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Record crowd goes wild at home opener

By DEREK GONSOLIN
Sports Editor

Idaho quarterback Brian Brennan crossed over his center, only two yards from the UCF end zone. A simple play call to his receivers and the Vandals would have a 2-point lead less than three minutes into the game.

As the quarterback reaches for the snap, a sound like rolling thunder begins to echo throughout the stadium.

Brennan calls the play. The receivers don't flinch. The roar builds. The shout of the play out. Same result.

You can hear sporadic voices begin to crack inside the roar. Feet stomp even harder. The frustrated quarterback watches the play clock count down and calls timeout a second before zero.

"Electric. Boisterous. Even deafening. This is a UCF game, right?"

Welcome to the Florida Citrus Bowl. The rejuvenated home of the UCF Golden Knight football team. And 41,827 of their old and new closest friends were throwing a party.

"I've been to every home game the last four years, so this is great," said Randy Rahe, who works at a local car dealership.

"This is more than double the size of the last game (Bowling Green) here. There are people around I've never seen at a football game, like people with their kids," Karen Schlicht said she had considered going to a UCF game last year but never did. This past weekend seemed like the right time.

"I moved to Florida a few years ago and always wanted to go to a game," she said. "Now everyone is coming, so I know it looks bad that I came when I did."

No shame. Only 14,112 watched the Knights' last home finale in 1996. But that was before UCF went to Mississippi, South Carolina and No. 5 Nebraska and lost to all three by a total of 17 points. With the new enthusiasm fans were lined up to see SLOAN, Page II.

Vacant senate seats for College of Education

By JAMES COMBS
Staff Writer

The College of Education lacked representatives for the student senate elections on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Dominic Fariello, senate pro tem, said only one student ran for a senate seat for the College of Education.

Each college is allotted a certain number of representatives based on how many students the college has. Fariello said the College of Education is allotted six seats because it has fewer students.

Fariello said it's important to have representatives from all colleges in the student senate. He said every club and organization is different for their respected college.

"If you are presenting a bill and have a senator that is from your college, they know what you are talking about," Fariello said.

Fariello pointed out that the College of Arts and Sciences recently requested $10,000 for a visiting sculpting artist. The College of Engineering requested $16,000 to build a flying machine for Epcot Center.

"Both colleges requested a lot of money so there were very large debates on whether to grant the money or not," Fariello said. "You have to be very sharp on the characteristics of your points.

"That is a huge benefit of having someone from your own college. They have the knowledge needed about the college and support of the college. It makes communication a lot easier and increases the chances of us funding the money."

He added the College of Education will still be represented in the student senate. However, education students can speak to the senator-at-large when they have requests or can talk to Fariello. Both listen to the requests of all colleges.

"I don't want any students in the College of Education to feel they won't be represented," said Fariello.

Fariello wants to advertise more for future elections. He wants to advertise through flyers, newspapers and possibly the WUCF radio station.

"Students have to have the desire to run for a senate seat as well," he said. "We can only do so much."
Volunteers brush up the community

By NALTAE NATALE
Staff Writer

UCF students teamed up with ESTEEM, Inc. to improve the Winter Park Housing Authority's community on Sunday, Sept. 15. Students buddied up with children in the community to repaint the wall adjacent to Margaret Square.

"I really love working with children and helping others," said sophomore Michelle Ruble. "This was a great opportunity for me to interact with the children of Winter Park."

Michelle and her buddy, 12-year-old Jamian, painted the sunlight in the mural yellow.

"It was a really fun day," sophomore Abbey Morrow said. "My buddy Dominique and I painted UCF's Pegasus onto the mural."

The mural depicts neighborhood children flying kites, riding bicycles and playing basketball. Designed in the style of famous African American painter, William H. Johnson, it was included as regional artwork at The Smithsonian Institute. The mural also won the first-place award from the National Association for Housing Redevelopment Officials.

The wall was originally covered with graffiti, obstructions and gang symbols. Well-known Maitland artist Jeannie Schubert designed the mural for the wall.

"My work is a personal response to the world around me," Schubert said. "It was a really fun day." The artist outlined the mural in a grand paint-by-number system that allowed the community to get involved in the project. The paint was donated by Dave Tonge, head of the Maitland planning department.

"Ever since the community painted the wall three and a half years ago, there have not been any instances of graffiti," said Pamela Mann, executive director of ESTEEM.

Volunteers finished painting in the early afternoon. After cleaning the brushes, the volunteers, their buddies and the artists had a barbecue lunch together. Schubert put the finishing touches on the mural by drawing the black lines again.

"It was a heart-warming experience," said Ginger Tisdale, Alpha Delta Pi's philanthropy chairperson. "It was only a couple of hours, but these children will always remember the time we spent with them."

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AFROTC pay respects for those who deserve it

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

A tiny man with silver hair brought his hand to his heart and saluted the American flag, a symbol he fought to preserve more than 50 years ago. Then, he swiftly and gracefully brought his hand to his side and told a small audience gathered around the Reflection Pond about his experiences as a prisoner of war.

Colonel Herbert Ellis was the guest speaker at Friday's POW/MIA ceremony, sponsored by the Air Force ROTC. Ellis was stationed in the Philippines during World War II. He flew all types of aircraft, including a B-12, B-25 and B-26. He won two bronze stars and the Philippines Liberation Medal.

In 1939, Ellis arrived in the Philippines and found the Filipino soldiers unprepared for Liberation. "They were fresh out of flight school," he said. "Two years later, pilots were cut to a fourth and they had to send for troops and artillery in invasion to combat."

By this time, Ellis was captured by the Japanese. "The March had become a nightmare," he said. "Eventually, the Japanese fed the soldiers two meals of rice a day. Many men died of starvation or suffocation. Ellis said nearly everyone had dysentery.

After two months, those who could walk went on to a new compound. Those who could not were left to die. The death rate had reached more than 40 men a day. By this time, 32,000 American and Filipino men had already been buried. In June 1943, there were no deaths, for the first day in a year. As a result, the rations were cut again and more people died of malaria, jaundice, dysentery, starvation and scurvy.

In November 1944, almost three years after Ellis was captured, many soldiers were moved to Malaysia. "I had so many diseases, I was left behind," he said. "I was not offered the categorization. "In retrospect, I don't know why the Japs just didn't kill all of us," he said. "This kind of torture can only be done by uncivilized people."

