had not heard in months and a name I hoped to never hear again.

I met Charlie during my brief employment as a valet parking attendant. Although we only worked together a handful of times, those few times were enough for me to develop contempt for him usually reserved for pedophiles.

Having some seniority, Charlie would keep me around only as long as the volume of customers made it impossible to provide service by himself. The second that the evening rush lapsed Charlie would send me home so he could monopolize the profits for the rest of the evening. One of the customs of the profession is that valets working together split their earnings evenly unless both parties agree to keep what they made. Yet day after day, Charlie would back peddle and beat around the bush when I asked him if we were going to split or keep. Eventually my temper got the best of me and I told him that I not going wait for him to find out that he had made more money than me to decide that we were going to keep what we made, nor was I going to wait for him to learn that I had made more to decide that we were splitting. Things really got heated one night when Charlie sent me on a Snipe hunt looking for a car that did not match the description on the ticket. Charlie continued to run cars and make tips while I frantically searched for a vehicle that seemingly did not exist. After a heated argument, I dragged Charlie over to the vehicle where

I pointed out the manufacturer's logo and asked him to read it aloud. Despite standing three or four inches over six feet tall, Charlie was not man enough to admit that he had been wrong, much less to apologize.

My final contact with Charlie occurred one particularly busy night in February. Charlie parked a pristine, convertible BMW M3 and didn't bother to roll the top up as required by company protocol. By the time the restaurant closed the owner had not returned to claim his vehicle. That night it rained until sunrise, inundating the M3 and saturating its immaculate leather interior. I got a call from my manager bright and early the next morning. The M3's owner was furious, and demanded that our company reimburse him for a luxury automotive detailing. I explained to my manager that I didn't park the car and that I had left early. I assumed that the sequence of events absolve me of any duplicity in the matter. I was mistaken.

A week or two after the incident a knee injury forced me to abruptly resign from my position. When the time came to claim my last paycheck, my employer informed me of his plans to garnish my wages for a significant chunk of change. It turns out that when questioned about the BMW debacle, Charlie claimed that he could not remember which one of us had parked the BMW, so our employer decided the only fair solution was for he and I to split the cost of the detailing.

The Charlie Coddingtons of the world, devoid of conscience, free from the confines of character, and too damn ignorant to understand the concept of Karma. If I saw Charlie today, I'm not sure if I would punch him or pity him.

Murderous mother not the only crazy person

Yates

ADAM SHIVER STAFF WRITER

Andrea Pia Yates.

If that name doesn't disgust you then you either are both soulless and heartless or you have obviously not been paying attention to the news.

Yates was mother to five children, ranging in age from 6 months to 7 years old. I stress that she 'was mother to five children.' Yates system-

atically drowned all of her children in a bath-tub

The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, and that's exactly what he's done," Russel Yates, Andrea Yates husband told the media. "He gave me all these children, and then he took them away."

No Russel, you re estranged wife took your children from you.

The father of the slain children has stated several times that he still supports and loves his

This dumbfounds me.

It shows that Andrea Yates is not the only crazy person in this situation. Her husband Russel seems to have a few screws loose too.

I am furious just thinking about the murder of these children so I do not understand how their father can not be as equally angry at his wife. I find myself being just as upset at the fact that he still loves and supports her as the murders themselves.

Yates blames what his wife has done on her postpartum depression. Depression or not Andrea Yates must pay for her actions.

Usually I would be quite adamant about this woman receiving the death penalty, but in this case, unless she is drowned in the same manner that she killed her children, I think she should sit and rot in a cell wallpapered with pictures of her

I would like to see her put to death, but since that is what she has shown us she wants by attempting suicide I say she should grow old suffering in her own guilt.

Unfortunately nothing can be done to bring these children back to life.

To top it all off it is rumored that Yates is pregnant. As Alanis Morrisette would say: "Isn't





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Attention shoppers

CASEY MCCORKLE
STAFF WRITER

I would like to suggest that there are two types of people in this world: those who avidly shop at Target and those who avidly shop at Wal-Mart.

You may be thinking, "How ridiculous is this girl that she has time to theorize about something so mindless as where people shop for their bath towels," but what I have concluded will most likely seriously resonate with you to the point of pure astonishment.

I will not take credit initially for this hypothesis, although it is something I have spent many minutes mulling over while waiting in line at either of these establishments. My friend brought this idea to my attention recently, and I, being so worldly and all knowing, jumped at the chance to perhaps shed some light on this so-called theory. And pay attention—there will be brief scenario questions testing your individual store familiarity along the way.

Scenario 1: You're wandering the store, desperately in search of the cheapest laundry detergent when suddenly a distinctive odor pervades through the cleaning supplies section. To your horror, over your shoulder, you see a mom carelessly changing her child right in the middle of the aisle! Where would you be more likely to see this?

