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Catch Spirit Daze on Wednesdays

By GWEN N. RHODES
Assistant News Editor

In honor of Halloween, more than 200 students and professors dressed up as mummies as part of the Spirit Daze festivities at the Student Union last Wednesday.

Pennington, the director of promotions for the Student Government Association (SGA), told students to “do the monster mash. Just dance and the people in the crowd will choose the best mummy.”

He ended up with three volunteers who won UCF sweatshirts for their efforts.

Spirit Daze is a student pep rally outside of the Student Union held every Wednesday from Noon until 2 p.m. before every UCF home football game.

The event features music, games, giveaways, team players and team spirit.

The pep rally this week was in preparation for the UCF game against the Youngstown Cardinals.

“You’re doing it for the good of the school,” Pennington told the crowd of onlookers. Some of the contests included a Milli Vanilli lip syncing contest, a UCF fight song contest and several UCF trivia contests.

Prizes included hats, shirts, sweatshirts and team flags.

Near the end of the festivities, the UCF cheerleaders demonstrated cheers as well as various jumps and an general danced to the music.

According to Sandy Baker, director of internal public relations for the SGA, “We’ve done it for every home game so far. We spent about two hours trying to get school spirit going and encouraging away.

As for baseball games, ‘we don’t expect people to stay the whole time. They can come out for a little while and show their school spirit and possibly win a prize too. ‘

“We give out lots of prizes,” she continued, “we try to come up with a lot of different stuff to give away. Some of the prizes we give away are shirts, hats, sweatshirts and movie passes.”

We are encouraging everyone to come out and become a certified member of the spirit patrol.

~ Kelli Belfatto

Photo by Kevin Culver

Quayle welcomed by student body

By SHELLEY WILSON
Staff Writer

“I know America today is focused in on John Glenn making history. He is a good friend of mine and a great hero. But I know where I am and I know who the real hero around here is...Dan Quayle.”

“This was the opening line Dan Quayle, the 44th vice president, stated to an audience at the UCF Arena on Oct. 23.

At the age of 41, Quayle became the youngest to serve as vice president and has also served two terms in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Fred Piccolo, the Campus Activity Board’s speaker director, introduced Quayle in his opening speech as one of the most active vice presidents in the nation.

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Quayle welcomed by student body

By TAYLOR SIKES
Staff Writer

About 200 students and faculty came to Lake Clair on Friday, Oct. 23 for “C-Day,” the School of Communications’ annual picnic, which features free food, drinks, music and sports.

The event was put on by the Quotes club, of the school’s Public Relations program. Their main goal for the gathering was to provide a chance for students and faculty to mix in an informal atmosphere.

“We wanted it to be a non-academic environment for students and professors to interact outside of class,” said Lisa Tessier, 25, the Quotes director of Community Relations.

Tessier worked with local businesses to get the food for “C-day” donated. Food given included pizzas, chicken and in some cases, free ice cream. See FORUM, Page 6

C-day picnic offers mixer to students and professors
Students join forces with UCF police to collect toys for needy

By GWEN R. RHODES
Assistant News Editor

Beginning Nov. 2, a huge, gift-wrapped refrigerator box will be placed beside the information desk on the first floor of the Student Union for a Holiday Toy Drive. The toy drive will run from Nov. 2 through Dec. 11 and will benefit radio station XL 106.7's Christmas Baby DJ Fund. The UCF end of the toy drive is being jointly sponsored for the first time by the Student Alumni Association (SAA) and the UCF Police Department.

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According to Emert, "Jeanette is used to working with the various departments and students so it would make a good joint combined effort." The toy drive is being jointly sponsored for the first time by the Student Alumni Association (SAA) and the UCF Police Department.

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New senators, new start for Senate

By SHELLEY WILSON

Staff Writer

The first session of the 31st Student Senate started on Thursday, Oct. 22.

Jaimie Hallock, pro-tempore for the Senate, discussed his responsibilities to the 30 new senators and 15 current senators.

Mike Shurley, the chief justice of the Judicial Council, swore in the new senators by having them sign The Code of Ethics.

The Club and Organization (C&O) and Organizations Appropriations and Finance (OAF) committees were formed during the meeting. The Chair of each committee stood up to be recognized by the Senate. Richard Maxwell, Senate president, assigned senators to serve on the committees and stated the obligations each committee has.

Five bills were also on the session’s agenda. Maxwell explained the bill voting procedures to the new senators. To “favor” is to be for the bill, to “oppose” is to be against it, “to be present” is not to be either in favor of or opposed to the bill, and to vote “sustained” means not wanting to be involved in the bill at all. The Senate passed all five bills.

What came as a surprise for most new senators that night is what is called the “open forum.” This is a time for students to address anything that concerns them to the Senate.

During Thursday’s open forum, former senator Dominic Fariello stated that he believes the current problems with student government will go away with the SGA. President Jason Murphy.

Fariello went on to say, “Certain students and administration that should remain nameless have asked me to do an investigation into Murphy.”