By the end of the war, 35,000 Filipinos and Americans died. At the end of the evening, Ellis was presented with a plaque by the AFROTC, in appreciation of his service and bravery.

Laura Snyder, a captain of her high school's ROTC program, volunteered to attend the ceremony. "Ellis' speech was very thought-provoking," she said. "It was amazing what he went through and how he survived what they put him through."

Cadet Colonel Bryan McCarty, cadet wing commander for AFROTC, thought Ellis' speech was excellent and is appreciative of all the support he has given. "It's very important we realize, even in peacetime, who we are and why we wear the blue uniform," he said. "We wear the blue for the skies, the white for purity, and red for the blood of our fallen comrades. He illustrated that quite perfectly."

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Students enjoying the perks of coffee

By TARA SUH DORSEY
Staff Writer

"Coffee-enthusiasts are addicted to Knight Perks' original Java Jump," said Vicky Kennedy who works at the Knight Perks Cafe. "They can't help but come back for more."

Katherine Kirchner and Brigida Padilla, co-owners of Knight Perks, were almost unable to provide their clientele with the sought-after morning fix.

"Now that everything is settled, we can focus on providing greater offers to our customers," Kirchner said. "We want them to be happy. We can finally do that without being burdened with the food service issue."

Since there were no coffee places on campus, self-proclaimed coffee connoisseurs Kirchner and Padilla derived the plan to create one because it would help them with their expenses and tuition.

In January, they proposed the idea to UCF's food service, Marriott, and it was approved. But after the initial positive response, their coffee dream suffered intrusions.

Marriott began to have second thoughts. It was afraid the stand would interfere with the coffee places it would implement in the future.

The Knight Perks Cafe moved to several different locations across the campus as advised by Marriott and underwent many contract dilemmas. Now, after about eight months, the situation is resolved.

Russell Troutman, Padilla's and Kirchner's lawyer, met with Brad Smith, regional manager of Marriott. The two settled things.

"Marriott wants to have a positive impact on the campus, and a compromise has been reached," Padilla said. "We are getting along great with them. UCF's contracts are only for one year, and at the end of the year, we will see what happens. For now, we are back to normal."

Situated next to the Administration building, the business is thriving. The cafe offers faculty and students a variety of gourmet coffees, cool refreshments and pastries.

"We try to provide a variety of specials geared toward the students and faculty," Padilla said. "We really appreciate their support."

The owners said it was not a matter of winning or proving anything. Although the business service was favored by the faculty and student body, the argument was not directly about coffee or baked goods.

"We wanted to make sure that the more prominent businesses would not override the small operations. Hopefully this will aid other student efforts," Padilla said.

The clients have grown fond of the convenient cart. Now that all the confusion is settled, Padilla and Kirchner can serve them with ease, knowing peace has been reinstated.

"They make the best java coolers which help me to stay awake for my morning classes," senior Jeseka Sori said.

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Calendar for Week of Sept. 24-Sept. 30

Wednesday, Sept. 24
CAB movie: "Cinderella Run 2". Student Union, 8 p.m.
Serenade Under the Stars. Reflecting Pond, 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25
Volleyball vs. Florida International, UCF Arena, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 26
College of Business Education Fair, Atrium, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Florida Atlantic, UCF Arena, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27
UCF at Auburn, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 28
Faculty Woodwind Quintet. Rehearsal Hall. 3 p.m. $5
CAB movie: "Platoon". Student Union, 8 p.m.
Hispanic-American Student Association picnic at Lake Claire, 12 - 5 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 30
Men's Soccer vs. Stetson. UCF soccer field. 4 p.m.
The Learning Institute for Elders (LIFE at UCF) lecture series: "Practical Dilemmas and Political Conundrums". Dwight Kiel, political science, 9:30 a.m.
"Mounting and Exhibit." Hansen Mulford, curator. Orlando Museum of Art, 11:30 a.m. UCF movie theater.

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Resolving conflicts peacefully

Dispute Resolution Services mediate problems between students

By ANN BOROWSKI
Staff Writer

Does your roommate constantly lock all the windows in your room, while you prefer to use air conditioning? Is there a professor you can't see eye to eye with? Do you have a friend that owes you $30 and just won't pay you back? If you answered yes to any of these questions or if you have another kind of conflict there is a new service at UCF that might be able to help you: UCF Dispute Resolution Services.

The Dispute Resolution Services (DRS) provide mediation for two or more parties who cannot agree on a solution to their problem. "The mediator's role is as a good listener," said Pete Wallace, DRS coordinator. "They try to find where the two parties have common ground. People solve their own problems here though—mediators don't solve the problems for them."

Mediators come from all parts of UCF. They can be faculty, staff or students. They go through an initial 3-day training program that includes role playing, lectures on mediation and discussing their strengths and weaknesses as mediators. The 3-day training was led by a representative of the National Association of Mediation and Education.

All members of the UCF community can use the mediation service: roommates (on and off campus), couples, club members, classmates, staff and faculty. The service can be used to prevent a simple conflict from becoming a more serious one. DRS can be used for anything from a borrowed item not returned to damaged property. However it will not mediate if it concerns a felony or a case of abuse.

This is the first semester that DRS has had an official office, which is located in the Student Resource Center, room 155B. Since 1995, the mediation services have been operating through the student legal services office, but on a referral basis only.

"Now that we have an official office, it's on a self-referral basis," said Wallace.

DRS coordinator, Pete Mackown, director of student legal services, said the opening of the Student Union created space in the resource center for DRS. Mackown was the chair of the mediation services task force that established the goals for DRS in 1994.

"Many students at UCF don't know how to deal with their stress level, especially first-time college students," said Mackown.

"Things like getting along with roommates, balancing work and classes, and even parking the car here at UCF can cause conflict. Both Mackown and Wallace agree that people want to settle their problems in peaceful way, but they just don't know how."

"A lot of times people chose instead more direct routes like suing or going to the police," said Wallace.

"We use mediators in Bosnia and Northern Ireland, and Native Americans have used mediation to solve their problems for generations," she said.

The process at DRS starts with coming in and talking with someone about your problem. Sometimes mediation is not what some people need, but we will refer them to a place where someone can help them, like the counseling office," said Wallace.

