Mother Nature demands respect from students

By GWEN R. RHODES
Assistant News Editor

Apathy is the single most difficult thing to overcome in preparing for emergencies. Central Floridians have heard thunderstorm, tornado and hurricane warnings so often that they begin to ignore them or do not take them seriously.

They ask, "How bad can it get here?"

According to the National Weather Service, lightning is likely to hit the UCF main campus approximately 50 times this year. If you live or work off-campus, lightning is likely to strike within 300 feet of your home or office sometime during the year.

If Hurricane Andrew hit Cocoa Beach in 1992, much of Orlando would have experienced 120 mph, sustained winds.

"There aren't too many buildings that could withstand that kind of force here," said James Uhlir, Jr., director of UCF's Environmental Health and Safety Office.

Of the six hurricanes so far this year, three have threatened Florida at some point. Signs of relief were heard in Florida when Hurricanes Bonnie and Danielle blew by, but then Hurricane Earl threatened Orlando when he came knocking on the back door.

"About 85 percent of the Orlando population, most of whom have moved here since the 1970s, have never experienced a hurricane," Uhlir said, "most people don't realize that Florida is so vulnerable. If you look at the known hurricane history for Florida, you will see that the whole peninsula has been hit at some point."

The hurricane season runs from June 1 to Nov. 30. The National Hurricane Center near Miami constantly watches the North Atlantic, Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico ocean waters for tropical disturbances. A tropical storm has wind speeds of at least 39 mph and moves in a circular pattern. If the winds reach above 74 mph and begin moving in a counter-clockwise position, they are upgraded to hurricanes.

While people are aware that coastal residents are in danger at the approach of a hurricane, many do not realize that hurricanes are accompanied by strong winds, heavy rains, thunder, lightning and tornadoes that can reach hundreds of miles away.

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Center offers therapy to children with disabilities

By LORI CARTER
Staff Writer

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Photo by Kevin Colber

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Senate candidates prepare for battle

By SHELLEY WILSON
Staff Writer

It is election time once again for the Student Senate. This will be the 31st Senate here at UCF. Petitions were available in the SGA Office for students to run on Aug. 31.

If a student is interested in running for Senate, he or she must acquire 50 to 75 petition signatures from students within their college. If a student wants to run for one of the At-Large positions, he or she must acquire 200 signatures from their campus. These positions include the Daytona, Brevard and south Orlando campuses.

Once the signatures are obtained, candidates may declare their candidacy for one of the seats in their college.

For this election, the College of Arts and Sciences has candidates for all 18 of its seats with 14 candidates running opposed. The College of Business has two candidates running for all of its 9 seats. The College of Education has 6 seats and 3 candidates. The College of Engineering has 6 seats with 3 seats running opposed and the College of Health and Public Affairs has 7 seats with 3 candidates running opposed.

The At-Large Campus has 3 candidates for the main campus and no candidates for the Daytona, south Orlando or downtown Academic Center campuses. The elections are held at each campus but candidates from all campuses need to declare their candidacy at the main office.

The Senate is comprised of 50 seats. All together, this year's election has 74 candidates.

Each seat in the Senate can have endless competition with the number of candidates.

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U.S. Rep. Pat Murphy talks with Chase Jackson, 11, and his mother Dana Jackson.

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A record of a year for UCF

By BOBBY J. GARCIA
Staff Writer

UCF began a record setting year with enrollment reaching an all-time high of nearly 30,000.

Dr. Daniel Coleman, director of Historical Research and Planning Support, said, "We are currently at 30,000, but that number will change after the add/drop figures are in, we are estimating between 29,500 and 29,700." Last year's fall enrollment came in at 28,362. Compared to five years ago, UCF is making substantial progress. In 1993-94, enrollment was 23,531.

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Coleman points out that in many of the larger lecture classes, students are broken into smaller problem solving sections. Nearly 100 new instructional faculty members have been added this year to accommodate the increase of students.

Dr. Edward Neighbor, associate vice president of Academic Affairs, said, "The number of instructional faculty members that are needed is calculated directly from the credit hours that are produced by students." UCF currently employs over 3,000 faculty members with approximately 800 being instructional faculty.

UCF was originally established in June 1963 as Florida Technological University. Classes were held for the first time on October 12, 1968, with 1,948 students and roughly 24 faculty members.

Roger Lynn, a UCF graduate of 1973 and a public relations consultant, said, "Our class sizes ranged from 20 for the smaller classes to 200 for the larger auditorium-sized classes."

"I recall only six or seven classroom buildings, the Administration building, the Library, the Theatre, and the Student Center."

Today, UCF has nearly 80 permanent buildings on the main campus. Branch campuses are also located in Daytona Beach, south Orlando, Cocoa, and the Academic Center in downtown Orlando.

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Escorts make the rounds to ensure safety

By JAMES COMBS
Staff Writer

Junior Cheryl Downey’s economics class had ended at 8:30 p.m. last semester. She put her book and folder in her backpack and walked out of the classroom, anxious to spend a relaxing evening watching her favorite sitcom, Seinfeld.

She walked out of the Business Building and was totally surprised to see a heavy rainstorm in progress.

“There was no way that I was going to walk from the Business Building all the way to the dirt parking lot and get drenched,” she said. “My initial thoughts were to sit and wait until the rain slowed down some.”

Fortunately for Downey, a classmate had the phone number of a UCF Police Department worker. She called the worker, and escorted Downey and her classmate to their vehicle.

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Staff Writer

Senior Alex Moscrip has been working for SEPs for two years. He remembers driving a student to the Health Center because the student fell off his skateboard and broke his ankle.

“I make me feel good when we can help people in situations like that,” Moscrip said.

In addition to escorting students around campus, SEPs look for suspicious activities that may be going on. Although they cannot engage in any suspicious activity, they make radio calls to the UCF Police Department.

“If someone is thinking about committing a crime, and they see our SEPs out on patrol, that might cause them to get scared and go away,” Moscrip said.

SEPs has been at UCF for 12 years. In the first six years, its members walked students to their destination.

Gorbas is encouraged that students are using the service. In August, SEPs escorted 83 students.

“It’s one of the many tools that we use to provide a safe environment that people can study, work and live at UCF,” Gorbas said. “Because this campus is rapidly growing every year, we need to offer all the protection to our students that we can.”

SEPs can be reached at 823-2424.

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What's Going on @...
Business education fair planned for 23rd

BY NICOLE KING
News Editor

UCF’s College of Business Administration will host its Business Education Fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 23, in the Business Administration Building-Atrium.

The fair will give students an opportunity to learn more about the major and minor areas of study, the graduate programs and the student organizations available in the College of Business Administration.

All students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Kathy King in the Business Administration Building-Atrium.

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Stolen decals pain for paying students

By SARAH SEKULA
Staff Writer

Imagine searching for a parking space for 30 minutes at UCF. Okay, not too difficult to imagine right? Now envision yourself returning to your vehicle only to find a fluorescent green parking ticket adorning the windshield. Why? The ticket states that a parking permit was not displayed on the car. The decal was there before you went to class. What happened? That precious little sticky square that you shelled out several bucks for has been stolen!

Rather than attempting to steal a decal for yourself now, go to Parking Services and explain what happened.

"The ticket will be voided if the computer shows the student has already purchased a decal," said Sgt. Tom Gorbas, UCFPD Crime Prevention Unit Coordinator.

College students must choose to be thrifty at times but stealing a decal is not worth it. Once the stolen decal is placed on a different car, all Parking Services has to do is punch in the numbers to know it is stolen.

"Parking patrol officers check each on-campus parking lot for cars without permits or cars with stolen decals. They are given a daily list of stolen decals to look for," Gorbas said.

"An individual that takes a decal off the exterior of a car and places it on their own will be charged with a misdemeanor and fined $100," Gorbas said.

Hangups have also been stolen in the past and this is considered a felony.