However, Fariello assured the Senate that Murphy was not considered at fault for anything.

Some senators did not understand why this should be done and questioned Fariello’s motives.

Senator Troy Gould said to Fariello during the meeting, “You can against him in the Presidential Campaign.”

Jason Murphy was attending a Florida Student Association meeting in Jacksonville that evening and was unable to attend the meeting. He said he believes the matter seems to be over.

“Any student at any time can speak, which I highly recommend. However, this is a conflict of interest considering he’s not in SGA anymore and did run against me,” Murphy said.

What Murphy, Maxwell, the senators, and administration do agree on is how beneficial the Senate Retreat was which was held the weekend after the first session.

This retreat was a senate-run seminar in Tampa for new and returning senators to learn about the procedures of the Senate and to get to know each other better.

Senator Anna Berger said she was very impressed with the retreat and the other senators in attendance.

“There was a chance for everyone to bond which will make things easier later when business is presented to Senate,” she said.

In regards to the information presented, Berger said it was very informative.

“We learned a lot and the new senators took in a lot of stuff. The information was broken down so it was easily understood,” Berger said.

“A lot of background information goes into the SGA like who they should fund, why they should be funded, and how do they fund,” new Senator Michelle Caro said.

New Senator Kristin Cosme said he learned how the SGA worked and about its effectiveness. “I didn’t know a lot of SGA’s impact until this retreat,” Cosme said.

The first session overwhellmed Cosme and Caro, but both are eager to start a productive year in the government.

Maxwell presented most of the topics, which he tried to make fun, easily understandable, and educational. In teaching the senate statutes, which the SGA relies on for their procedures, Maxwell imitated the old game of Hollywood Squares. Instead of celebrities there were senators which he rotated so everyone became involved.

Looking at the new Senate, Maxwell stated his expectations.

“The Senate should be held more responsible and look on both sides of the fence before deciding on an issue.”

He also has expectations for the executive branch. “I would like to see this branch get along with the other two branches of government. Senators should be recognized for their work,” he said.

Considering college for the first time

By VICKI DESORMIER

Staff Writer

Po Glavin left her native Indonesia as a 17-year-old bride of a U.S. Navy officer two and a half decades ago.

At that time she thought she would want nothing more from her life than to be a wife and mother to her three children. She was very happy to stay at home.

“But the kids grew up,” she said. “Now what do I do?”

On said when her oldest daughter, Kelli, went away to college, she started to think about what she wanted to do with the rest of her life. Previously, she said, she had never thought about other options for her life.

“It was Kelli who said to me, ‘Mom, you should go to college.’ The thought had never crossed my mind,” she said. “I wasn’t raised to think about college. I raised my daughters to think about it, but it wasn’t something I thought about for me.”

Kelli, who is now a teacher in Maine, thinks her mother would be a great teacher as well. But Glavin is just not sure.

“I think I’ll just take classes and figure out what I want,” she said. “I feel like I have a second start in life, I want to make sure I get it right.”

Glavin said she enjoyed the first part of her life, she is just looking for something to occupy her time and her mind. She said she is still happily married to Dave, who brought her to this country and with whom she has traveled all over the world.

“But now that the kids are all out of the house, it’s time for me,” she said. “Dave said ‘I’m getting too American, but he supports me in whatever I want to do.’”

She said she has met several Indonesian students at UCF since she enrolled at the start of the Fall semester. She noted that there is a very diverse student population at the university. She likes that.

“No matter who you are, how old you are or where you’re from,” she said, “you can find someone who you have something in common with. I like that. Some places we have lived are very white, if you know what I mean, and it’s hard to fit in places like that if you’re different. UCF isn’t like that.”

Glavin said she is leaning toward a business degree, but she also wants to study for eign languages.

“I suppose I could do both,” she said.

For now, she’s taking classes and having a good time.

“I’m already an old freshman,” she laughed. “I can wait a little while to declare my major.”

Glavin said she thinks education, whether it is in college or on one’s own is important.

After all, she said, we have to make ourselves better in order to grow.

“I never thought about college,” she said, “but I was always learning something.”

If you or someone you know is an older student attending the University of Central Florida, let me know about it. E-mail a note to me at wordgal@rocketmail.com with your name, your phone number and the best time to reach you.
Titanic to show for Homecoming

By NICOLE KING

News Editor

UCF Homecoming is Nov. 14. Some of the events scheduled for that week include:

• Tuesday, Nov. 10-movie 8 p.m. Titanic at the Refecting Pond

• Wednesday, Nov. 11-Veteran’s Day. No school. Carnival at the UCF Arena 4-9 p.m.

• Thursday, Nov. 12-Skit Knight; 8 p.m. at UCF Arena

• Friday, Nov. 13-Spirit Splash (pep rally) at the Refecting Pond; 3 p.m.

• Saturday, Nov. 14-Parade at 11 a.m. in downtown Orlando; game against Ball State at 4 p.m.