If it is decided that mediation is the best option, then the office will contact the other party. A time to meet will be arranged if the other party agrees, but there is no pressure to agree to mediation. The mediation starts out with a statement of the rules, for instance there is no name-calling. If the problem is resolved through the process, a written agreement of the terms is signed by both parties. DRS does not enforce the agreement; it is up to the parties to keep loyal to their promises.

"It is a good feeling to make a positive impact on people's lives," said Nadine Hosni, a staff member at DRS. "People walk in fighting and in the end they walk out friends again. The process really does work."

Hosni, a sophomore, is organizing a club called Student Mediation Association. She said it is for everyone who is interested in the process of mediation. The group will talk about mediation and will have guest speakers.

"Talk it out first and if that doesn't work, come in and see us," said Wallace.

DRS is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
**LEAD STORIES**

- Environmentalist Blues: The August fire that burned through 700 acres in the Angeles National Forest near Los Angeles was started, said investigators, by an environmentally conscious camper who was dutifully burning his used toilet paper. And in Oregon, cleaner-air activist Patrick Shipsey is awaiting trial for shooting down 11 free-range cows that had wandered once too often on his property.

- In July, the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 became law. Federal legislators Linda Reid and Bonnie McMinimy, in a late-night provision for the chamber, brought in a mechanical, wind-up dildo and gingerly passed it around. Unfortunately for them, the in-house TV cameras were still on and captured the shenanigans.

- In August, the Boston Globe profiled the Taiwan National Assembly (which specializes in constitutional issues), where it is fairly common for the majority-party legislators to freely grab the microphone and physically restraining majority-party members so that they cannot call for votes. Fights break out, sometimes bloody ones. Said a local political science professor, "It may not be civilized, but it's efficient" because citizens respond to re-electing the aggressive legislators.

- In July, the Berkeley (Calif.) City Council announced a politically inspired boycott that criticizes the use of pepper spray by police and a similar anti-pepper-spray demonstration last year for minor that number was achieved despite a government restriction that those drugs cannot be marketed for children, the Food and Drug Administration might soon lift the ban. In an event, Pepper Spray's maker, Eli Lilly, has recently introduced pepper-spray-flavored Prozac.

- In September, the West Coast chapter of the National Organization for Women, aakra, announced an "issue of the week." Said the group's spokespeople, "We are fighting for the rights of all women, regardless of their sexual orientation." The group's goal is to educate the public about the issues facing LGBT women and to promote equality for all.

**DEMOCRATIC PROCESS**

- In June, voter officials in the state of Andhra Pradesh, in India, validated ballots for 10,000 gods and goddesses to somehow vote in upcoming plebiscites on water usage. (Those deities are listed on a poster in the temple, "We are fighting for the rights of all gods, regardless of their belief system." The group's goal is to educate the public about the issues facing Hindu gods and to promote equality for all.

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- In May, police raided a construction site in Oporto, Portugal, and discovered that 12 drug addicts were working day to dusk on an apartment building in exchange for employer-provided heroin shoot-ups at breakfast, lunch and dinner. According to police, the doses were just enough so that the men would remain employed to get the next fix. Among the recent rules established by the Afghanistan Taliban office formerly known as the Department for Promoting Virtue and Preventing Vice. No paper bags (because the paper possibly could have been recycled from discarded Korans); no kite-flying; no clean-shaven men (unless they are prepared for a career of street-sweeping); no women employed in senior positions in hospitals, or seated in the front seats of ambulances, or riding with foreign citizens; women visiting hospitals must refrain from making noise with their shoes while walking; athletes must grow beards and wear full Islamic dress and; sports-event spectators must not clap. However, the ban on watching television was lifted.

**NAMES IN THE NEWS**

In July in New Orleans, Brent Q. Smith, 46, an Internal Revenue Service agent, was officially charged with taking bribes from a tax-troubled businessman named Brent Q. Smith. And in Seattle in July, a jury returned a first-degree murder verdict against Durrell Everybodytalksabout, 40. In June, James Eric Holgren, 46, resigned from the pulpit after being charged with soliciting a minor to a boy; he had been pastor of the Embarrass- Pike United Methodist Church in Embarrass, Minnesota.

**CRIMINAL HONESTY**

Maria DiGiulio and Mohamed Sead became the latest criminal suspects not to beat around the bush when arrested. When DiGiulio was booked in July for robbing the Everett (Mass.) Co-op Bank, she answered police Lt. Robert Bontempo forthrightly.

"Occupation?" he asked. "Bank robber," she said. Sead, 47, was booked for fraud last October in Toronto, Ontario (and convicted this year). Occupation? "Cop artist," he said. (Send's scheme was to deceive girlfriends that he was the now-deceased Dodi Fayed.)

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Opinion

Tradition starts with Saturday Knights

By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

Negativity runs deep at UCF. It seems there is always something to criticize. Parking is bad, there is a bell tower rumor, no campus housing.

You can pick any of a number of things and find more than a few faults. As an opinion columnist, one of my greatest joys is I get to complain every week about these things and have my opinion in print. But I believe the tide is turning.

A strange thing happened to UCF last week. People on campus were smiling for no apparent reason. Students draped in black and gold were walking from class to class. There was a rash of UCF football mania, in support of "the best 0-5 football team in the nation."

It is hard to believe a string of three consecutive losses could generate such an outpouring of enthusiasm. For years school spirit at UCF has been as dead as a doornail, whatever that little school is growing up and finally earning some kind of respect at long last.

"Football breeds spirit. The most respected schools around the nation have football and national media attention. We're not going to suddenly our tiny school has been thrust into the world of big-time college football. Football cuts the first level, why doesn't UCF?" one student asked me. Well, the answer is, I don't know and I'm not sure that I care. Personally if UCF could rally around the chess club I would all be for it.

In the rush to create some sort of tradition people have forgotten that tradition cannot be created, but rather built. Football and national media attention can make a school. Recently, after our hero's effort against Nebraska, we actually received an AP vote. For those of you who are not football inclined, that means someone out there actually believes we are good enough to be ranked in the Top 25. Though it is only one vote, it is a vote 60 other Division I-A schools did not get.

Tradition cannot be built in some tower or other ridiculous project. Tradition starts with students rallying behind their team. Saturday was indeed a great day for UCF, it is now our job to keep the momentum going. It feels good to feel good about your school, doesn't it???
Sigma Phi Epsilon says, 'This Bud's for you'

By JENNIFER PRIDEMORE
Staff Writer

On Sept. 14, Sarah Shelton reported people were throwing beer bottles from the Sigma Phi Epsilon backyard over to the Pi Beta Phi house. The bottles damaged her car which was parked in the back of the Pi Beta Phi lot. The officer at the scene noted impact areas on the roof of her car causing small scratches and a dent. Broken glass and liquid that smelled like beer surrounded the vehicle.