Wal-Mart. Answer: Explanation: Let us acknowledge the factor of "parent-child ratios." No matter where the Wal-Mart, whether it be it Harlem or downtown Winter Park, the ratio of child to parent at Wal-Mart will be inevitably and inherently five times higher than at a neighboring Target. For every mom there will be five screaming kids, half naked and running up and down the aisle of Wal-Mart, while most Moms at Target can be seen with a single sleeping child.

Scenario 2: You are taking a class for your foreign language requirement and your professor might as well stay at home for all the information you know. You need to gain quick and reliable understanding of a foreign language, where do you go?

Answer: Wal-Mart. Explanation: While they don't specialize in foreign language learning books, on any given day you can find many Wal-Mart employees proficient in any language, other than English of course. They will be more than happy to misdirect you at any given time, and slow down the already painfully tedious checkout processes.

Scenario 3: It's 3 a.m., hunting season, and you're set to go on your yearly family retreat to Ocala to hunt possum and armadillo. But sadly, to your dismay, you've misplaced the favorite family hunting rifle. What do you do?

Answer: Go to your nearest Super Wal-Mart. Explanation: Wal-Marts are open 24-hours for your shopping convenience, and lucky for you they also sell a vari-

ety of firearms and hunting accessories. God Bless America.

Scenario 4: You just heard a ghetto fabulous single on the radio. Much of the lyrics are explicit, but you rock on with it just the same. Where can you find the C.D. at the lowest possible price?

Answer: Target. Explanation: Ha! Tricked you this time, didn't I? Well Wal-Mart, while they offer the chance at foreign language proficiency and screaming naked babies, they do not allow explicit music materials to hit the shelves. So while you can find a wide range of firearms, if it's Two-Live Crew you're after, better off skipping your local Wal-Mart.

Scenario 5: Cleaning out little Timmy's fish tank, you take Astro the goldfish out and place him in a plastic bag so you can properly drain the gravel. Unbeknownst to you, the bag had a hole in the bottom and unfortunately Astro met with the disposal. The nearest Petsmart is closed, how will you ever replace Astro before Timmy gets up for school in the morning?

Answer: Wal-Mart. Explanation? All the cheap fish you need, some Wal-Marts have all the supplies for those unfortunate pet disasters. Look no further for furry hamsters and hermit crabs, fish bowls, cat beds, or birdcages, Wal-Mart's got it all! And don't forget to purchase your fishing license...you won't find that at Target.

Less formal education, limited language proficiency, higher percentages of unwed mothers and happy hunters. So basically the scenarios illustrate class distinctions, observably with the uppermiddle class shopping at Target, and lower-middle class shopping at Wal-Mart. And maybe this aspect can be attributed to product availability, while Wal-Mart offers a fine arts & crafts department; most well to do suburban housewives have maids to do the household sewing chores. Their typical teen daughters won't dare set foot on the beach without a name brand swimsuit and would you believe Target just recently teamed up with Mossimo to give us all great swimwear only a few seasons behind. Target has a pharmacy, but Wal-Mart provides free eye exams. Both have photo labs, with unskilled technicians who can give you hour photo development in as little as 75 minutes. Gourmet food selection such as stale pretzels with processed cheddar cheese and soft drinks can be found at each store, as well as gallons of milk in case of emergencies.

Between both stores you can find whatever it is you may be looking for. Please understand, while I may point out certain class distinctions between Target and Wal-Mart shoppers I do understand that they each serve individual purposes. What boring existences we would lead if the world subsisted solely of Target going, sport utility driving moms, with white picket fences and black labs named Sparky?



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HUMAN/CYBORG RELATIONS

KRISTOFER KAY
STAFF WRITER

My God, if this didn't sound like the greatest thing since air. On paper, A.I.: Artificial Intelligence sought to have the recipe for the making of the grandest of all illusions. By combining the complexities of Stanley Kubrick with the sensibilities of Steven Spielberg, we have been waiting to witness a landmark of a motion picture. A film that, in short consideration, could have been easily placed alongside the other great works that were made separately by both men in the past (2001, E.T., A Clockwork Orange, Close Encounters of the Third Kind). If it were possible, A.I. would have been that bridge of a film; that truly unique amalgamation of stylized genius that reiterates who the two greatest storytellers are in the world, even if one is post-mortem.