The new UCF ID cards will be issued from Nov. 5 through Nov. 19 in the Crossroads Cafeteria in the Student Resource Center. All faculty, staff and students are required to get one. After the end of the fall term, the current ID cards will no longer work for any campus service.

If a new card is not obtained during the above dates, there will be a $10 fee and a $15 replacement fee. For more information contact http://pega­mons.ucf.edu/~ucfcard

The Student Accounts and Loans/Collections offices will be moved to Trailer #541 beginning on Oct. 9. Telephone extensions will remain the same. Student Accounts should return to AD 111-112 by Nov. 30.

A large black and white mounted poster of the Cannes Film Festival poster featuring the film Casablanca was stolen from the Film Division in the Communications Building. Room 185. There is a reward. Contact Professor Jones at 823-3359 with any information.

Fall 1998 commencement will be held Dec. 19 at the UCF Arena. Each candidate who participates in the event will receive guest tickets based on the amount of seats available and the number of participants. Commencement times are:

• 8 a.m. College of Arts and Sciences, 6 tickets per person
• 11:30 a.m. Colleges of Education and Engineering, 8 tickets per person
• 3 p.m. College of Health and Public Affairs, 9 tickets per person
• 6:30 p.m. College of Business Administration, 8 tickets per person

Graduation participants at the main branch must pick up their tickets between Dec. 7 and 12 at the UCF Bookstore. Candidates may order and pick up tickets at their area campus. Tickets must be ordered Nov. 16-21.

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Brevard campus, contact the BCC Bookstore. At the Daytona Beach campus, contact the Administrative Services Office.

A photo ID will be requested upon pick up. Doctoral candidates and platform party guests must contact the Constituent Relations Office at (407) 823-6609 for tickets.

• The Student Union has begun offering “notary public” services. Contact Check Gallo at 823-2177 for an appointment.

• On Sunday, Nov. 8, at the Student Union, there will be a 15k Skate Race, 5k Run, 5k Fun Roll:

  8 a.m. 15K Skate: $14
  9 a.m. 5k Run: $14
  9:45 a.m. 5k Fun Roll: $10

Registration for any two events: $20, add $4 after Nov. 1. All three events: $25, add $5 after Nov. 1. UCF Students, Staff, Alumni $5 off each event.

Pre-registration will be at UCF’s Wellness Center 823-5841. Safety equipment is also required for all skaters.

Race Day Registration begins at 7:15 a.m. There will also be special appearances by Knightro and Glycerine. T-shirts, door prizes, music, beverages, bagels, and refreshments will be available as well as a post race party by local companies.

• A holiday toy drive will be sponsored by the UCF Police Department and the Student Alumni Association. Unwrapped toys will be collected from Nov. 2 to Dec. 11 and will be donated to the XI:06.7 Baby, DJ Fund.

The drop-off locations are:

• The UCF Police Department
• The Student Alumni Association Office (Administration Building Room 346)
• The Student Union (box near the information desk).

Arrangements can also be made for the toys to be picked up at other departments on campus by calling Officer Emer at 823-6268.

• The Utah State Wind Quintet will perform at UCF in the Performing Arts Hall at 8 p.m. on Nov. 9. Admission is free.

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Diversity Duo offers unique perspective on tolerance

By SARAH SEKULA Staff Writer

"The biggest problem with multiculturalism and diversity is that people of color know more about white people than white people know about color," Randolph Drake said during a two-hour presen­
tation held during UCF’s sixth annual Diversity Week, Oct. 15-23.

Drake is part of a two-man team called the Diversity Duo. Drake, a gay, black man and his partner, Mark Iannuzzo, a white man who grew up in a very conservative town in Oregon, combine both emotion and stand-up comedy to address all aspects of diversity. They tour college campuses across the country with thought provoking, interactive presen­
tations on topics ranging from racism to sexual orientations.

"Encouraging you to learn about people who are different from you." Drake said.

"Embracing multiculturalism is just one of the lessons the Diversity Duo advocated. The importance of developing relationships with people different from yourself and learning about other cultures was key in their presentation.

"It’s time to play that game we all know and love," Drake said. "The multicultural game show.

"The secret behind racism is simply that we [black people] know more about you (white people) than you know about us," Drake explained. "It’s a hard thing to sell to people but let’s see if it’s true." Drake and Iannuzzo quizzed the students on different cate­
gories, beginning with the black team was given five popular cities (Amsterdam, Berlin, Paris, etc.) and they had to name which country the cities are in. The team scored five out of five.

The white team did not do as well, scoring two out of five. The students knew the locations of Cairo and Johannesburg but did not know where to find Kinshasa, Nairobi and Kampala on a map.

Category number two was world history. Each member of the white team was asked to name five predominantly black colleges. Only one member was able to do this. On the other hand, the black team had no problem naming five predomin­
antly white colleges.