There was a large group of individuals in the back of the Sigma Phi Epsilon house, but Shelton could not identify who threw the bottles. Fraternity President Chris Davis, vice-president of finance Travis Bell and vice-president of recruitment Justin Brubaker were contacted and said that Sigma Phi Epsilon would take responsibility and pay for all the damages. Shelton will not prosecute as long as the fraternity pays for the damages, which the officer estimated at around $200.

In other reports from the UCFPD:

-Yajaira Reinat reported on Sept. 10 that her car had been "keyed." On Sept. 8 around 11 a.m., she parked her car on campus. When she returned to her car around noon, she observed someone putting a note on the car and running away.

The note said: "You stole my parking spot. Next time you should think before you take someone's spot." Reinat found a scratch on the hood about 10 inches long and a scratch on the front left panel in the shape of an "L." Reinat will not prosecute.

-On Sept. 6, Don Soto and Kiti Mails were found in a parked car at the Kappa Sigma fraternity house and charged with possession of cannabis.

-When the officer approached the car, the interior appeared to be smoky and when the door opened, the odor of marijuana was present. Three cigars were found containing marijuana.

-Around 11 p.m. on Sept. 6, Daniel Reiner was charged with possession and display of a counterfeit driver's license and the possession of a controlled substance. Reiner used the license to get a wristband at a fraternity party. At the time of the arrest, he was searched and two pills were found. The pills tested positive for heroin.

-Melissa McGovern was charged on Sept. 7, around 2 a.m. for driving under the influence. The officer observed McGovern driving on campus without her headlights on. When she made two turns, the officer noticed that she was weaving from side to side in her lane. McGovern abruptly swerved into the right lane when the officer signaled her to pull off the road.

-McGovern was given field sobriety tests and taken to the DUI testing center. Her breath test indicated .011 and .013 blood alcohol level.

-On Sept. 13 around 3 a.m., Francisco Souza was charged with driving under the influence. After driving through a stop sign, weaving side to side in his lane and traveling at about 25 mph in a 35 mph zone, the officer attempted to get Souza to pull over. First, Souza appeared to attempt to stop in the far left line, then went over to the right lane and stripped.

-When asked how much he had drank, Souza replied that he did not drink anything, though he appeared unsteady on his feet when he exited the car. Souza was given field sobriety tests and was transported to the DUI testing center. His blood alcohol level tested at .083 and .084.

-Tadashi Green reported her bike missing from a student center bike rack. She reported last seeing it on Sept. 9, and when she returned to it on Sept. 10, the bike was gone.

-The bike was estimated to value $100.

-In Orange Hall, a fire alarm was pulled on Sept. 6 around 3 p.m. When the officer searched the building, he noted that the fire alarm pull station in the northeast corner stairwell was not activated, however, there were no signs of who had done it.

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By STEVE BARNES
Staff Writer

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Shareware.com searches the Internet and collects software from all over the world and organizes it in one convenient location. The site is well designed and easy to use. Simply log on and choose a category from the menu that represents the type of software you are looking for. Categories include: multimedia, games, business, education, utilities and programming.

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From the menu screen, select either new arrivals or most popular. Each list is updated weekly. The new arrivals page lists the hottest new software on the market. The most popular page shows the most commonly downloaded software and the number of times it has been accessed. This week, the hottest names include: WinZip 95, McAfee’s Virus Scan, PaintShop Pro and Quake.

Another handy feature is the search menu, which scans the site for the name of the software you enter. When I typed in Photo Shop, I got not only that killer program, but also a list of about six other titles by Adobe.

The site also contains reviews of software on the market and general articles about computers. Joining Shareware.com gets you a weekly newsletter sent directly to your E-mail, though you don’t have to be a member to download the software.

While many of the programs are free, others require you to pay for their use. Some of the higher-end software is available on a free trial basis. Often, they are lacking some features, including “Save.” Others “time out,” or expire after a specified trial period.

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Ensemble, acting illuminate ‘L.A. Confidential’

By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

Los Angeles in the early '50s hardly resembles the city today. The city of Angels, legendary to much of California's skyline, got a rep of its own when novelist James Ellroy transformed its mecca into a cauldron of law enforcement - double dealings, heroin, show biz, prostitution, male camaraderie and vengeance.

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And now, that same book has been turned into a sweeping, extraordinarily well-written and performed drama.

Directed by Curtis Hanson (“The River Wild”), ‘L.A. Confidential’ boasts an exceptional ensemble, with enough style and heat to burn. In a breakthrough perf, Australian macho man Russell Crowe gives a fiery portrayal of detective Bud White. He's a man who prefers to settle out of court, by using his fists and muscles instead of verbal negotiating. With a men­acing crew-cut, Bud White is drawn in a quite contrast, to fellow cop Ed Exley (Guy Pearce) whose straight ways and by-the-book demeanor wins him accolades and respect from the rest of the depart­ment, especially Captain Dudley Smith (James Cromwell) who knows a young fighter when he sees one. The old horse - the veteran - the little cocky yet self-assured untouchable lies in Jack Vincennes. As played by Kevin Spacey, Vincennes has gone Hollywood. He serves as a technical adviser for a TV show, and has connections to “Hush-Hush” tabloid publisher Sid Hudgens (Danny DeVito).

Hudgens provides the ink on inside gos­sip, on what's really going on not only among the cops but L.A. as well. Hudgens is the town's public eye, side by side with Brian Heigl (David Strathairn) whose relationship with Lynn Bracken (Kim Basinger) complicates things when a murder hits a local diner.

In Ellroy's book there are more than a hundred characters and even more plot threads. What Hanson and his co-writer Brian Helgeland has stunningly accomplished is a smart and crude transfer to screen. ‘L.A. Confidential’ respects its characters, but even more so, it pulls us into an amazing labyrinth of emotions and actions rarely seen before.

** * 1/2 (out of four) A

Hopkins, Baldwin battle over woman, bears in ‘The Edge’

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Entertainment Editor

Imagine hearing play­wright David Mamet (“Glengarry Glen Ross”) dialogue in the woods as a tale of survival unfolds. This gritty, tense tale of survival unfolds.