You can hear it for yourself on the Boulevard

By VICKI DESORMIER
Staff Writer

It's just such a pain to go to the music store (they aren't record stores anymore, for all you oldies, but goodies) these days.

You go there and flip through row after row of CDs in their cases, usually wondering just what the songs listed on the back might sound like. You pick one or two because you've heard a song on the radio or because your best friend's roommate's cousin says it's a cool album, but you don't know for sure.

If it's not a top seller or an album that the store manager just happens to want to listen to, chances are you're taking your chances in buying that CD because you really don't know what's on there.

This is no longer a problem if you sign on to Music Boulevard (www.musicblvd.com).

A real cool music store appears right at your fingertips. You can flip through the racks (and they have CDs, tapes and, in some cases, vinyl records) of music, look at the jacket, read the lyrics and if you're still not sure, listen to sample clips from every song on the album -- not just the Top 10 songs that you've heard on the radio or because your best friend's roommate's cousin says it's a cool album, but you don't know for sure.

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"It's all right here. Not only can you find the albums that are at the local stores (sometimes for less, sometimes for the same price) as those same albums have been prepared by their publicists, you can get an address where you can send your fan mail.

It's all right here.

Don't worry about sampling the music. You may push the price of a CD up just a bit, but it'll be worth it just so you don't have to get in your car and drive to the mall.

Music Boulevard should be a hit.

"Many companies are downsizing and good jobs are hard enough to come by without having an arrest record for petty theft of a student parking decal," Gorbas said.

There are alternatives to purchasing a decal. Students may buy a day pass for $2 at any yellow box located in many of the parking lots around campus. Taking the bus is another option. It only costs a quarter per ride or $40 for a four month pass.

Another parking tip to remember is not to park in the Lake Claire Apartments. Parking for unless you are a resident there and have purchased a new Lake Claire parking decal. This is to ensure that residents are able to park close to their apartment.

"It will be enforced," said Christopher McCray, director of UCF Housing and Residence Life.

A Lake Claire decal is priced at $45 for once semester and $73 for two semesters. UCF student decals cost $35 for once semester and $63 for two semesters. The mark is not hard to figure out. Lake Claire residents are paying an extra ten dollars for a parking decal. Is it because the decals are trimmed in orange rather than green?

"The residents of Lake Claire are paying an extra $10 so the UCF Police Department will patrol the area. They are also helping pay for the Communications Building parking lot," McCray said.

"It will give me a better opportunity to find a space in the Lake Claire lot. So far I haven't seen a difference," said sophomore Janet Poole.

Tell us what you think: do you think Music Boulevard is the solution to the music store problem, or do you think something else would work better? Let us know at Vicky.Desormier@ucf.edu.
Expo encourages volunteerism in students

By SHELLEY WILSON  
Staff Writer

For students who have ever wanted to receive information about becoming a volunteer, the Volunteer Expo was the place to be. The Expo was held on Sept. 2, in front of the Student Union. Volunteer UCF (VUCF) organized the event which has been a UCF tradition for several years.

Earlier this summer VUCF sent out letters of invitation to local organizations that could benefit from having volunteers. If the agency was interested in having representation at the Expo, then it would be accessed and registered with the VUCF office.

There were over 60 agencies there trying to interest students in volunteering for their program. A table was set up by each agency where students could come and receive information about them and sign up if they chose. The radio station SHE 100.3 was also there to provide music for entertainment.

Melissa Zelniker, director of Student Activities, said this was the largest turnout of the expo she has seen. She added that Student Activities tries to act as a liaison between students and companies.

"This is a great way to advertise our office to get students interested in the community," she said.

Some of the agencies there included the United Way, the Orange County Historical Museum, Spouse Abuse, Inc., Seniors First, Alpha Phi Omega, and the Legal Aid Society. This was the first year the organization Inner-City Games attended the Expo. This foundation is chaired by Arnold Schwarzenegger and offers city-wide competitions in sports, culture and academics. The games are to bring young people of all ethnic backgrounds together as an alternative to drugs and violence. Volunteers here make the year-round events successful.

Officials at the Hope and Health Center, another agency represented at the Expo, believe UCF students make great volunteers.

"We get so much response from this Expo with interested students wanting to helpavor," said Peter Pavich, the director of the agency. "I wished there could be another Expo in the year," said Pavich.

Many of the upcoming events for volunteer programs were also advertised at the Expo by several agencies. The Central Florida Blood Bank was handing out the dates of blood donation at UCF. These dates are Sept. 22 and 23, Oct. 27 and 28, and Nov. 17 and 18.

VUCF presented their spark projects, which included The Habitat for Humanity in September, The Haunted Woods Halloween in October, and Scoring for Food for the Second Harvest Food Bank in November.

If you are interested in volunteering you can call VUCF at 823-6471 for more information.

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School gives an opportunity to special children

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Gemini Boulevard include early intervention classrooms, physical therapy-gross motor skills, occupational therapy-fine motor skills and speech and oral motor therapy-chewing and swallowing.

"It's so much better having them [therapies] all at one place," Jackson said. "She also gets to do other things there with other kids." Paige attends the school Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. During the course of the day, she is involved in sing time, play-ground time, art time and snack time. Paige also has three 30-minute sessions of therapy, Jackson said.

"Paige loves going there because the therapists and the therapists are great," Jackson said.

There are three therapists, three teachers and three administrative personnel helping 35-40 families at this time, Alison Morris, family services coordinator of UCP, said. "We can provide them [children] with opportunities to develop skills, anywhere from self-help skills, cognitive skills-reasoning, shapes and colors to social skills," Morris said. "Our goal is to get everybody age appropriate, so they [the children] can start school in the public system and make the transition into the typical classroom."

Morris said the program is not only for children with cerebral palsy, but for any child with any type of delay.

Debi Johnson, a parent of a child who attended the school, said her son had a terrible time with separation anxiety. He attended the school for one year and is now in a typical Pre-K classroom with no problems.

Family support groups are also available and meet once a month. A speaker is brought in to help with the needs of families Morris said. One speaker was Debbie Drobney, of the Communicative Disorders Department at UCF.

According to Drobney, she did an in-service workshop on sign language for the parents and children. By making a list of basic communication needs-yes, no, hungry, happy-it enables parents to communicate more effectively with their children.

"I will continue to compile lists for the parents if they are interested," Drobney said, "It's a really rewarding experience."

UCP of Central Florida currently operates four branches—located in Orange, Seminole, Osceola Counties and east Orlando. They are expecting to open another center in west Orlando.

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Orlando not mentioned in standard weather warnings

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A hurricane watch means that a hurricane may threaten your area. A hurricane warning means that a hurricane is expected to strike your area within 24 hours.

If a hurricane warning were issued for the Central Florida area, UCF President John Hilt would have the authority to close the university or branch campuses.

At that time, on campus shelter space for resident students and essential staff and their families would be available.

According to Uhlir, it is important to note that Orlando is never mentioned in the probability charts since Orlando is not a coastal city. So pay attention to the probability charts since Orlando is never mentioned in standard weather warnings in the Central Florida area.

"UCF has a number of portable trailers which we do not want anyone to be in during severe weather," he said. "But we really have no way to notify anyone of bad weather approaching. Everyone has to be responsible for their own safety. If the weather looks bad to you and you know that there is a tornado warning in the area, then don't go to class in the portable." Uhlir cautions that students are not expected to cut classes just because they see dark clouds approaching. He advises the use of common sense and being aware of the weather for that day.

"These days there are many ways to find out what type of weather is headed our way," Uhlir said. "The best thing you can do is watch the weather and be aware. The very best thing the internet has done is give weather information quicker and better than ever before. Everyone can be more knowledgeable than they were about the weather 10 years ago. "You can get just as much information on the internet as any of the weather forecasters can give you on the TV," he continued. "Everyone has their own routines, but a person who checks the weather as part of it, has the ability to be more aware. The especially long lead time we get now is only good if taken advantage of. Students need to ask what to do and where to go and how to protect their belongings. After all, the dorm room or apartment may not belong to them, but the computer on the desk does."