"One of the purposes for offering a week of diver­
sity related activities is to give people opportunities to learn more about one or more issues that may not be addressed in most courses, but because of their signifi­
cance, will probably have some impact on the quality of their lives in interaction with oth­
ers," she said. "As has been noted, diversity is the one thing we all have in common.

The Office of Diversity Initiatives is located in Room 329 of the Administration Building. For more informa­
tion check out their web site at http://pegasus.ucf.edu/diver­se.

GAMMA works to raise awareness

By SHELLEY WILSON Staff Writer

One of the Interfraternity Council’s (IFC) risk manage­
ment teams is GAMMA (Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol). GAMMA’s purpose is to create alcohol awareness and help regulate and monitor social events.

One representative from the Pennsylvania Sorority Council and a representative from IFC (fraternity) serve as co-chairs of GAMMA. There are also four committees under these co-chairs: Education, Enforcement, Public Relations, and the Secretary.

Trevor Flood, recently appoint­
ed to the Public Relations Committee of GAMMA, said he sees the program as a big plus for both the Greek and UCF community.

"The beauty of GAMMA is that we regulate ourselves and I know from being in a fraternity that GAMMA’s programs are needed," he said.

Flood also said most students don’t know what GAMMA does or anything about the program it offers.

"It is up to the representatives to inform members and then members inform students of what GAMMA is," he said.

One of those programs is a weekly meeting on Wednesdays at noon in the Student Union. The meetings range from Alcohol and RUSH, Hazing, Drinking and Driving, and Date Rape are discussed in the meetings. They are open for all students to attend and ask questions.

Scott Baker serves as the co­
chair on the fraternity side and said he believes that GAMMA makes people more responsible about their actions.

"We do handle the situation if one happens at a party or an event," he said. "But GAMMA brings up that person for accountability," Baker said.

"Fines are given in the discre­tion of the GAMMA members. All minor violations are $50 for the first offense and dou­
tled for each offense after that. All major violations are $150 with $100 added for the second and third offense.

Kelley Shoemaker serves as the co-chair on the sorority side. She said although the viola­tions are the same, there is a difference in who receives them.

"Fraternities usually host the parties and receive the fines," Shoemaker said.
Quayle calls for honest leadership

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U.S. history

"What America really wants is honest, straight-talking, courageous leadership," Quayle said. He asked whom the audience thought of when leadership came to mind. Quayle talked about the space program and President Kennedy's promise "to put a man on the moon," Quayle also referred to Rosa Parks and how her actions led to the Civil Rights Movement.

"These leaders had a vision and when you have leadership and vision, you have to possess courage.

Leadership, Quayle believes, requires responsibility, which is a characteristic not lately shown. "Honoring your responsibilities, choosing right from wrong, and answering for your actions are virtues I don't see today," he said.

His final thought on leadership was directed to National Defense. Quayle said the current Commander-In-Chief does not bear the blame for choosing either the space program and President Kennedy's promise or have a law degree to answer this question: 'Is perjury an impeachable offense?'

One of the options the Senate and House has is to censor the President which Quayle is strictly opposed to.

"You do not censor the President for wrong doing, You impeach him." The president's position would be affected if that were to happen Quayle said.

"Censoring may be a way of saving this President, but it weakens the Presidency."

Quayle believes there is a great cause worth fighting for which is the family. "One thing we ought to do is cut taxes for the American family and focus on excellence in education. Education," Quayle continued, "should not be a national concern but a local responsibility.

The social security program needs reforming Quayle said, cutting.

"I wouldn't change anything for people age 45 and up but give options for people age 44 and less. They can invest their own money and some agreed strongly with cutting.

Quayle then took questions from the audience. One of those regarded his future ambitions for his political career.

"This is a very intelligent group here that cares deeply about politics," he said. "I believe it is incumbent upon one of us to run for president in the year 2000."

Quayle then clarified what might have been his reasoning for coming here. "If one rises to the occasion in this room which I think one will, others in this room needs to support that one running."

Quayle said if he does run, restoring the government's image will be his No. 1 challenge. "The way you return respectable, credible authority to the White House is have a leader who is honest with America and takes the heat even if his ideas are controversial."

"Honest, straight-talking, responsible American people respect that more."

Fred Piccolo said he knew Quayle would be an ideal speaker. "We thought impeachment was a hot topic to discuss due to the coming elections."

Piccolo said he worried about the conflict of the shuttle launch happening the same day.

"It's a tough choice, but I can't blame anybody for choosing either one," he said.

Despite Piccolo's fears, many students did turn out for the speech and some agreed strongly with what Quayle had to say.

Jeff Douglass attended and said, "Education was emphasized which is very big for UCF and the American people," he said.

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From music to food, students enjoy C-day

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wings, barbecue chicken, corn, salad, and desserts. Donations were made by Papa John’s, Apple Deli, Boston Market, Fuggers and Darden Foods.

"The food was excellent," said Kimberly Richards, a 24-year-old Advertising/Public Relations student, "especially for a picnic environment. The desserts were really good.