Or was that just wishful thinking? No matter how many times we saw that cryptic trailer or how hard it was not to get our hopes up, we sure weren't expecting anything like this. "Pinocchio in the future" is a pretty weak plot description, but that doesn't even begin to cover the first act, let alone an entire film that is arguably one of Spielberg's most provocative. And by that the film in no way disappoints either. It will be something to cloud your mind, to take over

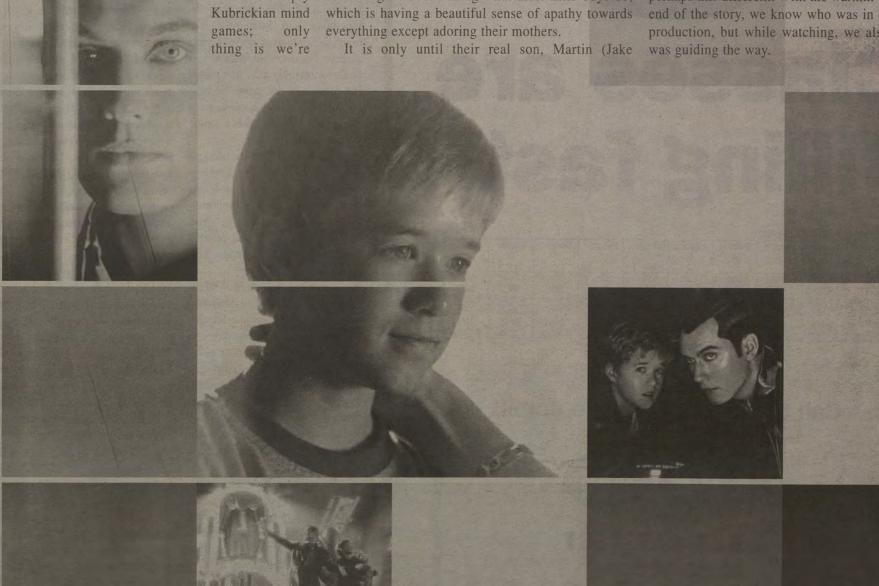
your thoughts, incite debate and provoke a conundrum of unanswered questions. Those are not faults, but simply Kubrickian mind games; only

not used to seeing those in a Spielberg piece, and if you ask me I think it's be about time we did. The problem lies in the fact that Kubrick had a far less optimistic view of tomorrow than his heir apparent. We have seen in his films that take place in the future: the idea that man must retain his humanity if he is to live in a dehumanized world. For Kubrick in 2001, the conflict arose that the machines were to become as capable as man; in Clockwork, just the opposite occurs. In A.I., we come to witness a little bit of both with going a step further as man takes on the role of God.

Set far down the timeline when the polar icecaps have already melted and robots are a way of life, Professor Hobby (played by William Hurt) of the Cybertronics corporation announces that it is time to create a "mecha" (or cyborganic being) child with the ability to feel and reciprocate the act of love. A technician from that company, Henry (Sam Robards) is selected along with his wife Monica (Frances O'Connor) to be the boy's "orga" (human) adoptive parents. Unsure whether their own biological son will survive a comatose-like state, Henry takes the boy, named David (Haley Joel Osment, who is mesmerizing), home to comfort Monica. Reluctant would be the nicest way to categorize Monica's initial feelings for the star child (freaked out is more like it). But after a short while she grows so attached to the, uh...well, "thing" that she programs in the love mode. It is within these first twenty minutes of the film that one may find parallels with E.T. David is now her son and goes about doing what most little boys do,

Thomas) comes home that problems arise with the new mechanical family member. After a series of accidents occur, David is abandoned in a forest due to Monica's reluctance to have him destroyed. Aimlessly, David is forgotten about, left alone to survive in a place were abandoned mechas are hunted down in order to be placed in Flesh Fairs (arena sideshow versions of Thunderdome). This is where he meets his Jiminy Cricket, Gigolo Joe (Jude Law). Joe is walking, talking sexual novelty toy programmed with an orgasm protocol for lonely human females. After escaping and recounting the Pinocchio story that was read to him, David asks Joe if he will help him search for the Blue Fairy so that she can turn him into a real boy. Basically David just wants his mommy back.

From the 1969 short story "Super Toys Last All Summer Long" by Brian Aldiss, A.I. is a one-of-a kind conjuration of fantastical ideas, theories and spiritual beliefs. It is a study of euthenics. It is the proportionate amount of astonishing creativity and typical contrivance we are used to seeing in a Spielberg picture. But this isn't just Spielberg film, it is an interpretation of a Kubrick film seen through another filmmaker's eyes. From the various elements supplied by both directors, it will distract the passive viewer. And although a fairy tale, it is not a movie for small children. The "more-human-than-human" aspect (a la Stanley) is present while the theme of having a nuclear family fully remains. In fact, Spielberg has never had a film that is seen initially as perhaps this different. With the warmth coming at the end of the story, we know who was in charge of the production, but while watching, we also knew who



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Local rockers speak out

JACKIE MYERS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"We rock! There are too many people out there who don't rock. We rock hard. And we rock really good, all night long," Chris Gotti, the lead singer of Gotti 13 said. Even the discomfort from a cracked spine he suffered when he was younger couldn't keep Chris, 21 from rocking the House of Blues with his band members.

Mike Bosch, 25, on rhythm guitar and keyboards, Henry Bullard, 25, on drums, Tommy Naddeo, 23, on

bass guitar and Bill Peck, 22, on lead guitar round out the rest of the Orlando rock group Gotti 13.