Severe weather hits Orlando approximately 90 days out of every year according to the National Weather Service. Each year, Florida averages approximately 100 deaths and 50 injuries due to lightning.

Uhlir said, "it is a myth that everyone who is struck by lightning dies. Most people survive being struck by lightning, but their injuries are often severe. Brain injuries are common among lightning survivors."

Lightning kills more Floridians than all other weather phenomena, including floods, hurricanes and tornadoes according to the National Weather Service.

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Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting...
OSA and Diversity Dialogue Consultants "Reclaim," Student Union "Lend me a Tenor," Theatre, 823-1500, Sept. 17th - 20th
Back to School Technology Expo, Key West Ballroom, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Volunteer UCF Hunger Banquet, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Pegasus Trio Concert, Rehearsal Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Central Florida Blood Bank Drive on campus, 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Lightning Stats

Top 10 places where Floridians are killed by lightning (in order):
1. on the beach
2. under a tree
3. in a boat
4. on a roof or construction site
5. on a tractor, riding mower, cycle or horse
6. on a golf course
7. in the water
8. on a pier, dock or bridge
9. in agricultural fields
10. on a football or baseball field

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Students should remember to exercise their memories

By LINDA RAMOS
Staff Writer

Memory needs to be challenged and exercised constantly. Similar to muscles, an unused memory will lie dormant and weak. The term ‘memory’ refers to the way the brain links information using neural transmissions to form the mental infrastructure of organized associations in the mind which aid in the learning process. The Learning Skills Program of Canada’s University of Victoria advises that the memory process occurs in two stages. First, material is processed to be recognized. Recognizing refers to choosing the material from surrounding similar or dissimilar material. This is similar to how multiple choice questions are answered.

Second, after further processing of the information, the material can then be recalled. Recalling refers to putting the information into practical use through explanation. Hence, information in memory must be processed so you can recall it. You must also know how it works. Let me explain it to you. In order for information to make this progression, active learning is necessary. Don’t just passively read over notes and text material. Get out of this ‘recognition’ phase and move into the ‘recall’ phase by discussing, writing, and paraphrasing the material. Virginia Tech’s Division of Student Affairs Counseling Center’s pamphlet titled “Remembering” outlines these steps to remember general and specific information. General memory is conceptual memory; information can be explained and recalled because the material is understood conceptually. Specific memory is immediate memory; information is recognized word for word but not necessarily fully comprehended.

Don’t memorize everything. Some students have difficulty deciding what is important in the text and in notes. They overwhelm themselves with too much information, a majority of which is unessential. Select what is important by reviewing the text’s chapter headings, objectives, and review questions. Don’t memorize everything. Some students have difficulty deciding what is important in the text and in notes. They overwhelm themselves with too much information, a majority of which is unessential. Select what is important by reviewing the text’s chapter headings, objectives, and review questions.

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August in Henríquel, Cité, according to a stringer for London's Guardian newspaper, another wedding was aborted when the bride caught the groom the night before sharing the soon-to-be-conjugal bed with his best man.

Schemes

- In July, three men linked to the Republic of Texas separatist group were arrested in Brownsville, Texas, and charged with conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction. According to the FBI, they had threatened several state and federal officials, with their most ambitious plan to shoot President Clinton with a modified Bf 109 fighter plane instead of a propeller-firing a hypodermic needle, out of which would be shot a cotton thread that had been dipped in anthrax or botulinum. The attorney for one of the men called the alleged plot to "cannibalize" that the government should not take it seriously.

- Thomas Stanley Huntsington, 52, pleaded no contest to fraud in Ariz., N.M., in June in a scheme to sell "California Red Superworms," which he swore could eat up nuclear waste. He told buyers (who paid $125 a pound) that a nearby radiation-waste cleanup plant would buy all the worms they could breed, but it was money to buy alcohol for the attorney general to inform the buyers that worms can't do that.

- In April, Hong Kong kitchen worker Yung Kwegaing, 38, was ordered into mental health counseling for his scheme of offering a teen-age girl a free gynecological exam provided she immediately give him a urine sample and her underpants. Incredibly, his first try was successful, but a second young woman he pulled the scheme on called the police, who set up a sting.

- Herb Cruz, 77, was arrested in Charlotte, N.C., in August, charged with extortion against the Carmike Cinema chain for a fanciful scheme in which he claimed to have paid his aunt's cremated remains into a popcorn machine at a Carmike outlet and threatened to expose the theater for selling "cannibal corn." Cruz told reporters after his arrest that (1) he didn't really do it, but (2) he did put some ordinary ashes into a Carmike popcorn machine several years ago because he was mad at the company, and (3) he mailed the company a letter of apology in March 1998. However, federal prosecutors said he had contacted the company again recently to try to extort money and said a flier in a theater parking lot inviting the "cannibal corn" story and inviting aggrieved patrons to sue the theater.

Recurring Themes

Several times in its 10 years, News of the Weird has reported convictions of young women who dressed as young men (including bandaging their breasts) in order to date and have sex (in the dark, obviously) with presumably homosexual young men.

- In June, Angela Marie Hoyle, 22, was sentenced to six months in jail for her 10-month relationship with a 70-year-old man (including one of hers) died as the van she was driving in June in a hit-and-run crash that killed five people, including a three-year-old child. She was charged with manslaughter.
Losing your ride at the Citrus Bowl

By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

Today there are a few topics on campus that remain taboo to many students. These topics are seldom discussed and yet are carried out on a daily basis. We like to act as if they don’t exist, but there is no getting around them. And that is why I am here to bring these topics to fruition!

While I would love to discuss the important issues like drinking and driving, unprotected sex, underage drinking, and other significant taboo subjects of our time, I wish to further examine a crime in and of itself which must be stopped. This crime I speak of I was able to experience first-hand for myself during last week’s thrashing of Eastern Illinois. Thankfully, I noticed that there were many other lost souls in the same sad predicament that I was in.

Alright, I won’t keep you in suspense any longer, I speak of those unfortunate students who lose their rides. This seems to be a growing epidemic of outrageous aimlessly wandering around the Citrus Bowl parking lot I noticed many other students doing just the same, with a look of bewilderment on their faces that paralleled that of a puppy in a store-room window.

I believe that students who find themselves in this situation should be privileged to some kind of emergency service or a survival kit of some kind. Of course, this would not be a problem if our football stadium was located on campus, but, that is an entirely different column.

Because our stadium is literally a half an hour from campus or anything UCF-related for that matter, a student that loses his/her ride is similar to a baby lost in the woods, completely helpless and fodder for wolves, bears, and snakes.

So now that we have identified the problem, let us now examine how one manages to survive in the wild of the Citrus Bowl parking lot without any food, shelter, or beer. Because our stadium is off-campus, we UCF students enjoy a privilege that 99% of all other college students do not, not drinking during the game. While this may be wonderful during the game, it is also a great drain on the finances, which leads to the fact that calling a taxi cab is out of the question when left without a ride once. You have established that fact, you turn to plan B: asking or begging complete strangers for a ride. However, this plan may backfire in a manner like this:

Me: Hey buddy, do you think my friend and I could get a ride back to the UCF area?
Guy: You want some watermelon?
Me: Sure...Uhuh, so what do you think about that ride?
Guy: Where you headed?
Me: College Park, right across from UCF.
Guy: Sorry, we’re not going that way, we’re going out by the UCF campus.

So after you have realized that no one wants to give a ride to complete strangers because it’s not illegal anymore you must go to plan C: panicking. This is when you decide that maybe you should go out on Orange Blossom Trail and start selling yourself for money, even though you’re too paranoid to leave the Citrus Bowl parking lot. You stagger around the lots trying to find someone you know, and usually you have to go to the bathroom so bad that the old footage of the Hindenburg disaster keeps rolling over and over in your head. Which brings us to yet another dilemma: why is it that there are only two Port-o-Lets at the stadium, and it seems as if those two have been sitting there since the dawn of time, and every person since Cro-Magnon Man has used it in a very unclean manner.