Students used the cool, overcast day to eat the free food and enjoy the time out of class. Some threw a football and others played volleyball. Many sat and talked to one another while listening to the disc jockey play songs ranging from Jimmy Buffet's "Margaritaville," to the Beastie Boy's "Intergalactic."

Raffle tickets were handed out to students as they arrived. Donated prizes given out included gift certificates from The Orlando Sentinel and free oil changes from Don Olson Auto.

Faculty and students agreed that they enjoyed the time together outside of the class.
Year 2000 bug won’t affect veteran's benefits

By DANIEL F. MCMULLAN
Staff Writer

UCF student veterans can breathe easy when the clock strikes midnight, Dec. 31, 1999, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs’ Joseph Thompson. The ‘Year 2000 Bug,’ or Y2K, is being confronted with vigorous action.

“We have made tremendous progress to ensure veterans’ benefits programs are ready for the millennium change,” said the Under Secretary for Benefits, according to Ron Atwell, director of UCF’s Office of Veterans Affairs. “We are committed to renovation plans that continue the VA’s mission of the timely delivery of benefits to our nation’s veterans in the year 2000 and beyond.”

There are approximately 1,000 students attending UCF using veterans educational benefits, according to Ron Atwell, director of UCF’s Office of Veterans’ Affairs.

Some use their Montgomery GI Bill Chapter 30 (active duty), while others attend using the GI Bill Chapter 1666 (Selected Reserve), Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP), Dependents’ Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35), or Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling Program Chapter 31. Of those 1,000, Atwell said, about 800 are Vietnam or Operation Desert Storm veterans.

Lyle Hopkins, a 24-year-old U.S. Navy veteran, receives $528 per month from the active duty GI Bill when he attends full time. He is not too worried about the Y2K Bug and its predicted problems.

“I would love to see a year’s worth of benefits,” the freshman finance major said. “I could go without it, but it would be tough.”

While Hopkins could possibly get by, other veterans would suffer immensely from a disruption in benefits. For example, a veteran with a spouse and child, attending full time under Chapter 31, which is for veterans who suffered one or more injuries while on active duty, would have problems if the benefits stopped even for a short time. The VA pays the veteran’s tuition, books, supplies and fees. He or she receives $604.92 per month subsistence allowance. Sounds good, but the veteran is not allowed to work full time. A disruption in the subsistence allowance could be disastrous.

“I would have to go to work full time and attend night school,” said Norm Revelle, a U.S. Navy veteran. “But how would I pay for it? If I’m not getting my monthly check, the school’s not getting their money either.”

All benefits are disbursed by the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). In fiscal year 1997, VBA paid about $23 billion in benefits to at least 4.4 million veterans and their dependents. Will those 4.4 million people continue to receive benefits when they wake up on January 1, 2000?

Since Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 2000 fall on federal holidays, the Compensation and Pension check date of payment will be Dec. 30, 1999. This will allow engineers an additional month to detect and solve any problems that may arise when the year 2000 begins. VBA is also examining other benefit payment systems to determine if the pay date will be moved up from Jan. 1, 2000.

The VA also reports it has renovated 94 percent of more than 300 applications supporting 11 mission critical system areas, reflecting VA business functions, including compensation and pension, loan guarantees, insurance, and medical computer and corporate administration systems. The department also has validated 84 percent and implemented into production 61 percent of the applications.

By the end of 1998, the VA hopes to have tested its ability to provide year-2000-compliant benefits. Since the problem was first detected, the VA has enacted a four-phase approach for correction: awareness, renovation, validation and implementation. Once a problem is identified with software, the application is modified, replaced or eliminated. The renovation was completed in September. The validation of new or changed code for date handling is scheduled for completion in January 1999. The VA hopes to implement all applications by March 1999.
Letters to the Editor

Knights, where’s the support?

The question: Who does not get any support? The answer: The University of Central Florida football team. It seems to be a sad fact that the 7 and 1 football team of Central Florida has not been getting the support they deserve. Every Sunday Orlando Sentinel sports page has the Florida Gators and the Florida State Seminoles on the front page, and they aren’t even in the Orlando area. To find the Knights, you have to flip through a few pages before you see a small, half-column article about the team. It is sad and frustrating.

The atmosphere at school is one of the student body and the staff not really doing much to promote the games or the team. I will see a poster or two of Daunte Culpepper on the door of a professors office, and that’s great, but what about the rest of the team? Who doesn’t know about the pre-game pep rallies and the big sign at the entrance of campus for the pep rally. That’s when people ask, “How did the football team do this week?” and the sad thing was, the Knights had the weekend off. The only promotion that I have seen for a football game was during parent weekend, when there was a big sign at the entrance of campus for a pep rally. That’s it.

It’s sad that team that is this good and has a Heisman Trophy candidate, Culpepper, doesn’t get any support from its school with pep rallies, signs, or news about the team. They also do not get any support from the paper or local residents. I would really like to see the school do something for the team, and the local papers give them some coverage otherwise an article on the front page of the sports section would not be of much help. To find out if Daunte Culpepper wins the Heisman, the Knights may make the cover of the paper. Be PROUD of your UCF Knights!