As scripted by Mamet, "The Edge" is unique in the respect that it's nothing more than a sordid story of adultery and what it takes to find the truth - who was sleeping with who - set amid a relenting and dan­gerous locale: the wilder­ness. By placing his story in an unsuspecting setting, Mamet fully achieves the magnitude of his charac­ters’ rage and anger.

Hopkins shows us he's an action hero with brains. Baldwin is creepy, and quite effective, as his nemesis.

Elle Macpherson (“Batman and Robin”) plays Hopkins' tortured wife. She's the only one who actually knows what's going on. Is she sleeping with Baldwin, or is it Hopkins’ hallucinatory imaginations? "The Edge" does feature some of the best gritty-man battles ever filmed, and a heart­pounding plane crash. As the men endure blizzards and rain storms, we must endure in the film's most remote corner of the world: the movie theater.

*** (out of four) B- 2 hours. Rated R.
Mother Nature breathes life onto UCF

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There will still be a natural area for people to wander through and for biology students to study the different species of plants and animals in the future.

"By expanding, they include more habitat we need to use to illustrate the different communities where plants and animals live," Jack Stout, biology professor, said. "It was a reasonable thing to do."

Stout added that the Arboretum is an outdoor laboratory for teaching and he takes his students to it on a regular basis.

A waterfall, stream, swamp and pond are being considered for the expansion.

The arboretum has Longleaf Pine, Sabal Palm, Sanapine and Live Oaks communities. In addition, it has a swamp restoration that began in 1985.

Inside, a student can walk along nature trails and read signs explaining the different species of plants and wildlife that inhabit the Arboretum.

Students also go to the Arboretum to relax.

"In the high stress world of college, it's nice to have a place like the arboretum to unwind in," sophomore Dan Brooks said.

"I find it very relaxing."

Sloan hopes UCF can maintain enthusiasm for home games

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hours before the game for tickets and tailgating.

Long lines and parties at the Citrus Bowl and it's not a bowl game. Go figure.

"The enthusiasm is amazing," Schlecht said. "I'm a Penn State alumnus, so I'm used to big Citrus Bowl and it's not a bowl game. Go figure."

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"It was a reasonable atmosphere in the Citrus Bowl he remembers from Jayhawk football games.

"Lawrence, Kansas is a college town," Rahe said. "The school is the center of everything. There's a lot to do in Orlando and I'm real pleased to see over 41,000 people here."

As the game turned into a blowout, the crowd got louder.

Rus Anderson is in his second year as an usher at the Citrus Bowl. He said UCF has been good in the past, but this was something else.

"This is the best crowd I've seen," Anderson said. "Most of the games have been really good though. I used to work over in the student section where the fans are more excited but it's great anywhere tonight. I've never seen them play this good."

For the city of Orlando, the atmosphere in the Citrus Bowl is the best crowd I've seen," Anderson said. "Most of the games have been really good though. I used to work over in the student section where the fans are more excited but it's great anywhere tonight. I've never seen them play this good."

Jeff Alexander, a financial adviser, said UCF could fill a sports void the Orlando area needs.

"I've always been enthusiastic and just wished more people would come out. I'm not an alumni, I just love football," Alexander said between crowd outbursts.

"Orlando needs a team. We don't have professional football so this is the closest thing to it."

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"Some how it got to be the thing to do to come to the game."

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Notre Dame stops short of including gays in policy

By College Press Service

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—The University of Notre Dame issued "a statement of inclusion" welcoming gays and lesbian students but stopped short of changing its nondiscrimination policy to include sexual orientation.

In a letter to the university released Aug. 29, Notre Dame President Rev. Edward A. Malloy said the Catholic Church makes a distinction between sexual orientation and sexual conduct, which society often does not.

"Indeed, the university makes no pretense of the fact that the standard of sexual conduct set forth in church teaching for all people, homosexual as well as heterosexual, is essentially transcendental," he said.

But to make the change in the nondiscrimination policy could force the university to accept society's broader definition, he said, adding: "This, in turn, might jeopardize our ability to make decisions that we believe necessary to support church teaching."

The university decided to issue a statement welcoming gays and lesbians "to act in accordance with what we regard as a higher standard—Christ's call to inclusiveness," he said.

The statement of inclusion reads: "We value gay and lesbian members of this community as we value all members of this community. We condemn harassment of any kind, and university policies proscribe it."

A gay and lesbian student group at Notre Dame, which has never been recognized by the university, said the statement was an encouraging sign although there's still room for progress.

April, more than 200 students and faculty members marched outside Notre Dame's administration building to protest the university's failure to include gays and lesbians in its nondiscrimination policy.

The statement will be published in all major university publications.

Student Tried
For Hate E-Mail

IRVINE, Calif.—A federal judge has ruled that prosecutors can proceed with their case against a former University of California-Irvine student who allegedly sent vulgar computer messages to Asian-American students.

The case against Richard Machado, 19, marks the first prosecution of hate e-mail to be tried in federal court.

Machado, who is Hispanic, was indicted last November for allegedly sending an e-mail to about 60 Asian students at UC-Irvine, blaming them for all crimes on campus. The message demanded that they leave the university or "I personally will make it my life career to find and kill every one of you personally."

About half of UC-Irvine's 17,000 students are of Asian descent.

Machado, who was enrolled at UC-Irvine until last spring, is charged with 10 federal hate crime charges.

If convicted, he could face 10 years in jail or up to a $1 million fine.

Prof Teaches Students
How To Listen

DAYTON, Ohio—Americans are poor listeners, says one college professor.

Florence Wolf, a professor of communication at the University of Dayton and an internationally recognized listening expert, says the poor listening skills takes a toll on productivity in the workplace.

"Corporations are losing billions of dollars because employees are making mistakes, not getting messages correctly," she says.

In fact, Wolf says she believes courses on listening should be mandatory at the university level.

The one voluntary activity we do most from birth do death is listening, yet we never have been taught how to listen in formal education," says Wolf.

Here are few tips from Wolf on how to listen:

• Lean forward.
• "You've got to show interest in the speaker."
• Look into the speaker's eyes and face.
• Eighty percent of the speaker's message comes from speaker's nonverbal cues. If the listener isn't looking, you're going to miss 80 percent of the meaning of the message.