This little fact only makes the situation that much worse, which may make you turn to the dreaded plan D: do pretty much anything you can to get yourself on a motorized vehicle bound for UCF.

This plan of attack is by far the most risky and yet the most extreme. However, I must admit that I neither condone nor wish to condone nor admit to wish to condone these actions. What one in such extreme conditions must be forced to do is to find a bus and board it.

Now, this is a very touchy subject because in the course of action could be deemed illegal. How much time did you pay for the seat which you are about to take, but, as some great writer wrote in some great book, extreme times call for extreme measures. Once you board this bus take the very front two seats and then play passed out, at which time no one wants to disturb you, and, more importantly, rightfully beat you out of the seat.

At this time a skeptic might just say, “Why don’t you just call a friend to pick you up?” To which I recall the selling of alcohol at the games and the fact that if you had real friends they wouldn’t drive all the way back to pick you up anyway. But once again, I hope if you find yourself in this situation you do not have to resort to the action addressed in plan D, which I do not admit to ever taking place in.
Theater season begins on a high note
By CORBET TRUBEY
Entertainment Editor

On Thursday, September 10 the UCF theater opened the new acting season with projections and effects that glistened under the stage lights. The theatre year of fall 1998 through spring 1999, launches with the tasteful chuckles from the comedic performance, Lend Me a Tenor. A creation by American playwright Ken Ludwig, the September event thrives on performers who can fill each role with perfection. It was a night of flawless performance, never ending laughter and an array of lively characters to give a lasting grin. Only eight cast members are needed, as each character busily enters and exits the scene. This fast pace style adds new surprises to the story.

It’s a Cleveland hotel suite in 1934. Karem Banderas plays Tito, a famous Italian tenor who at the last minute is unable to perform as his role as Odello in Verdi’s opera Otello. Saunders, the opera house manager played by Michael Deselle, is caught in a mess when he decides to impersonate the singer. Bandiera cleverly brings out his character’s charm as a mild tempered tenor and is undoubtedly the funniest act in the show. However, Tito’s wife, Maria, played by Ellen Cavanos, is hysterical as an envious Italian woman who can’t stand her husband’s charm with his lustful female fans. And then there’s Saunders’ daughter Maggie, played by Jessica Matthews. She is caught in a decision to love Tito’s Romantic voice or to pursue her love with the main character — Max. Jason Florio takes the lead role as Max and successfully leads the cast of comics to a stunning humorous performance. David Blue, plays as a clown like Bellhop, Blue adds a different energetic humor to the play, one that gives a refreshing flavor throughout the play.

Lisa Manini is Diana, a desperate singer trying to win credibility by singing with the world renown Tito. Finally, there’s Julia, an opera performer wonderfully played by Rachel Fine. Like the rest of the women, Julia has a lustful attraction to Tito’s charm and voice.

Directed by Jim Heilanger, this lively arrangement of laughter should not be ignored. Each scene is a colorful landscape of lively characters and firm grasp of bringing out the brightness in each scene.

Lend Me a Tenor, originally produced by Andrew Lloyd, is not exactly a musical. It is more like a play on the outside of a musical. And it is an excellent selection for launching the new semester. These evenings of never ending laughter, are grinning opportunities to glimpse eight talented performers.

Sublime doc for die-hards only
By FORREST CRUMPLER
Staff Writer

Recently Skunk records and Cornerstone R.A.S. joined artistic forces and began to put together a compilation of old footage from past Sublime performances. This was in preparation for the new Sublime documentary, Stories, Tales, Lies, and Exaggerations that has been released this year. This two hour and ten minute video tells all about Brad (vocals/guitar), Eric (bass), Bud (drums), and Lou (Dalmatian), how they got together to jam in a garage and it’s emergence into an icon called Sublime.

The video goes into depth with the history of Sublime’s formation and clips and info about early gigs the band had that will surely interest the die hard Sublime fanatic. Check full of in-depth interviews with the surviving band members (including the string of drummers before Bud came back), Brad’s wife, and many others. Some of the others include No Doubt, Pennywise, the ziggens, Mike Watt, Wesley Willis, Ron Jeremy (from adult entertainment fame), and Lordz of Brooklyn (who?).

Not only does the documentary inform, but it also entertains as well. The best sections of the video are the stories. From the stories of band member arrest and even under-the-influence antics, to the interesting sections of the video are, by far, the stories. All this taken into consideration, If you are a really big fan of Sublime I would recommend this video for you, if you just like the best sections of the video are the stories. From the stories of band member arrest and even under-the-influence antics, to the interesting ideas on waste management. Other interesting sections deal with the interview of Ron Jeremy and a very funny, if not abstract, full 130 minutes. The camera work looks like it was primarily done on a home video recorder and the sound leaves much to be desired, which is especially bad because the video shows a lot of footage from some little known concerts and venues where Sublime has performed.

Unfortunately, the whole finished product is something else. If you are among the Sublime die hards, then you will probably love this documentary, but if you are not quite so fanatic it may not hold your interest for the whole finished product is something else. If you are among the Sublime die hards, then you will probably love this documentary, but if you are not quite so fanatic it may not hold your interest for the whole finished product is something else. If you are among the Sublime die hards, then you will probably love this documentary, but if you are not quite so fanatic it may not hold your interest for the
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With unflinching reality and total sens­
sory overload, a UCF graduate turned
author has crafted a cautionary tale of par­
tying in the 90’s. 200 Beats Per Minute,
written by Eddie Beverage, is a straight­
forward and engaging novel about one
Orlando youth and his struggle with iden­
tity, society, and the tools of drugs.

The protagonist, Danny Boyle, is one
week away from going off to college.
Along with his best bud Travis (who’s
leaving for school with him) and an odd
assortment of friends, they spend their last
few days together drifting from one sub­
stance-filled situation to another. From the
late night raves to the deserted cow pas­
tures outside of town, Danny yearns to
understand the changes in his life as they
unknowingly cause down a path of self­
destruction.

This is no after school special we’re
talking about. 200 Beats is filled with
numerous twists in the story that give it a
unique and witty edge. Orlando’s noto­
nious nightlife scene is used as a backdrop
in the story, including names and places that
local ravers might recognize. The drug use
is about as free as it gets, showing the
main characters take themselves to
extremes that lead to unusual and some­
times violent results. There’s even the
question of the hidden feelings that exist
between Danny and Travis.

All the while, we are entertained with
warped, hilarious dialogue on topics rang­
ing from Scooby Doo to Jesus Christ. This
is balanced with Beverage’s deep, power­
ful poetry woven throughout. If anything,
this book will have your jaw drop to the
floor at least a couple of times.

Beverage knows this, too. After gradu­
ating from UCF in ’98 with a marketing
degree, he was already deep into the
Orlando late night scene, spending many
mornings on the dance floors at Firestone

and the Edge before coming up with the
idea for 200 Beats. The book went through
many drafts after he bowed out of the
lifestyle. Considering such a daring novel
wouldn’t be published so easily, Beverage
created his own publishing company, Sure
Shot, to get the book printed.

All the hard work he has put into get­
ting it on bookshelves has been worth it.
Although the novel is hampered by a very
short length (which leaves many of its fas­
cinating characters undeveloped) and an
ending that is sappy and too satisfying, the
result is an original and thought-provok­ing
portrait of excess and realization. 200 Beats Per Minute is sure to sober up any­
one who’s fallen for its fast-paced chaos.

The Club at Firestone is hosting a
book signing party for 200 Beats on
Saturday, September 19 and Beverage will
be signing copies of his book at Barnes
and Noble downtown on October 14th at
7:30 pm.

Anyone interested in ordering a copy
of the book can call 1-800-431-1579 or
check out www.sureshot.nu.