– Steve Becker

Did you see this accident?

On Sept. 11, 1998 at noon in front of the Fairwinds Credit Union main office on North Alafaya Trail, Kirk Maravalo, 36, was involved in an accident while traveling in his bike lane. Maravalo was in a coma for ten days and will now require a minimum of one year of rehabilitation and constant supervision. Maravalo’s family is asking witnesses to come forward with any information on the accident. They may be contacted at the main office on North Alafaya Trail, (407)297-2797 and after Nov. 5 in Southbend, Ind. at (219)233-3066.

– Cyd Maravalo

Rugby complains of no support

As I was reading an article in the Future (Oct 28) about an invitation to the Florida Rugby Club, I want to make sure you all know that there is a Rugby team on this campus and not just by the price hike in tuition. I am a member of the UCF Women’s Rugby Club. We, as a team, love the honor of playing for UCF, and we’re pretty good at it, too. Last year we began the season as #1 in the Southeast. In a short 3 years we have placed first in numerous tournaments, had half our team qualify as Collegiate All-Stars, and had 3 All-Americans on the team, yet we are not a team. It is the unsupportive spirit here at UCF which angers me so. From the fact that it is almost impossible to get any publicity for our accomplishments to the slap in the face by SGA, we don’t have it easy.

The shame of it all is that due to lack of acknowledgement (and graduation) there may not be enough girls to field a team next year. We have a winning tradition to uphold, and the most likely UCF’s name will not be feared as it once was. What does all this glory have to do with the tuition increase?

Well, when a major collegiate sport, like Rugby is over looked for synchronized swimming, water polo, archery, badminton, BOWLING, fencing, and team hand ball (?), there is something wrong with our school. Rugby was not mentioned once in the entire issue of the Future. To find out the minds of the committee members assembled to discuss the tuition increase, but, don’t fret, without or with the Title IX funds the UCFWRC will live on, all is in a rough sport, and the very least we should have a fair chance to be considered. Thank you, Oh, and by the way, maybe the reason why no one showed up to this committee meeting was because no one knew it was taking place. I know about 25 “angry” Ruggers who would have shown up.

– Nicole Davis
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This week we begin a new series of reviews intended to enlighten those of you with jaded ears but open hearts. Sometimes the outpouring of second-rate promos leaves our palate quite bitter, and I'm sure yours, too. What an easy solution it is to extend our critical vision beyond next week and see what stands up over the course of music history. Let us begin with:

**Higher plane of intelligence and clarity.** That may sound odd but the vocals, although inconsistent, carried a harmonious message. **Progression Sessions** and LTJ Bukem are ahead of their time. This CD could really be considered ahead of its time, a mix that brings an advanced, technological yet spiritual style of music to the people.

-Mercedes McElmurry

**Grooverider Mysteries of Funk**

**(Higher Ground/Columbia)**

Often times, a DJ as inspiring and visionary as Grooverider, finds themselves in the spotlight still wearing their proverbial baby diapers. Then, after massive popularity, soil their cottons and fall off into has been obscurity. It's nice to see that, 15 years after Grooverider first surfaced on South London pirate radio, he has only just hit his stride. Mysteries of Funk is, quite simply, as masterful as anything released under the drum and bass microscope to date. More concise than last years Romi Size double CD album, it is a transformation from the familiar skiddish, slinky bass beats of the Bristol crew, into a spatial journey of mind and body. Everything Grooverider has encountered in fifteen years is here: the acid house, the funk, the tech step and even the emerging fusion of self-sufficient instruments, trumpet, stand up bass, drum skins) it's all here. The album works as a fluid mix of styles, but there are a few standout tracks which, if Columbia get their promo pugs in gear, could find their way onto playlists around the world - at the very least, Grooverider is a shoe-in for the new Volkswagen marketing campaign. I also strongly recommend that you check out the DJ's web site @ http://www.grooverider.com. What you'll see is a luminous and imposing figure gradually emerge from the "Tron-like" backdrop greeting you into the well paced, perhaps 'timeless' Grooverider universe. Fitting, to say the very least.

-Marcel Spindae

**LTJ Bukem Feating MC Conrad Progression Sessions**

**(Good Looking Records)**

LTJ Bukem's latest CD takes listeners on a musical journey with smooth, relaxing jungle beats. Progression Sessions is the sixth compilation CD produced by his label, Good Looking Records. If for some reason jungle's fast, hard beats didn't appeal to your senses then you will definitely enjoy this laid back approach to the music. Each song was contributed by a different musician and combined perfectly to create a most pleasurable listening experience. Its hard to pick favorite songs because each one lifted you up to

**Big Shirley Funkasm**

**(King Snake Records)**

Big Shirley has put out another funkadelic CD. This Orlando hometown group has earned their popularity for bringing listeners great, jazzy funk. You can't help but get into the music with the scouncy saxophone, trumpet, classic drums, humming guitar strings and soulful vocals. This band has got it all. Funkasm is a combination of disco, jazz and just pure funk that places it in a category all by itself. "Bleed," the fourth track starts off with a trumpet, trombone and saxophone introduction that just screams talent. Each song brings reality about humans closer to the surface, if we as a society could just tell it like it is, the way Big Shirley do, life would be simpler. For that reason, we have music that help to keep us sane and in rotation. Songs like "Funkasm" break it down and look at life's pleasures and reminds listeners to enjoy themselves. So treat yourself and go get this CD.