Don't do other tasks.

Don't make plans. "We are either listening or planning. We can't be doing both."

Don't judge. "Make a judgment after the message has been delivered because then you have all the facts to make an intelligent one."

Advice For
Freshman Chelsea

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Some advice to Chelsea Clinton: If you want to survive Political Science, don't start sentences with "My Dad says..." And no same dropping about heads of state, either.

That's advice from Excite, a popular Internet search engine that recently launched a series of weekly polls asking users how the First Freshman should adjust to life at Stanford University.

The six founders of Excite, recent Stanford graduates themselves, say they just want to send Chelsea off to "the Harvard of the West" with some good advice in college courses, California style and how to deal with the ever-present Secret Service agents.

"As a freshman, I was overwhelmed by Secret Service," explains Joe Kraus, senior vice president of Excite.

"It's a great place, but it can be too much at first and Chelsea enters with a unique perspective and different challenges."

The company plans a series of surveys each Monday until Sept. 29, giving users a chance to offer their collective guidance to Bill and Hillary's kid.

Thousands of people responded to the first poll about the political science class, with 60 percent voting for "don't start sentences with 'My Dad says..."

and 13 percent advising her not to name-drop.

Twenty-seven percent went with "Take the Republican Platform at every debate."

A future poll will ask users what they think Chelsea should do in her first 100 days: (a) rack up long distance bill equal to the national debt; (b) become White House correspondent for the Stanford Daily; or (c) run for student government on a balanced budget platform.

"We're all rooting for her," Kraus says.

Chelsea can check into her own freshman dorm Sept. 19, and mom and dad are expected to help her unpack. She'll have a female roommate, although Stanford won't say who.

In fact, the university won't say much about the first daughter, "because she will be, from our point of view and in every way possible, a regular Stanford student."

Of course, "regular" Stanford students don't arrive on campus with a phalanx of Secret Service agents.

But according to reports, the Secret Servicemen assigned to live in Chelsea's dorm will be youthful-looking and casually dressed, and some will even ride mountain bikes.

The Excite Poll will closely track Chelsea's journey West with the findings released each week through her first day of school.

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Morehouse College Honors Ennis Cosby In Season Opener

By Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

Morehouse College's season-opening victory over Morgan State was an emotion-charged affair for all involved. Not only did the Maroon Tigers snap a nine-game losing streak with their 24-14 win, but they did so while honoring Ennis Cosby, the Morehouse grad and son of entertainer Bill Cosby who was killed earlier this year in Los Angeles.

"You could feel the emotion in the air," said Michael Greene, a Morehouse junior who watched the game from the stands. "The players looked like they were really fighting out there, really giving it everything they could muster up."

The Ennis Cosby Classic was the brainchild of new coach Doug Williams, the 1988 Super Bowl MVP who led the Washington Redskins to a 42-10 win over the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XXII.

"I know how much Bill Cosby has meant to this institution, and I know how much the Ennis Cosby tragedy really shook people here," Williams said. "I just thought that the game on Labor Day weekend would be the most appropriate time to honor them both."

Williams pitched his idea to athletic director Josh Culbreath, the godfather of Ennis and friend of the Bill Cosby's for more than 40 years.

"I thought it would be a nice tribute," said Culbreath, his voice breaking up as he spoke. "Ennis was a fine, fine young man. Although he never got involved with athletics at Morehouse because he needed the extra study time to overcome his dyslexia, he was a true Morehouse man. He had a lot of love and spirit for this school."

Culbreath took the idea to Bill Cosby, who approved as long as the event wasn't turned into something commercialized. "He just wanted to make sure people wouldn't be selling Ennis Cosby T-shirts—that sort of thing," said Culbreath. "He wanted a low-key memorial."

Cosby took the field before the game for the coin toss and then watched his alma mater win its first game under new coach Williams.

"It was a glorious day," said Culbreath, who gave a short speech about Ennis Cosby at halftime. "I felt it was a very appropriate, very dignified way to honor a fine young man."

Williams agrees. "To get that feeling going in the stadium was something special," said the coach, who was carried off the field by his team after the victory. "It makes you realize how special of a place this really is." Morehouse, an all-black liberal arts school, has watched its football team struggle through the past five seasons. Williams says the rebuilding process will take time, but he was as pleased as anyone with the opening-day win.

"This gets the taste in our mouths," said Williams, who was scouting for the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars before taking the Morehouse job. "This makes us realize the reward we'll get when we work hard."
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What: Sept. 27, Central Florida at Auburn University. 7 p.m.
Where: Jordan-Hare Stadium
Stadium Capacity: 85,214
Head Coaches:
Auburn - Terry Bowden, 39-9-1 in fifth year with Tigers
UCF - Gene McDowell, 6-9 in second year in Division I with Knights.
Series: First meeting
Media: Sunshine Network has the game on pay-per-view live and will replay it Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 9 p.m. Radio is WINZ 740 AM.

Notes: Auburn-The Tigers, ranked No. 8 in the latest AP Poll, won a 19-9, defensive struggle in their home opener with Ole Miss on Sept. 6. The Knights took the home-standing Rebels to overtime before losing 24-23 on a failed two-point conversion on Aug. 30. ... Auburn senior QB Dameyune Craig made up for the Tigers lack of a ground game last week at then-No. 10 Louisiana State by passing for 345 yards and two touchdowns. ... It's running back by committee, but sophomore Rusty Williams leads Auburn with 113 yards and two touchdowns rushing. ... The Tigers allowed a 260- and 100-yard rusher against LSU and that was without All-Americans running back candidate Kevin Faulk. Auburn gave up 377 yards on the ground while rushing for just 65 yards themselves.

UCF-The Knights are facing their third ranked team in school history. All three have been on the road against top ten teams. ... Quarterback Disonte Odelippe had his first multi-interception game of the season against Idaho (three), but still threw for 226 yards and a touchdown. ... Outside of his 46-yard touchdown run against the Vandals, running back Mike Grant is averaging under 2.7 yards a carry. ... Senior defensive end Jermaine Benoit leads UCF with 52 tackles, six for lbs, and three sacks.

UCF SPORTS SLATE

Friday, Sept. 26
Volleyball vs. Florida International at UCF Arena, 7 p.m.
Women's soccer at Wisconsin-Milwaukee in Milwaukee, Wisc., 5 p.m.
Men's and women's cross country at Stetson Invitational in DeLand.
Men's tennis at University of Florida Tournament in Gainesville.