CAB gets everyone in on the action

By CORBETT TRUBEY
Entertainment Editor

When classes have got you wound up
and about to explode, leave it to CAB, the
authority figure for on-campus mayhem,
to keep campus life interesting. This year,
the Campus Activities Board plans to
expand it’s already broad horizons even
more, offering a greater variety of events
that will appeal to even the pickiest stu­
dent.

Every student pays their activity fee, so
dent union, an even bigger masquerade
ball, and speakers including Dan Quayle.
Also being planned on a regular basis are
special movie previews offered by
Network Event Theater, which were tried
out last term with an incredible response.
The first show will be the thriller Urban
Legend on the 23rd.

Of course, other popular events remain,
including Tuesday Knight Live at Locos,
student theater nights, Mr. and Ms.
UCF, and the craziest week of the whole
season, Homecoming (who will be per­
forming this year is still in the works).
And there’s always room to throw in some
surprises along the way.

But without stronger student
involvement this wouldn’t be
possible. Two ways CAB is
doing this is through its
strong relationships with all the
on-campus clubs and
organizations and through its
new committee Catch A CAB.

Catch A CAB is an extra out­
et for students who can’t
make any of the other meetings and
are still interested in being a part of the action.

"CAB is a way for students to voice
an opinion in a way they don’t normally
get to," says Smith. And since getting
that message out, interest in CAB went from a
measly 30 at last year’s Meet and Greet to
a whopping 350.

With all of this in mind, gear up for a
semester that should get everyone’s atten­
tion.
LISTEN UP!

By Entertainment Staff

Ozomatli
(Feng Shui)

Ozomatli, the purveyors of a "hip-hop, salsa, funk, acid jazz and ska," hybrid send out a potent revolutionary message of critical awareness on their debut long player. Comprised of a cross section of some of L.A.'s most intriguing experimental musicians, the 11 member collective invites emotive reaction from even the most jaded listener. The central strength of their self titled debut is the saturated and highly charged lyricism of the tandem vocal duties shared by Raul Pacheco (who sings only in Spanish) and Wil-Dog (who's strict "consciousness raising" rhymes brilliantly contrasts with the albums dominant Latino flavor). Occasionally the album suffers from its overly predictable salsa melodies, yet the primal urge to shake one's rump on tracks such as "Cumbia", "Eva""La Miasma Cancion" makes it hard to argue against the formulaic: Ozomatli, Viva La Revolucion!!

O-Burns Abstract Message
(More Herbie Hancock early eighties "Rock it" than Chemical Brothers post-electro "Block Rockin Beats," O-Burns Abstract Message's first full length straddles the line between shamefully derivative and the quixotically sublime. Recorded mainly in Orlando, Michael Donaldson's (aka O-Burns Abstract Message) hybridization of burbling synths, looped guitars, punchy percussion, and found sounds elevates what is often pedestrian electronica to the wombic solitude of late night chill-out. Where Feng Shui falls short the problem may be with Donaldson 's own hermetically secluded recording philosophy. Take the collaborative tracks recorded in Reyjavik , Iceland with Gus Gus: "Jennifer " (a Krautrock classic originally recorded by Faust ) and a.s.t., (a loose acronym phrased from Icelandic love) both standout tracks , the cultural displacement provides unexpected results far beyond the consistent , and often coolly predictable exhortations of O-Burns Abstract Message.

Cracker
Gentlemans Blues
(Virgin)

This isn't just another band from the south making another album, but a band with a great ability to insert their chords inside a human brain. Cracker is a band that has a vision to sit around a lake and get all liquored up. But with their mellow folk-like effects they can replenish much needed relaxation. If their first three records went unnoticed, then their new release will present an idea about how they sound. With energy contained rock tracks like "Waiting For You Girl" and "The World Is Mine," Lowery explains how four elements—loud, quiet, haunting, and strange—in varying degrees, One nicely performed song, "Trials & Tribulations," sounds like a melody right out of the Grateful Dead library. Even though this is by far the best album Cracker has ever released, some songs like "Wild One" lack the enriched effects that the other songs provide. Their intimate southern beat isn't the next big thing to fried chicken, but they can at least provide a quality smile and a rhythmic foot-shake.

Ozomatli

Cracker

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Hannah Drossner was in no hurry to earn her undergraduate degree, but now that she's got it, the graduate student in the University of Central Florida education department is wasting no time earning her next degree.

Drossner took forty years to get a bachelor's degree in history from Temple University in Philadelphia. She started shortly after high school in 1958 and finally walked across the stage in her cap and gown earlier this summer.

The mother of three stayed at home and raised the children and married with children.

"It just never seemed to work out," Drossner said about returning to school to finish the degree she had started on. She found that after seeing her husband through a lengthy illness and then divorcing him, that that was all she could do.

It's not what she wanted for herself any more, she said.

"I put three kids through college," she said. "They've been behind me all the way on this."

Drossner said she never regretted the way things were while she was doing them, but in the late 1970s, when she had the chance to take a few classes, she jumped at the opportunity.

"When I had the chance to go back," she said, "I did it."

She took classes here and there, but in 1992, she returned to college full time, while continuing to hold down a full time job as the office manager in an architectural firm.

In six years, she earned a bachelors degree with a major in history and a minor in Asian studies. The masters degree she is seeking is in education. She wants to teach substitute teacher while she earns her masters degree. She will help her mother get a job as a substitue teacher while she earns her masters degree over the next year and a half. Drossner said she hopes to get a full time job as a high school social studies teacher or teach at the community college level when she earns her masters degree.

For the time being, she said, she is having a wonderful time at UCF, which she describes as "a wonderful place," especially when compared to a huge inner city college like Temple.

"It's so beautiful here, I could dance through the campus," she said. "The people down here are so great. They are so wonderful. I have no complaints at all."

Drossner, who has lived in Florida for three weeks, is sold on the area. She said she loves it here and says she's really thrilled with the quality of education she is getting at UCF.

"I love UCF," she said.

Many older (non-traditional) students are taking on the challenge of a college education at a later point in life than most. If you, or someone you know, is doing this, let me know about the special challenges facing the older student. E-mail me at wordgal@rocketmail.com and give me your name and a phone number where I can reach you.

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Staff Writer

September 16, 1998
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Classifieds
Ritvanen earns weekly TAAChonor

The Trans America Athletic Conference announced on Friday that University of Central Florida men’s soccer player Heikki Ritvanen was named Player-of-the-Week. Ritvanen shared the weekly honor with Bole Acimovic of Jacksonville University. It is the first Player-of-the-Week award announced for the 1998 season.

Ritvanen, a junior forward, posted 7 goals and 1 assist (15 pts) in UCF’s first two contests. He scored the seventh fastest goal in NCAA history on Sunday, September 7 when he scored just 17 seconds after play began against Coastal Carolina. He has tallied 34 goals over the last two seasons—a school record—and his five goals in a game against Coastal Carolina tied the school record. Ritvanen also broke the school record for points scored in a game with 11 points.

The Espoo, Finland native is majoring in Electrical Engineering and has earned the conference honor five times in his collegiate career.

Pultz Earns Academic All-America Honors from USRowing

Former University of Central Florida crew member Jennifer Pultz (Winter Springs/Oviedo HS) was one of sixteen student-athletes to earn 1998 USRowing Collegiate Academic All-America First Team accolades.

Pultz rowed stroke in the Varsity 8+ leading UCF to victories in the Florida Crew Classic, Metro Cup Regatta and the Head of the Hooch last year. The president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, she is also the Trans America Athletic Conference representative on the National SAAC Board. Pultz, a molecular and microbiology major, is a six-semester Dean’s List and Golden Key National Honor Society member. Pultz, whose eligibility is up, will graduate in May 1999.

The USRowing Academic All-America Award recognizes collegiate student-athletes who have excelled in both academic and rowing, as well as participated in extra curricular activities. Applicants must be USRowing members, have rowed or coxed in a men’s or women’s priority open or lightweight boat which races at a league championship, have completed four semesters of academic work at the institution, and have earned a minimum 3.2 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

UCF women win cross-country invitational

The University of Central Florida women’s cross-country team won its first meet of the 1998 season, capturing first place of the UCF Invitational on Friday. The Golden Knights had five runners finish in the top 10, eight of which finished under 20:00. Junior Anne Panagio had the top time for the Golden Knights, finishing in second place with a time of 18:39. Shannon Sarabyn of the University of Miami won the women’s race with a time of 18:23.