-Mercedes McElmurry

**John Coltrane My Favorite Things**

**(Atlantic)**

Sitting here for more than 13 minutes, starting at a blank screen, thinking, praying, just how am I going to do this album justice for those who have yet to hear it? Do I describe Coltrane's soprano saxophone playing as Eastern inflected transcendence? Do I make mention of McCoy Tyner's tender counterpointed ivy ballets? Do I talk in the third person of how the album, especially "My Favorite Things," sends its listener into a crack in space and time

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Jack Drag
Dope Box
(A&M Records)

(Tongue firmly implanted in cheek, red like a beet.) Standing up to the overwhelming demand for senseless and snotty pop music, Jack Drag release Dope Box their second full length album to massive critical notoriety. Check the latest issue of Raygun, there you’ll find a stunning photo layout of the band. No mention of their music, but damn, what a smug bunch of motherfuckers!

Pop Music, is there anything left to say about it? Jack Drag started out early on in the 90’s, they were immediately relegated to the indie-pop underground with a couple of 7” singles and a self consciously frigid rhythm section. They hovered in this nerdland for longer than they would care to admit. Now, much wiser and more ambitious, the threesome release their major label debut and more ambitious, the threesome release their major label debut and notoriety. Check the latest issue of A&M Records)

Millencolin
Same Old Tunes
(Epitaph)

They’re playing that one up game of irony with the title I surmise. Oh, Millencolin, you Swedish bastards, let the games begin. Let’s start with the first track. “Mr. Clean,” obviously a double reference to commercials and commercial punk rockers. First print: me. “Chiquita Chaser,” the next in line drops the name of the ‘chiquita dude.’ (I have no idea what this may mean. Sweden’s a very isolated place, TV may be hot only respect Brandon Walsh and his guise of sensible and responsible, while the track tells a tale of bar hopping and toilet bile, the ‘chiquita dude’ has lost his cool. Half point you, half point me. Oh the litanies of punk rock, I give in. Skip along to track four, “Domestic Subway,” and the black humor in irony, the “what it appears to be never is” builds to a crescendo of psychological neuritis, “you’ve got so many things going your way today but still you are lonely,” 2 points me. I point you. I win, I stay right here. Your penance? To tour eastern China for the next 6 months.

As an aside, I should mention the inner lyric sleeves are adorned with the most charmingly thematic images, subways riding on human tongues, bowling balls harassing lonely Brunswick pins, even a punk rocker wielding a banana like a gun, like a soldier of Andy Warhol. Is the kind of punk rock familiar enough to call it pop—I bet Millencolin would be proud they knocked the sense out of senselessness. Pop like your mamma’s freaky.}

—Marcel Spindae

Sonic Boom
Top 10 Cds

1. Black Star- Mos Def & Kahlil Wills arc...
2. Beat Junkies- World Famous Beat Junkies Vol 2
3. Lakedown Black- Mambazo- The Star
4. Beastie Boys- “Body Movin” Parts 1 & 2
5. Jarreau S. A “Concrete Schoolyard”
6. Bob Dylan- Live At The Royal Albert Hall
7. Red Snapper- Making Bosses
8. V/A- House Our Youth 2000
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Least Competent Criminals
Roger McCown, 26, was arrested in Toledo, Ohio, in October after a series of mishaps during two robberies.

Air Travel Ain’t the Same
In October, according to medical tests, Khyl Hardy, 26, was bitten by a poisonous taipan snake, and he and his mother say it happened when he reached under his seat on an Ansett Airlines flight from Melbourne, Australia, to Perth to retrieve a lollipop he had dropped and fell a ring. (The snake was not found.)

Government in Action
In June, astonished workers remodeling City Hall in Echo, Ore., ventured into the 4,000-square-foot attic, apparently not realizing that since the building opened in 1916. Because of holes in the roof and the windows, pigeons have been roosting there for decades, and it took a professional waste-removal crew a week to

clear out the 5 1/2 tons of droppings. Said the city manager, “It’s a wonder the ceiling didn’t collapse.”

Leila Limates Barney Fife
In July, eight inmates escaped from the jail in Rayong, Thailand, during the time that all guards were hunched over a TV set watching the World Cup match of Brazil versus Italy. He was captured

Solution on Page 8!
www.careerfair.com: Are you looking for a job?