Saturday, Sept. 27
Football at Auburn from Auburn, AL, 7 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Florida Atlantic at UCF Arena, 7 p.m. (Sunshine Network)
Men's Soccer at Florida Atlantic in Boca Raton, 7:30 p.m.
Women's tennis at ITA National Clay Court Championships at Disney Sports Complex.

Sunday, Sept. 28
Women's soccer vs. Northern Illinois from Deluth, Ill., 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 30
Men's soccer vs. Stetson at UCF Arena Soccer Field, 4 p.m.
Football replay of Auburn game on Sunshine Network, 9 p.m.

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Knights return to underdog role at Auburn

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

Following Saturday night's convincing victory over Idaho, the radio voice of the Vandals declared that Central Florida's schedule would continue with one of their 'paycheck' games coming up at Auburn.

It was nice being the favorite for once, but now it's back to the underdog role for UCF.

The Knights have earned a healthy amount for taking their act on the road against the eighth ranked team in the country (UCF is just a 17-point underdog). The idea that the program is taking their lumps for lump sums should have been quelled by their performances at Ole Miss, South Carolina, and Nebraska.

The Knights will receive another opportunity to prove themselves versus the SEC West leading Tigers. Auburn has climbed into the nation's top 10 with hard-fought road victories at Virginia and LSU, while also defending their turf in their home opener against Ole Miss, pulling away late to win 19-9. The key to their success lies in their defensive unit, which is led by All-America candidates Takeo Spikes and Martavious Houston.

Ten defensive starters returned for Auburn this season, giving coach Tommy Bowden hope for an improvement from last year's disappointing 8-4 record. "Nobody was happy with our record last year, and our goals for this season are much higher," Bowden said. "We were especially concerned and expected a much improved season."

Coach Gene McDowell expects the Tigers to be ready for the up and coming Knights, but said he likes to think Auburn might overlook his team. "Always hope the great teams play against don't play at their best," McDowell said. "Hoping doesn't really get things accomplished though."

The Tigers hand their hands full with LSU, coming from behind and stealing a 31-28 victory in the final minute of the game. Quarterback Dameyune Craig has shined at quarterback all season, completing 54 of 93 passes for 834 yards while throwing for five touchdowns and just one interception. An experienced senior, Craig is a terrific athlete who is extremely mobile. He has ran for a touchdown this season and executes the wishbone very well, offering another wrinkle for UCF's quick defense.

Sophomore tailback Rasty Williams (50-113, 2 TDs) and senior fullback Fred Beasley (17-69, 1 TD) represent Craig's favorite targets. Cornerback Reginald Doster said playing the team's second ranked team in a two-week span is big for the program. "I really want to get ready for this team after hearing so much about Dameyune and his receivers," Doster said. "I'm really looking forward to playing a top-ten team and seeing how we match up. I think we match up with anyone in the nation."

Now that UCF has started to make a name for itself nationally this season, Auburn will not be taking the Knights lightly, running back Mike Grant said. "I don't think anyone is looking past us anymore after our first four games," Grant said. "I think everyone knows we can be very competitive, so Auburn is not looking over us to South Carolina. I'm looking forward to a real good game."
Volleyball off to second-best start in school history

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Volleyball wins UNLV tournament

Senior outside hitter Renata Menchikova’s 15 kills and six digs led the University of Central Florida (11-1) volleyball team over host UNLV (7-3) today in straight games (15-3, 15-1, 15-10) at the UNLV Tournament in Las Vegas. UCF’s 11-1 start is the best start since the 1979 team that is why we are so competitive with a good record . I am really happy with the consistency and discipline of the team and that is why we are so competitive.

wins weekly award

UCF men’s soccer player Arno Nurmisto was named Trans America Athletic Conference Player of the Week for his three goal performances against two TAAC East Division teams. Nurmisto, sophomore forward from Helsinki, Finland, scored the game-winning goal against then-No. 2 Florida International on Sept. 14th, leading UCF to a 2-1 victory. He tallied two goals in the Golden Knights 3-1 win over Jacksonville University on Sept. 9th.

Men’s soccer player

At the Georgia Southern Tournament, UCF men’s soccer fell in overtime to the GSU Eagles, 2-1. Arno Nurmisto scored the only goal for the No. 13 Knights, but was ejected from the game along with Neil Thompson and coach Bob Winch. Two men down after Nurmisto’s ejection in overtime, UCF surrendered the game-winning goal in the 148th minute of overtime.

UCF (5-1, 2-0 in TAAC) blast ed Alabama A&M, 10-1, on Sept. 19 to start the tournament.

Too much competition for women’s golf

UCF women’s golf team shot a final round 312 and finished fifth overall at the Auburn Tiger Invitational in Auburn, Ala., Sept. 21.

The Golden Knights finished the three-day event with a score of 918. Georgia shot 291 in the final round and took home the team title with a score of 876, three shots ahead of runner-up LSU. Alabama’s Kathryn Cusick won tournament medalist honors, defeating LSU’s Katy Wilkinson in a one-hole playoff.

Tatiana Londono was UCF’s highest finisher. She tied for 21st at 12-over-par 228. Auburn Tiger Invitational香括，制著乡p, •龙，Al.

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Men's soccer finds leadership by committee

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There was a bit of a buzz in the air as the UCF men's soccer team finished up practice the morning of Sept. 18. The Knights had recently defeated the No. 2 Florida International Panthers and were ready for their road trip to Georgia Southern.

Why were they so anxious? The team was eager prove their worth. "We have two things going for us that other schools don't," said coach Bob Winch, whose team is 5-1 after taking second place at the Georgia Southern Invitational. "We have the talent and the desire. We can beat anyone with that.

Another explanation for this relatively new Division I team's success is the many leaders the team consists of. When head coach Bob Winch was asked what he thought would lead the team to more victories, he said, "Riku Rihahilti. Rihuahilti was named to the TAAAC All-Tournament and All-Academic teams last season.

"Riku is very consistent," Winch said. "He has a perfect 4.0 in school. He's a leader in the academic, athletic and social aspects of the team. All three of these things improve the team's chemistry."

Then the coach said sophomore forward Arno Nurmisto was another one to watch. "Arno leads by example," Winch said. "He doesn't say too much, but his effort on the field inspires the team. Nurmisto finished last season with eight assists, the most on the team."