On the men’s side the University of Miami won as a team. Jacksonville University’s Japheth Koch won individually with a time of 26:31. The top finish for UCF was Steven Cornelius, placing eighth with a time of 27:31.

Heisman consideration for Culpepper puts spotlight on UCF

consider he threw four touchdowns and ran for three. That’s huge numbers, but it’s what we talked about based on who we’re playing,” Kruczek said. “I know I’ll be criticized for leaving him in that late but I really had planned to pull him a series before when he fumbled the ball on the run, but I said no, we got to come back. They had shown me something on defense. I knew the post was there to Kenny Clark or Charles Lee. Plus we had been working on this gadget play…”

See, there was still work to be done. No alterior motives (Heisman). On that gadget play, a flea flicker, Culpepper found Clark for a 35-yard score. Mission accomplished. Now he could rest. Granted, don’t think for a second that Culpepper’s extended playing time has nothing to do with the Heisman Trophy. Even Kruczek admits that.

“Every evening you watch ESPN, those guys are always talking about the Heisman candidates. Well, who are they talking about, Daunte Culpepper and the University of Central Florida. Every Saturday. A number of times. That’s the reason for doing it,” Kruczek said. “We’re getting on national television. We’re getting exposure. People are learning about this university. That’s the big part of it. We’re constantly being bombarded by ‘who is the University of Central Florida?’ ‘Who is this team?’ ‘Where are they?’ They’re asking questions about us and that’s good. Real good.”

UCF now gets to answer questions personally, on national television, against a Big Ten power. Purdue will be favored, but all eyes will be on the Golden Knights, who claim more votes than the Boilermakers in both the AP and Coaches’ polls. One thing is for sure, Culpepper will be in for the duration, and not one person better say a word.

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Men’s soccer continues to claim victims

By TRAVIS BELL
Staff Writer

The UCF men’s soccer team proved that their #21 ranking by Soccer America was no fluke after earning two shutouts in the UNLV Soccer Classic in Las Vegas this weekend, defeating UC-Santa Barbara 2-0, and following up that victory with another 2-0 win over tournament host-UNLV.

Heikki Ritvanen scored one goal in each game to lead the Knights’ offense. Ari Nurmi got the Knights off to another quick start against Santa Barbara, scoring 54 seconds into the contest. The header was his fifth goal of the season.

The Knights offense was held scoreless for over 60 minutes until Ritvanen took a cross from Remi Hariz in the 64th minute to score UCF’s final goal for the 2-0 win. Antti Laitinen earned his second career shutout after facing eight shots, though he only recorded one save.

UCF continued their dominance against UNLV in their second game of the trip. The Knights improved to 4-0 on the season behind Laitinen’s second consecutive shutout.

Once again, it was Ritvanen who got the Knights on the scoreboard in the 20th minute on an assist from Hariz. Hariz tallied the assist just 21 seconds after receiving a yellow card.

Aron Nurmisto scored the second, and final goal in the 40th minute to give UCF the victory.

After outscoring their first four opponents by a combined 21-3, the Knights now face their first national power, as they travel to Indianapolis for the Nike/Snikers Soccerfest on Friday to play Indiana, who lost in the NCAA Final Four last year to the eventual national champion UCLA Bruins. Then on Sunday they have a contest against Butler, another highly regarded program from Indiana.

Photo by Kevin Colber
Norwegian freshman Remi Hariz has brought immediate impact to the squad.

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Knavts blow away
Hurricanes with
second half surge

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did what they needed to do to
win," Richter said. "We were
really happy with the result. We
came back from some errors that
we made, and we got the win,
which was what we needed."

Miami was held at bay during
the first half, but UCF
couldn't muster much offense
during the first 30 minutes of
the game. However, Harris got the
Knights on the scoreboard
during the last minute, giving
UCF a 1-0 lead. She took a cross
and put it in the upper left cor-
nor. Shrum and Michelle
Anderson were credited with
assists on the play. Alyssa
O'Brien led the defensive
charge during the first half, but
the last minute provided too
much offense from Miami.
Auffant made two back saves
during an onslaught from the
Hurricanes before Sharon
Williams netted a goal in the
upper right corner over O'Brien
with 12 seconds remaining in
the half.

Nevertheless, UCF took the
ensuing kickoff down the field.
Samanth. Ellis took a cross in
front of the goal, but sent a shot
wide of the left post as time
counted down.

"I think that would have
really changed the tone of the
game if right after they scored,
we came down and scored,"
Richter said. "We talked about it
at halftime and said to build on
that momentum. They came out
and worked hard in the second
half, and that's all that we asked
them to do."

With the score tied 1-1, UCF
recovered from the late goal just
minutes into the second half.
Midfielder Claire Kukola took a
pass from Monica Holshouser
and found an opening in
Miami's defense. Kobake gave
the Knights a 2-1 lead by putting
the ball in the upper right corner
of the net. UCF's defense
stepped up the intensity during
the final 25 minutes to stifle
Miami's offense. During a five-
minute stretch, Jennifer Sanchez
was stopped twice on nearly
identical shots as she broke
through the UCF defense and
blasted shots from 10 yards out,
but O'Brien was up to the test
on both occasions. Also,
Williams' attempt for her second
goal was deflected wide of the
net by O'Brien in the 66th
minute.

"Every game she's a key
to us. She made some great saves
on breakaways," Richter said
about O'Brien's seven-save per-
formance. "Alyssa stood up to
the task and that's what we
expect her to do."

The Knights now hit the road
for their second conference
game on Thursday against the
Jacksonville Dolphins. With
only four conference games,
the match against the Dolphins,
who defeated Miami to start the
season, is crucial for the TAAC
Tournament.

After early miscues, UCF
puts together blowout

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in a fumble recovery by
UCF's Eric Leuter on
UCF's 45-yard line.

The recovery set up a 13-
yard toss to UCF wide
receiver Charles Lee. The
Golden Knights momentum
grew after the score, as the
offense accrued four more
touchdowns to push their
lead to 34-10. Richter
remarked, "We've come down
and scored." Richter said,
"We have a goal for this game.
"Justen Moore, Tito
Rodriguez, Mike Palmer and
Jeff Fye paced the Knights
in tackles as each recorded
four while Palmer and Fred
Harley each recorded sacks.
Lee, who led all receivers
in yards (154) and recep-
tions (11), set a career-high
with his totals in the game.

The Golden Knights will
now travel to West
Lafayette, Ind., next week
for their nationally televised
game against Purdue on
ESPN.

Kruczek, who said Purdue
shares several similarities
with UCF on offense,
expects another strong
defensive effort.

"I guarantee our kids will be
flying around this week just
like they were the week
before. They love to play
football," Kruczek said.
"They know how to prepare
for great football teams ... we
did it all last year."
Palmer strives for perfection in emotional season

By TRAVIS BELL
Staff Writer

The captain of the UCF defense that just shutout Eastern Illinois 48-0, stands by his locker, flashing back to certain plays that he should have handled better. It’s difficult to even begin to understand how committed to perfection senior Mike Palmer really is.

“I think I could play better, but I feel that way after every game,” Palmer said, following his performance in which he recorded five tackles (three for losses), one sack, and a forced fumble.

A pre-season All-Independent selection by Football News, Palmer was named captain after starting just one season at middle linebacker. More importantly, his fellow players selected him to this honor.

“Palmer’s a lot that I was picked by the team,” Palmer said. “It’s nice that they wanted me to be the defensive captain.”