The group recently underwent some changes when guitarist Mike Reymont left the group. In need of a new member, Chris, Tommy and Henry found not one, but two musicians with the abilities and charisma they were looking for: Bill, a guitar virtuoso and world-traveling male model and Mike, a diverse musician whose tastes range from classical to jazz to rock.

"Me and Mike went to high school together (in Boston)," Henry said. "We played in some bands together. So I knew

what his capabilities were, but we gave him a fair shot like everyone else. We had actual auditions, and he was one of them. By coincidence it was narrowed down to him and Bill. Bill was incredible as well. We couldn't decide," Henry explained.

"They were both coming (to the final audition) the same night, and I said 'Why don't we try everyone at once to see how it goes?" Chris said. "As soon as we struck the first chord it was just like this presence in this room. We played the first song, and we knew that this

was the way it was going to be. It was right," Chris said.

Bill and Mike only had a short period of time to learn the material before their June 16 debut at House of Blues, which was filmed for Dateline NBC. However, the time crunch was not a difficulty for the talented guitarists, as they displayed during the group's six-song set.

"I found it pretty easy because Chris and Tommy were really good about showing me the material," Bill said. "I



am used to learning songs that are like 10 minutes long. It was challenging to learn it so quickly, but they were really good at pointing things out and giving me the

Gotti 13 describes the change from a four-member group to a five-member group as an all-around good vibe. "There's so much more energy on stage; the overall presence. We feel like a brick wall. It's very, very powerful," Chris said.

"It's harder to get around, to fit five guys in a car. experience everyday."

That's the only problem. So we have to take two vehicles wherever we go," Tommy joked.

The Gotti guys check out their competition to make sure they're on top of the game. "We go to a lot of shows, and we see what people aren't doing," Henry said. "Sometimes they just get up there and stand on little oriental rugs and don't even move. But we get out there and we're running off of ramps. We put on a show. We try to

set ourselves apart from other groups," Henry

"Everything is so stressful outside of playing music," Tommy said. "When you're onstage it's just a total release. You just forget about all your worries and just go out and have fun. And that's what sets us apart too; everyone sees that we're having fun, and they have fun. That's the way it works."

"Me personally—no matter how many shows we've done—every single time right before we're about to go onstage you get this cold, numb feeling over your entire body, and it doesn't stop while you're performing," Chris explained.

Gotti 13 compared themselves to quarter-

backs perfecting their plays. "You learn from all your mistakes," Chris said. "You learn from the best of it you did. You move on. You make your show better. Every single show we've done, the minute we're done we watch video of what we did, and we make ourselves better after every single performance we do."

"So regardless of technical difficulties, regardless of whatever, this is what we were all born to do," Chris continued. "And this is what we are doing. It's a learning

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FOREST CRUMPLER

STAFF WRITER

In the beginning there was beer. Then came music, and then the Matt Lapham on bass and Pat McCurdy on lead guitar did add an people would arrive. That was the case on Sat., June 23 at the Kit extremely valuable backbone to Sunny's vocals that would have Kat Club. The musical act for that evening was an odd duo of suffered greatly in their absence. I urge anyone interested to check

sounds, that of introspective chick rock and funk/soul. At first, the crowd was sparse but the beer was plentiful, and it would eventually be the nectar that attracted the bees.

The night's entertainment would come in the form of the funk/soul combination The Joint Chiefs with the opening

act Sunny starting the night off with a kick-ass performance. Although the show started almost two hours late, it was actually worth the wait when Sunny came to play. Sunny is fronted by nightclub siren Sunny Raskin who has not only a rich voice and a gorgeous visage. She also possesses a tremendously powerful stage presence (going so far as to have one fan actually kissing her toes as she sang). The rest of the band, while obviously talented, is unfortunately transformed into stage props as all attention goes to the petite powerhouse on the mic. To be fair, Anthony Cole on drums,

them out. Sunny will have a CD release party at Sapphire on July 19 or can be found weekly at Dante's for Sunday brunch. The Joint Chiefs are one of the most fun bands that I have seen in some time, with heart-pounding funk and soul with a little rock thrown into the mix just for kicks. The frontman of the Chiefs is a guy named Eugene whose charismatic personality is almost as fun and loud as the music he sings. With all seriousness, I don't care what kind of music you like or don't like, you are going to enjoy The Joint Chiefs just as much as I did. Eugene ripped out the lyrics while traversing

the stage in a fashion reminiscent of the godfather of soul James Brown. With their infectious groove, The Joint Chiefs are one of those bands that seem to grab hold of your spine and force your feet to move to the music. I strongly recommend that you make time to see one of their upcoming shows. I give this show a D- on punctuality, but an A+ for fun, entertainment and just plain good music making. If you want to see a show, and trust me you do, Sunny and The Joint Chiefs are going to be playing together again at Wills on Mills on July 4.