Then Nurmisto said Jason Kirk, a senior defender from Miami, was probably the team leader. Nurmisto said: "He's a senior, and the way he plays and practices makes him a real leader. He gives 100 percent every time."

Another strong argument for team leader is last season's NCAA No. 3 goal scorer Heikki Ritvanen. After his 24-goal performance in 1996, Ritvanen is the standout player in Knights soccer. Despite his own accomplishments, Ritvanen said the depth and character of the entire team

is what leads UCF. "The most important thing is that the team is successful. It doesn't matter who scores the goals. The whole team is made up of leaders. We have good subs and good starters."

With strong leadership by committee, UCF is off to one of its best starts ever. After defeating the highly-regarded Panthers, the Knights are ranked No. 13 in the nation by Soccer America. UCF is confident the ranking is only the beginning. "I think we can get higher. Our goal is to get in the top five," Ritvanen said. "It takes time, but we have the right players for it. We need to maintain this level and play our best game."

The team will face some competitive opponents this season. As coach would say, UCF is the team to beat, and every school they play is going to know that. "If they beat the number two team, then lost to a school less prevalent their well-deserved win would be seen as a fluke. The University of North Carolina Greensboro has a 21-2-0 record from last season and UCF has a rematch at home with FIU."

The remaining schedule will test the Knights, but Ritvanen said UCF's fate is in their own hands. "We can beat any team in the nation, but our worst enemy is ourselves," Ritvanen said. "If we play as hard as we know we can, we can do anything. We just need to stay focused."

Knights appreciate the school's largest football crowd ever

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quarters. A Scott Kairolla fumble recovery started another UCF touchdown drive. Culpepper rushed for 22 yards, but the drive's big play was holder Eric Leister's 10-yard run on a fake field goal.

After an interception by cornerback Reginald Doster, Culpepper's scrambling and passing led the Knights keyed passing led the Knights, which finished the drive off and gave UCF a 14-7 lead. Grant added a one-yard run and a Vandal field goal made the score 21-10 at the half.

Grant scored on an impressive 46-yard scamper in the fourth quarter putting the outcome out of question. There was still a reason for Knight fans to cheer, however. Freshman Dwight Collins picked up 35 yards on his first rush of the day. Fans paid tribute to the deaf running back with a sea of waving hands. Moments later, the record attendance was announced and the crowd responded with a roar that vibrated the pressbox.

"It would have been disappointing to go play in front of 70,000 then come home and play in front of 15," Palmer said. "Having all those people there got us pumped up. I think our fans appreciate us now."

"They came out and gave us what we wanted," linebacker Deaubrey Devine said. "We thanked them by giving them what they wanted."

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Volleyball seniors teaching their opposition

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Anabel Marcos, a defensive specialist on UCF's volleyball team, remembers when she and her fellow seniors were freshmen. "I remember when we started there were a lot of seniors and we were just learning," Marcos said. "Now we're the ones that know what's going on and we're the one's [the younger players] follow as an example."

The leadership of Marcos and the six other seniors on UCF's roster have helped guide the team to 11 wins in its first 12 games. The Knights conquests there were a lot of seniors and then-No. 22 Florida. We were just learning," Marcos and her sister Maribel along with Suzie Queisser and Tyra Harper have all played together since joining the Knights in 1994. Transfers Renata Menschikova, Carolyn Cordova and Laura Hemmingshaus joined the team in 1996. Combined, the seniors have played in over 1500 games at UCF.

Maribel Marcos said the unity among the team's seniors is exemplified by the relationship she has with her sister. "It's great having someone on the team you are so close to, especially my sister," Marcos said. "Everybody sees the connection that we have and how we help each other out and how we help the other team members out."

Maribel Marcos said that the team has different leaders, both emotional and competitive. Marcos cites Harper and Menschikova as the court leaders while herself and others lead through emotion. Queisser said having a team that is half seniors gives UCF an advantage in age and experience exemplified by the season-opening win against USF. "That was such an emotional game for us, seeing as how it was our first game," Queisser said. "South Florida is always our biggest rival and we wanted to tell them this year that we're ready to kill them."

Queisser said the team is hungry for a sweep of the Bulls and sees the regular season finale with USF as a final test before the NCAA Tournament.

Coach Laura Smith expects UCF to not only win the TAAC again, but to take the next step in the national tournament. "I have big expectations for the season," Smith said. "We've obviously figured out how to win the TAAC, but we haven't gotten past the first round of the NCAAs for the past three years. That is one of the goals this year."

The seniors agree getting that first NCAA win is the next step in success. "Our first priority is winning the TAAC," Marcos said. "Our second goal is definitely making it past the first round and further even in the [later] rounds."

Smith has dreamed throughout the year of matching up with the University of Florida in the NCAA tournament for state supremacy. Although this would not occur until late in the tournament, the seniors feel no less confident of their chances against UF.

"I think we would all love to play Florida, but that won't happen until at least the second round, if at all," said Maribel Marcos. "I think us, USF and UF are the best in Florida, and I definitely think playing them in the NCAA tournament that's a great challenge," said Queisser. "I have seen them play on TV and they [UF] are pretty good this year."

"But, I definitely think we could give them a very good game."

Offense promises better days are ahead

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not the biggest or the strongest receiver, but I've got really quick feet and I try to use them to the best of my ability." Heading into Auburn, Barley thinks the team needs to work on their passing routes and be ready to throw against the Tigers defense.

UCF left tackle David Wilson said the offensive line just out-worked UL. "We were moving them around just because we were getting lower," Wilson said. "The thing that we practiced on this week was getting lower, as low as we can and that's exactly what we did and that's what we're going to have to do against Auburn. With the exception [their defensive line] is just going to be a little bit bigger than [the Vandals]. Our coach teaches us that a 240-pound man can block a 320-pound man, it's just the lowest pads that are always going to win. It's all about heart."
Grant said he had been waiting to break out for a big run and the offensive line made the difference. "It was great line blocking and I love all my linemen," Grant said. "And it [the run] felt like heaven. I had been yards with one touchdown, but had three interceptions. Culpepper said he needs to cut down on his interceptions but is happy the team has their first win. "I feel like I played well at times, but I need to get a little more consistent and curbed on the turnovers, but I'm not worried about the interceptions," Culpepper said. "It's great to get that first win and I think everyone will be happy at practice."

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