During the first two games this season, Palmer has shown his leadership on the field while UCF has gone 2-0. He has recorded 11 tackles (10 solo), including four for losses, with one sack and a forced fumble. His presence is more important because the season is dedicated to his father, the late Mike Palmer, who passed away in January as a result of cancer. All the Golden Knights are honoring his memory by wearing his initials on the back of their helmets.

Palmer’s dad was a regular at Cocoa Beach High School, his alma mater. Palmer’s performance in the spring Black & Gold game in 1996 caught the coaches eyes. He recorded seven stops (two for losses), one fumble recovery, one pass break up, and a 29-yard interception return for a touchdown. After limited duty in all 11 games during the 1995 campaign, he saw considerable action as a backup to Kendrick Thomas in 1996. He led reserve linebackers with 34 tackles, including 23 solo and two behind the line of scrimmage. In 1997, with the position finally his, Palmer doubled his output from the previous year, contributing 88 tackles while placing second on the team with 11 stops for a loss. In addition, he tallied three sacks, two interceptions, and batted down five passes.

Not bad for a former signal caller.

Palmer came to UCF from Cocoa Beach High School where he played safety and quarterback. While earning all-state honors, he totaled 48 tackles with seven interceptions and threw for more than 2,800 yards and 22 touchdowns over two seasons.

He also earned all-conference honors in baseball and basketball. He says, “He (Palmer) is very important to our defense,” defensive coordinator Gene Chizik said. “We expect him to play big every week.”

Next week comes the true test for the Palmer and Co. against Purdue. This defense has a chance to do something really special for UCF by getting that elusive first big win over a accomplished power. Heading into the game, Palmer is satisfied with the strides being made, although it’s not a surprise that he sees room for improvement.

“So far I’m happy (with the defense), but we have to keep getting better each week,” Palmer said. “We’ve had some breakdowns in our defensive scheme, but each week we need to eliminate mistakes.”

So that’s what he’ll strive for against next week, in search of history, with his biggest fan constantly watching.

UCF rump Purdue!

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The increased attention has excited Purdue will be televised on Reginald Doster. The Boilermakers are the Golden school in the first time Knights' first-ever Big Ten opponent.

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

In the week prior to UCF's 48-0 win over Eastern Illinois, head coach Mike Kruczek forbade his players to even mention the 'P-word', hoping to guard against a lack of focus. However, when the final whistle blew, the attention was more on the game ahead than the one that had just ended.

"Game's over," Kruczek said. "The P-word can be talked about."

Next week's noon encounter with Purdue will be televised on ESPN, marking the first time UCF's football team will appear on national television. Also, the Boilermakers are the Golden Knights' first-ever Big Ten opponent. The increased attention has UCF players excited.

"I feel that this is the biggest game in school history," said cornerback Reginald Doster. "They have a great team and we have a great team. They like to pass a lot. Our secondary has some great athletes, great speed and some kids out there that can make some plays. Our kids play with a lot of passion back there. We'll be ready come this Saturday. We hope that they pass a lot. We want them to because us a secondary we want to prove ourselves and in the past we've given up a lot of points. We want a little attention that we can play in big games and step up."

Doster and his mates in the secondary should get their chance, as the Boilermakers pass the ball more than they run. Sophomore quarterback Drew Brees played well in his starting debut against USC in the Pigskin Classic, a game Purdue lost. Last week, Brees led the Boilermakers to 21-19 win over Rice, completing 20-of-31 passes for 250 yards and two touchdowns. Brees also ran for a score against the Owls, who gained 321 rushing yards in the loss.

"Purdue is a fine football team offensively. They've got a quarterback who is very efficient, they've got a good runner, they've got quality receivers, and are little bit like us on offense with some of the same stuff that we do," said Kruczek. "Our defense has to go in there hitting, they flew around at Louisiana Tech and Eastern Illinois. They just love playing football."

Playing football is even more fun when you're doing it in front of a national audience. Purdue will play in their third consecutive nationally televised contest against the Knights, having played USC on ABC in their opener, and Rice on ESPN last week. Looking ahead, the Boilermakers travel to South Bend, Ind., for an encounter with Notre Dame next week and will also play at Wisconsin and Penn State in nationally televised games later this year. For UCF, however, this is a unique opportunity that many wouldn't have predicted.

"This is a Big Ten team that has a great tradition we're playing. I didn't know how fast we'd take off. This is beyond my expectations. It's blowing up bigger than I would have ever thought," said senior receiver Suha Burley. "We have high expectations. We want to go to a bowl game, but it starts one game at a time. This is the biggest game for us."

A crowd of about 60,000 is expected at Ross-Ade Stadium. Defensively, Purdue must pressure UCF and force quarterback Daunte Culpepper into difficult decisions. They've got a tremendous defensive standout in defensive end Roosevelt Colvin, who is a lock to be a future pro. With a difficult schedule ahead, this is a huge game for Joe Tiller's Boilermakers' post-season chances. The same can be said for UCF. It's only fitting that the entire nation gets to watch.

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Charles ‘FumbLee’

Junior wide receiver Charles Lee had no problem catching passes in Saturday’s 48-0 rout of Eastern Illinois. It was holding on that was the problem.

Lee, who caught a career high 11 passes for 144 yards, fumbled twice and looked unsure with the ball. His pair of fumbles led the Knights, who fumbled five times, turning the ball over to the Panthers on three occasions.

“I don’t know what happened,” said Lee. “I was just trying to concentrate on catching the ball and from there I got a mental lapse or something. It’s something I definitely will be working on in practice next week,” he said.

Lee caught his first touchdown of the season on a 13-yard out pattern to open the scoring on the first play of the second quarter. He held on to that pass.

Rodriguez casts a contribution

Redshirt freshman Tito Rodriguez made his home debut at linebacker with a cast on his arm after suffering from a torn thumb ligament.

“The injury didn’t affect me. It’s not like I’m not used to it,” Rodriguez said. “It was just to get the shutout. We proved our defense could go out and play ball.”

Rodriguez did his part, coming up with five tackles and half a sack. Like all his teammates, the Lehigh Acres native is looking forward to taking on Purdue.

“You always look forward to nationwide coverage. Everyone is going to be looking at you. That’s when you get your real respect.”

Third largest home crowd greets Knights

A supportive crowd of 35,219 turned out for UCF’s home opener. The game’s attendance was good enough to rank third on the school’s all-time list of home crowds. Only last year’s home opener against Idaho (41,837) and last season’s Homecoming crowd against Eastern Michigan (39,433) drew better. The players appreciated the fun support.

“You can’t describe the feeling of coming out to see the big crowd knowing they’re out there to support you,” Rodriguez said. “You come out there with butterflies in your stomach, but as soon as that opening kickoff comes you’re ready to play football.”

UCF’s next home game is on Oct. 10 against Northern Illinois, who has the nation’s largest current losing streak with 20 straight losses.

Eastern Illinois overmatched

EUH head coach Bob Spoo was pleased with his team’s effort following the 48-point loss, noting that his squad played hard, but was just overmatched.

“The game got away from us for obvious reasons,” said Spoo. “I told our players I was proud of the way they played with a lot of emotion. It was our resolve to play as hard as we could and they did that.”

Said Daunte Culpepper, 479 yards of total offense helped surpass Darin Hinshaw’s career mark of 8,865 yards. Culpepper, who broke the record in the second quarter, now has a remarkable 9,203 yards of total offense (passing, rushing, receiving) in his UCF career, and just missed breaking his game-high total offensive record of 480 yards set last season at Northeast Louisiana. Culpepper was also responsible for all seven of UCF’s touchdown attempts. He completed 28 passes to extend his school record in completions to 645. Those 28 completions are the most in school history for one game, tying a host of running backs. He is the first player since the 1993 still the record. It was Culpepper’s second 400-yard passing game of the season, tying Slack for the fourth highest one-game performance.

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On another note, Culpepper’s three rushing touchdowns are the most in school history for one game, tying a host of running backs. He is the first quarterback to accomplish the feat. Culpepper completed 11 consecutive passes before misfiring on an attempted pass to Mark Nansett. He currently has completed five straight attempts heading into the Purdue game.