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Lars Frederiksen and the **Bastards**: **Bringing an** old sound to the

new scene

MATT PHIPPS STAFF WRITER

For those of you who do not know this name let me fill vou in. Lars is the guitarist from Rancid, a punk band with roots in Operation Ivy

and other old school punk. This new band, Lars Frederiksen and the Bastards, is his side project dedicated to a best friend from his old town that passed on.

The self-titled CD is excellent in my opinion. It has old school roots but at the same time does not sound repetitive like so many of the older punk albums. Lars is

really creative when coming up with his sound. Using such instruments as a slide guitar in some of his songs. You don't really hear too many slide guitars in punk music, and that's why I thought it to be strange. Songs like "To Have and to Have

Not" and "Wine and Roses" really have a melodic sound to them. In contrast to "Dead American" that sounds more like the traditional old school

> punk. To me this is great. I'm sick of hearing the same old melodic poppy punk aimed at teens. And for all those bands out there that keeping making that crap (you know who you are), you should really take some lessons from some hardened veterans of the

If you like Rancid or old school punk at all this CD is a must. For everybody else

out there, definitely give the album a chance. It might just surprise you. So, run to your local' music store and pick up a punk CD that actually lives up to the genre name.



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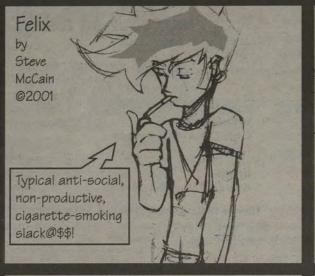
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New web site

UCF Intramural Sports has unveiled its brand new web site located at www.imsports.ucf.edu. The web site was developed by Graduate Assistant Gary Cahen and will allow students to access league schedules, team standings, and

sport rules faster and more conveniently than before. Another added feature of the web site is the online registration function, which was created by Rick

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In other news

Due to the unprecedented growth of the Summer programs, Intramural sports will be offering two new events for the Summer B term. A Disc Golf tournament has been added to the July schedule, as well as a Triple Skills Challenge event, featuring skills competitions in football, softball, and golf. Both of these events will feature the new online registration...4-on-4 Flag Football, Co-ed Soccer, and 3-on-3.

TAAC now Atlantic Sun Conference

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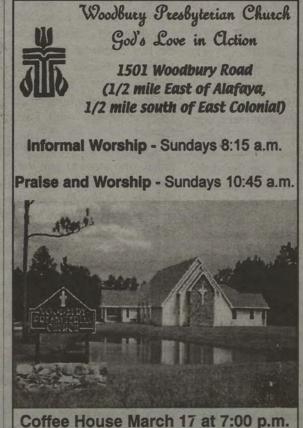


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Golden Knights sign three Ju-Co linemen to fill holes

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guard position. He has an excellent football pedigree, as he is the younger brother of the late NFL star Derrick Thomas.

"Johnovan Morgan is a tremendous athlete," McFarland said. "He left Alabama and went to junior college and made the transition to offensive line. He's a little on the light side right now, and strength-wise isn't quite there, but if we can get him into the weight room, that's going to be tremendous plus for us."

The Golden Knights also signed two high school offensive lineman as part of their 2001 recruiting class, offensive tackle Jeff Harper (6-foot-8, 305 pounds) and center Adam Butcher (6-foot-3, 285 pounds).

Butcher, the brother of former UCF punter Marek Butcher, was offensive line MVP at the Pinellas

County All-Star game and chose UCF over Clemson. He attended Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg, and impressed coaches at the UCF football camp.

"(Butcher is) the most athletic lineman I've ever coached," said Admiral Farragut head coach Mike

Butcher is also being compared by the Golden Knight coaching staff to Lorenti, who started four years at center for UCF and signed a free-agent contract with the NFL's Tennessee Titans.

"He's a guy that we feel has unlimited potential for the future," McFarland said. We're going to try to redshirt him if we can, but I see Adam being the center of the future. He could be the next Lorenti here for us because he has that kind of athletic ability. He could potentially be a stronger player (than Lorenti). Those are high expectations, but we really see that in him."

Harper is one of the biggest players ever to become a Golden Knight, and will likely redshirt in 2001 to get stronger and learn the offense. He was All-District, All-Space Coast and All-Central Florida as a senior at Palm Bay High School, who won the Class 6A State Championship.

"Harper has been improving at an enormous rate and many schools began noticing him this spring," said Jamie Newberg of Border Wars. "Projected as an OT on the college level, he is being recruited for his pass protection abilities."

Harper chose UCF over Cincinnati, committing very early in the signing period.

"We just saw a guy that was 6foot-8-plus, 305 pounds and worked, and really just had a focus on what to do," McFarland said. "A tremendous student as well, someone we know will be here for five

you're going redshirt coming in, to give him that year to get stronger and that make transition,

which most lineman need

coming into the college ranks. We really see Jeff as being a bright star for us in the future."

Harper

Other returning players include strong tackles Steve Edwards (6-foot-5, 345 pounds) and John Wimberly (6-foot-6, 300 pounds), strong guards Willie Comerford (6-foot-4, 320 pounds) and Garrett McCray (6-foot-4, 300 pounds), and quick-side lineman Robertson (6-foot-6, 280 pounds) and Huff. With the exception of Wimeberly, all of those players

started games for UCF last year, seniors Edwards Comerford have a chance to form one of the best strong-side lines in Golden Knight history. McCray will back up Comerford, and Wimberly will back up Edwards. Robertson is penciled in to start at quick guard and Huff at quick tackle. McFarland said the competition created by returning players and new recruits will be good for the offensive line and UCF running

"I think going into this season, with those eight top players right there competing, and you've still got a Travis Muse and Norman Lewis redshirted and don't want to play on those scout teams again, they're going to go out there and fight for positions," he said. "I'm really excited about those guys we've got coming in, and I think we've definitely the size and talent on the offensive line."

Clemons, Sands and Waters become Golden Knights together

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pete. I think I can compete with the best."

Clemons is one of the biggest players to sign with UCF this year, and has the versatility to play three positions in college. In high school, he played tight end and defensive end, making seven catches for 158 yards and three touchdowns on offense and registering 86 tackles, five and a half sacks, one touchdown, seven fumble recoveries and one interception on defense during his senior season. He has tremendous athletic ability for a big man, exhibiting this by averaging 21 points and 15 rebounds for the school's basketball team. His list of football honors is long: No. 52 on Max Emfinger's Florida Hot 100, No. 21 on the Orlando Sentinel's Top 100, Buchalter's Dandy Dozen, second-team All-State, All-Space Coast, All-Central Florida, All-Cape Coast, All-District, All-Regional, and rated the no. 24 tight end in the nation by Rivals.com

"Marcus is our iron man said Waters. "He's been going both ways since his sophomore year. Defensive end, tight end - always making the pass receptions when we need them for first-down yardage, and always making the big hit whenever we need a stop."

UCF coaches hope that Clemons, who chose the Golden Knights over Georgia Tech, Florida, Arkansas and Clemson, can add some more weight and become a dominant offensive lineman, but he has expressed an interest in playing on the defensive side of the ball.

"Our best offensive lineman can't block Marcus," said Sands. " Some of the best offensive lineman in the state can't even block him. He's so big."

Sands, who picked UCF over South Carolina, Marshall, Kansas State and

Miami, is a hard-hitting safety who had 117 tackles and four interceptions in his senior year. Those numbers earned him All-Region, All-State, All-Space Coast and All-District honors.

"If I'm playing tight end and he's playing safety, Peter's one person I wouldn't want to go across the middle on because he'll knock your head off," said Clemons.

Astronaut head coach Randy Hallock says Sands, who also played wide receiver and was a member of the basketball track and field teams in high school, is the best of the three.

"Peter's our best athlete," he said. "Peter can do anything. You could line him up under center and he could play quarterback for you. I mean, he's just that skilled of an athlete. He played everywhere for us. To be honest with you, I think he's the best football player coming out of here this year. He's a steal. He could play for anybody."

Of the three, Sands may have the best chance of playing as a freshman, because the Golden Knights are thin at safety because of the graduation of starters Damian Demps and Tommy Shavers.

Waters is the sleeper of the group, who needs to gain weight and strength to play defensive end in college. During his senior season at Astronaut, Waters had 106 tackles, 13 sacks, three fumble recoveries and six touchdowns and also had 10 catchers for 141 yards as a receiver. He was honorable mention All-State and chose UCF over Clemson and Marshall, and teammates say he is the emotional sparkplug of the team.

"We rely on Craig to make the first hit and get everybody hyped up to play," Sands said. "Craig's always the most hyped person out there. And he's so quick off the ball, he's hard to block. Quickest player I've ever been up against."

shirt to gain size and strength, but he may have trouble qualifying academically and could end up in junior college before coming to

Though the fact that all three ended up signing with UCF may seem like a planned event, the trio says they all had to make the individual decision of what was best for them.

not like we made our decision like 'If you go here, I'll go here," Clemons said. "It was 'This is best for Peter Sands, this is the best for Marcus Clemons, this is the best for Craig Waters.' We had offers from bigger schools, but we all decided that UCF is a better place for us."

"I saw it as a growing football team," said Waters. "All the other football team's in major conferences, they're already there. We just want to make that impact for

"They're playing good schools, you can see by their schedule," Sands said. "And by playing good schools, that gives us the opportunity to show our talent. We're playing with the best schools, so if we can compete with them, we can compete with anybody.'

Clemons, who is very close to his own family (teammates and coaches said he still occasionally will crawl into bed with his mother), said he liked the closeness he saw among UCF players.

"They get along well, and it's like a family," he said. "That's what you need, because you live together, you play together, and you spend much of your life together for five years. And we love Orlando, that town is great."