Charles Lee’s 11-catch performance is good for fourth in school history, tying among others, Todd Cleveland and receivers coach Sean Beckton. Nansett caught a pass in his 16th straight game, tying Gerod Davis for fifth on the all-time list. Siaha Burley had his sixth career 100-yard game, one behind Nansett’s seven. Nansett is fourth all-time, while Burley is fifth.

**Bumps and bruises**

Defensive guard Marcus Jenkins and Ahmad El-Hawary were both injured in the victory and had to miss playing time. Jenkins shouldn’t miss the Purdue game, but El-Hawary is a different story.

“I’m a little afraid about Ahmad. He tore his quadriceps, which he did last year. I don’t plan on him playing against Purdue.”

Kurt Bamann will switch over to back up Jenkins against the Boilermakers. Safety Damian Demps (twisted knee) and place kicker Fred Waczewski (hip flexor) should both play against Purdue. Waczewski missed a 25-yard field goal in the victory and El-Hawary were both injured in the victory and had to miss playing time. Jenkins shouldn’t miss the Purdue game, but El-Hawary is a different story.

**Record watch**

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UCF needs successful home stand to cure road woes

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

The UCF volleyball team hosted Utah State on Monday, and for coach Miriam Ochoa, the opener could not have happened any sooner.

Losers of four consecutive games for the first time since 1996, UCF got off their skid with a 15-7, 15-7, 15-13 win.

"Maybe being on the road for two weeks has [caused the poor start]," Ochoa said prior to the home opener. "Having that home feeling and having UCF fans there supporting us will be good for us. Right now, it might be about the time we need support from the atmosphere because we're trying to get rid of those bad feelings and bad vibes."

The team has plenty of things to repair. At the Big Orange Bash last weekend, the team was defeated in straight games by Auburn (15-3, 15-8, 15-4) on Saturday and Clemson (15-3, 15-5, 15-9) on Sunday. UCF was out hit by AU 419 to 185, as the Tigers held the Golden Knights to .100 hitting percentage. Clemson, which was defeated by UCF in the first round of last season's NCAA Tournament, out hit the Knights .377 to .032.

Ochoa said the team's disappointing weekend was attributed to poor team play.

"This season, most of the reason we've lost is because of our passing," Ochoa said. "People don't realize how important passing is in the game of volleyball. Our hitters couldn't use the middle of the court because we were setting the ball on the sides. On the left and right sides, you need top hitters to deliver it on the sides."

Ochoa said although the season has not met her standards to this point, she has found bright spots in some of her younger players.

"Patience is the key word right now. We have a lot of new people in tough spots and we're giving a lot of responsibility to them and our newcomers," Ochoa said. "Piper [Morgan] and [Michelle] Sobczak are playing well, so now they worry about not looking like freshmen. They do, but that's okay... It's all about patience with them and their skills."

The team will begin defense of their sixth-consecutive TAAC Championship on Sept. 23 at home against Jacksonville, looking to extend their long winning streak over conference opponents. The Knights will then host Southern Mississippi on Sept. 26 and TAAC foe Stetson on Sept. 29.

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Knights overwhelm EIU in home debut

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

UCF quarterback Daunte Culpepper continued his darkhorse campaign for the Heisman Trophy, as he scored a school-record tying seven touchdowns in a 48-0 win against Eastern Illinois on Saturday.

Culpepper, who completed 28 of 33 passes for four touchdowns, said EIU's defense wanted to challenge him to run the ball.

"We knew they were going to go out and take away the passing lanes," said Culpepper, who rushed for 73 yards on 12 carries and scored three touchdowns.

"[They] were having eight or nine people in the passing lanes and only rushing one or two guys. When they wanted to drop those people into the lane, I needed to run it up the middle of the defense."

Culpepper did make it easy against the Panthers, but he still sees room for improvement.

"The past two weeks, we've done some great things offensively [in the fans' opinion], but we've got a lot of mistakes to fix," Culpepper said.

UCF was slowed by early offensive miscues, but managed to score on seven of their ten possessions. On their first possession, the team's eight play, 66-yard drive was stopped when tailback Mike Grant fumbled at EIU's two yard line.

Kicker Fred Waczewski capped off the team's second drive, a five play, 47-yard trek, with a field goal that missed wide left.

Coach Mike Kruczek said UCF's five fumbles in the game, the team's most since 1996, cannot occur next week against Purdue.

"In years past, we'd turn the ball over two or three times [in our home opener]," Kruczek said. "You can't do that against great football teams. The thing that concerned me was giving all those balls away."

EIU failed to take advantage of UCF's errors, as their fake punt attempt after UCF's missed field goal resulted in a 28-0 UCF lead in the 3rd minute.

"After our first games, we weren't very confident," Harris said. "It was a good change because we definitely needed something to give us some confidence to know that we can score some goals.

UCF completely dominated the contest, outshooting Stetson 25-4, and attempting 11 corner kicks compared to just two for the Hatters. O'Brien recorded the shutout by saving all four Stetson shots, moving her closer to Coach Richter's career shutout record.

The Miami Hurricanes, in the first year of the program, were the next victim for the Knights. Thanks to a strong team effort on both sides of the field, UCF defeated Miami 2-1 at the UCF Soccer Complex.

"The kids came out in the second half and played real solid defense," Richter said.

Lady Knights net consecutive wins

By TRAVIS BELL
Staff Writer

After starting the season 0-3, Danya Harris and Alyssa O'Brien helped lead a resurgent UCF Knights offense to two wins over Stetson (4-1) and Miami (2-1). Harris scored two goals and added two assists, while O'Brien tallied 11 saves and recorded her 23rd career shutdown.

"We're definitely starting to play better and working together," coach Karen Richter said. "We're getting better passing and connecting with each other. We just want to keep building on that."

UCF began the week by winning their 11th consecutive contest against Stetson, improving to 11-0 all-time. The 4-0 shutout was the seventh for the Knights in the series, and UCF has now outscored Stetson 57-4 in the 11 games.

"We finally put together our offense and played real solid defense," Richter said.

"We were doing things that we wanted to do offensively and that made a big difference.

After being held to one goal in three games, the UCF offense exploded against the Hatters. Harris gave UCF a 1-0 lead in the 20th minute as she netted a free kick from 25 feet. Then with less than two minutes remaining in the half, Harris sent a corner kick into the box that was headed in by Alison Thomas for a 2-0 advantage before the halftime horn.

Entering the second half, the Knights wasted little time in keeping the offense rolling. Kim Shrum, who scored UCF's first goal of the season, added a goal in the 53rd minute on a loose ball for a 3-0 lead. Finally, Harris tallied an assist on another corner kick that was headed in by Margrete Auffant in the 63rd minute.

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How long is Kruczek going to leave Culpepper in?

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

It's 41-0, can anyone explain why Daunte Culpepper is still in the football game against a bratian, 1-8 Eastern Illinois team? Especially with Purdue on deck. That was the question many were asking themselves in watching Culpepper trot back out onto the field midway through the fourth quarter last Saturday night. One of the few not groaning when Culpepper came back out was yours truly, because I find it's stupid not to have him in the game. Although it appears I'm in the minority, at least head coach Mike Kruczek agrees with me. Culpepper doesn't mind much either.

"As long as our coach keeps me in the game I'm going to try to play 100 percent," Culpepper said. "He's the coach and I'm the player. I'm going to stay in the game as long as he wants me to. We've got improve­ments to make. We can score a lot more points."

Culpepper is right. I mean 28-0-33 for 406 yards and four touchdowns plus three making touchdowns? Horrible. He missed five passes. I'm surprised backup Jason Thorpe wasn't in earli­er. Seriously, Culpepper's performance, arguably his best ever, was just what Kruczek and staff envisioned for him.

"He and I sat down and talked about a plan, completions, yards, touchdowns and he met the objec­tives. That sounds funny when you see HEISMAN, Page 17
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