And though the three are good friends, they say that once they step onto the football field, it's all about competition.

"We're so competitive," said Golden Knight coaches say Clemons. "I know that one of them

Waters will almost definitely red- is going to get the hit, so I try to get the hit before them. It's not like I'm competing against the opposing players, I'm competing with my boys so I get the hit before they get the hit."

"Before the game, we're all calm and everything,". Sands said. "But once we set foot on that field, everything changes. You can't even talk to us because we're so focused on the game. If somebody talked to us, we might snap on them. We "We talked about it, but it's switch gears, it's like a whole different level on the football field."

And now, the three will be able to take that "whole different level" to another "whole different level:" college. They may not make the immediate impact they think they will, as most freshman need a redshirt year regardless of their talent, but eventually, these three Astronauts may help fly UCF into the new frontier of being a national college football

Together.



Sands (left), Clemons (middle) and Waters (right) sign their national letters of intent to play for UCF on **National Signing**

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From the Sports Desk

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UCF baseball signs four

Assistant coach recruiting coordinator Greg Frady announced four spring signees for the 2002 UCF Baseball program. Headlining the list is Clay Timpner, a lefthanded pitcher/outfielder from LaBelle High School who was drafted in the 41st-round by the Texas Rangers during the Major League Baseball firstyear player draft. Timpner is joined by David Mann, Ryan Bear and Nathan Kragt. Mann, Bear and Kragt are all highly touted community college transfers looking to give the Golden Knights experience in the field.

Clay Timpner, LHP/OF, LaBelle, Fla. (LaBelle HS) Timpner was a second team FHSAA all-state selection in the 3A division. The left-handed pitcher was the offensive and pitching most valuable player at LaBelle High School. Recognized by the Fort Myers News Record as a three-year All-Area honoree, Timpner left LaBelle High School with a career batting average of .448, ERA of 2.39 and 75 stolen bases in three seasons. Baseball

honorable mention Defensive Player-of-the-Year in 2000.

David Mann, INF/OF, Columbus, Ga. (Lake City CC/Columbus HS) Mann was a first-team all-state selection in Georgia and broke many of the school records there, which was also the same high school that produced Chicago White Sox and Auburn University all-star Frank Thomas. At LCCC, Mann hit .383 with one home run, 35 RBI, 26 stolen bases and 11 doubles. His 26 stolen bases ranked ninth in the state and batting average was 14th.

Ryan Bear, OF, Panama City, Fla. (Gulf CC/Mosely HS) Bear is a solid outfielder with good offensive numbers. He hit .402 with seven home runs, 40 RBI and 49 runs scored. He also hit 13 doubles and three triples, which ranked tied for second in the

Nathan Kragt, 3B, Bradenton, Fla. (Manatee CC) Kragt is a outstanding defensive player with good speed on the bases. He led the state with four triples and hit .310.

Pope, Arnold and Kurella named All-American

Justin Pope and Jason

America recognized Timpner as Arnold were both named to Baseball America's America teams. Pope was voted to the first team, while Arnold made the second team.

Collegiate Baseball released their All-America teams on May 25 and Pope (15-1, 1.68 ERA, 158 K's) was a first-team recipient, while Arnold (14-3, 1.97, 150) made the third team with shortstop Jeremy Kurella.

UCF was the only school to have two pitchers represented on the first and second teams in Baseball America. Southern California had pitchers on the first and third team.

Both Pope and Arnold have signed professional baseball contracts. Pope is pitching for the New Jersey Cardinals, while Arnold is with the Staten Island Yankees.

Pope having success in minor leagues

As a result of his performance during his first two minor league starts, Howe Sportsdata

named New Jersey Cardinals' pitcher Justin Pope the New York-Penn League Pitcher of the Week (6/18-6/24).

Pope started two games,

firing innings, allowing only 3 hits and did not allow earned Pope struck out

batters

(best in the league), while surrendering only one walk. The opposition is batting .088 against the right-hander.

Pope was the St. Louis Cardinals first-round pick in the 2001 first-year player draft.

TAAC becomes Atlantic Sun Conference

MACON, Ga. - The Atlantic Sun Conference rises in place of the former Trans America Athletic Conference. The change in name and logo, approved by the Conference Presidents Council on June 14, represents the focal point of an overall branding and identity program for the Atlantic Sun.

"Our conference has evolved dramatically over the past ten years and we felt the timing was appropriate for this change," said Commissioner Bill Bibb. "The logo is bright and exciting and I think that

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reflects the overall message we intend to spread about the schools and student-athletes in the Atlantic Sun."

The identity program's main goal is to make a lasting connection between the visual image and the accomplishments of the member schools and their student-athletes. The Atlantic Sun stands alone as far as athletic achievement in NCAA Championship competition as it is the only IAA/IAAA conference in the country to have postseason wins in men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, softball, men's soccer, women's soccer, and volleyball over the past four seasons. During that period the A-Sun has also put competitors into the National Championship round in men's golf, women's golf, men's cross country, women's cross country and women's track & field.

Academically, the Atlantic Sun shines exceedingly bright with a remarkable 45% of all student-athletes earning All-Academic Honors (3.0 or better) in the past four years. The Conference boasts some of the finest institutions in the southeast, including prestigious pri-

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PHOTO BY DAVID MARSTERS Titusville Astronaut High School teammates Marcus Clemons (left), Craig Waters (middle) and Peter Sands

(right) will play college football at UCF.

Titusville trio hopes to make impact at UCF

DAVID MARSTERS STAFF WRITER

Together.

That's how Titusville Astronaut football stars Marcus Clemons, Peter Sands and Craig Waters, who have known each other since elementary school, wanted to continue their football careers, and that's how they will get to

The three friends and high school teammates all chose to sign with UCF over more established and nationally visible football programs, and plan to make big names for themselves while helping to establish the Golden Knights as a national power.

And that shouldn't be very hard, because they are all, well, big.

Clemons, one of the highest rated prospects in the 2001 UCF recruiting class, is a 6-foot-7, 270-pound mass of humanity that plays tight end, defensive end and perhaps even offensive line. Waters is a 6-foot-5, 210-pound defensive end who looks more like a wide receiver, and whom Sands calls "the quickest player I've ever been up against." Sands, perhaps the best of the three, is a 6-foot-4, 200 pound safety whose nicknames include "Hit Man" and "Psycho."

And while many recruits are satisfied with redshirting during their first years, these three want to play.

"I'm working my hardest to try to play, but if they redshirt me, then that's just for the better," Waters said.

"I want to come in and make an impact," Sands said. "I feel I can, but if I feel redshirting is the best way to go, I'll probably redshirt. If I feel I can help the team, then I'm going to play."

"Hopefully I can get on the field pretty quickly," said Clemons. "I have the size and I have the ability, I just have to channel it into one direction and go out there and play hard and just com-



PHOTO BY JASON KOKOTOFF

The graduation of senior offensive linemen Chris Lorenti (left) and Kurt Baumann (right) left big holes to fill, but the UCF coaching staff recruited three Ju-Co players who they think will help immediately.

UCF hopes to bolster running game with offensive line recruits

DAVID MARSTERS STAFF WRITER

UCF football coach Mike Kruczek entered the 2000 season with the specific goal of improving the Golden Knight running

But the team did not accomplish this goal, averaging only 78.73 rushing yards per game -107th in the country. This year, the objective is still the same, and to run the ball more effectively, UCF will need better play from its offensive line. The losses of four-year starting center Chris Lorenti and fellow senior Kurt Baumann will hurt, but the addition of three junior college transfers should help a talented trio of backs (Terrance Williams, Alex Haynes and Corey Baker) get plenty of yards in 2001.

Kruczek and offensive line coach Robert McFarland went the junior college route during recruiting season to fill the immediate needs created by the graduation of Lorenti and Baumann. The Golden Knights signed Mike Mabry, a 6-foot-2, 280-pound from Southwest Mississippi Community College, Alex Mendez, a 6-foot-6, 305pound offensive tackle from



PHOTO BY JASON KOKOTOFF

UCF will need better play from the offensive and defensive lines in order to beat Virginia Tech on Sept. 29 this year. The Hokies dominated the line of scrimmage in last year's 44-21 victory over the Golden Knights.

Reedley (Calif.) Community College, and Johnovan Morgan, a 6-foot-4, 272-pound offensive guard from Jones (Miss.) Community College. Kruczek expects the three transfers to play next season, especially Mabry.

"(Mabry) should be an immediate help in a position that's critical right now because, to be quite frank, we don't have a center," he said. "We're very, very fortunate to have him."

McFarland indicated that Mabry already has an inside track to the starting role, jumping over redshirt sophomore Travis Muse, who worked with the scout feam

last year. He committed to UCF over Southern Miss.

"Anytime you go to junior colleges for offensive lineman, you look for guys to step in immediately," he said. "The guy that's going to be the most important is going to be Mike Mabry. the center. That's such a critical position. He's probably going to come here penciled in as a

Mendez will compete for a starting job protecting quarterback Ryan Schneider's blind side at the quick tackle position. He chose UCF over West Virginia, Baylor and New Mexico. Also in

"The guy that's going to be the most important is going to be Mike Mabry, the center. That's such a critical position. He's probably going to come here penciled in as a starter."

> -Mike Kruczek, Head football coach

line for that role is redshirt junior Brian Huff (6-foot-6, 285 pounds), who saw considerable playing time in that spot last year.

"Alex Mendez is just a physical specimen," McFarland said. "He's a tremendous strong man that plays the game with a lot of intensity. We really expect him to come in here and challenge to be a starter."

Morgan, who originally played tight end at Alabama before transferring to community college, comes in as Taylor Robertson's backup at the quick

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