By VICKI DESORMIER
Staff Writer

If you're graduating in December, it might be too late to start looking for a job the traditional way. If you're graduating in the Spring, start looking now.

Either way, there's a great place on line to start your search. Just click your browser to http://www.careerfair.com and you can find a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week job fair to help you get started in your search.

If you're graduating, go through the fair looking at the potential employers (you know those things are as much for you to look them over as vice versa). You can simply e-mail your qualifications in and companies can access your data file if they're interested in you.

The job listings in some categories are scarce but in others, especially if you're looking for something in a technical or computer-related field, are full of possibilities. There are listings by category or by employer if you'd prefer to shop that way.

The site is really easy to use, with instructions for every step along the way that are so clear and easy to understand that you might almost be insulted by the simplicity... but it's better to understand the instructions and get everything right than to mess things up and look bad in front of a potential employer.

When you first log on to the site, it'll ask you for a user name and password. Until you fill out an easy information about yourself, your job skills and the kind of work you'll be looking for, you can't go in the front door like that, so take the time to fill out the questionnaire.

There are no complicated questions. And they don't ask you anything that you wouldn't be asked by one of those company representatives at a job fair who sits behind the table with a clip board. It's painless and took me less than two minutes to fill out completely.

And no need to worry about wrangling up your resume while you go through the fair looking at the potential employers. Your data file is your resume while you're looking.

The job listings in some categories are scarce but in others, especially if you're looking for something in a technical or computer-related field, are full of possibilities. There are listings by category or by employer if you'd prefer to shop that way.

You can look just here in Orlando or you can expand your search nationwide, if you'd like to leave this area.

This on-line career fair is just a stepping off point for those looking to find a job, but it can be a good place to find the direction you are looking for in that search. You can post your information here and leave it for employers to access or you can check it with it periodically for job listings in your field.

But, don't use it as your only job search option. Get out there and pound the pavement, check out other sites, scan the newspaper, talk to representatives of companies on the phone and read trade publications.

Looking for a job is not a one step process, but Career Fair Online is a great place to start your search. Good luck!
Hey, all you Knights Fans... Be a part of the UCF pre-game PARTY OF THE YEAR! Join together to cheer on the KNIGHTS when they meet the CARDINALS for the biggest HOMECOMING CELEBRATION ever at the Citrus Bowl on Saturday, November 14th.

Fan Fair starts at 1 pm and goes until kick-off!

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Yo quiero Tijuana Flats

By STEPHEN UNGER

Staff Writer

Put on those sombreros, and buckle up those holsters because there's always some good food cooking south of the border. Don't worry about going to Mexico to get great Mexican food; just travel west on University Avenue. Just before Goldenrod on the left is a small restaurant next to Goodings called Tijuana Flats. The quaint eatery with the perfect atmosphere for college students, is also a site where a broad selection of the spiciest sauces in the world exist.

Two former UCF students opened the restaurant in 1995, and since then it has evolved into a chain, extending itself to Winter Park and Lake Mary. The first thing to notice at Tijuana Flats is the colorful atmosphere and college-friendly service that exists there. Then it's the confidence that every item on the menu will be made with only fresh ingredients. And for those who seem to be using pews for food, the prices are very affordable, compared to some other local Mexican entries. A regular 10-inch chicken burrito for only $2.95 is a feast. And the 9-inch tacos are about $1.60 and they are meals of their own. They also produce their own 'Smack My Ass and Call Me Sally' hot sauce that is sold around the country and worldwide.

The store also has access to over 3,500 hot sauces that can be ordered through a catalogue (www.tijuanaflats.com).

But it's the atmosphere and the tasty foods that make Tijuana Flats a refreshing place to hang out and eat. There's always cool music playing in the background, and there's plenty of room to sit outside and enjoy the nice weather.

If you are a great fan of spicy foods, Tijuana Flats is the place to go. They claim to have one of the hottest spices in the world. They have Habanero and red pepper sauces. But the Endorphoric Rush sauce is made with maize, and is so hot that you need to sign an insurance form just to take it home.

The environment in Tijuana Flats is colorful with spicy sauces that rainbow the walls, which makes it the perfect place for stressed college students to refresh their minds. But the most important ingredients of Tijuana Flats are their friendly service, fresh food and a lively atmosphere.

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**Volleyball hopes to halt slump**

UCF continues to struggle this season, losing to another TAAC opponent last week when they fell to Florida Atlantic in Boca Raton.

UCF will hope to get on the right track when the team takes a trip to Hawaii next week.

Photo by Kevin Colber

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**Season doesn't end with Auburn**

From PAGE 24

Illinois. One game should not mean this much, but it does, leaving Kruczek in the uncomfortable predicament of having to deflect pressure from his team.

"The biggest way to alleviate that is to try to reinforce the fact that 11 guys are playing 11 guys and you don't focus on the winning and the losing. You focus on playing the best you can play each play. Don't focus on the big picture. Just focus on doing the best you can," Kruczek said. "Don't worry about where you are at, who you are playing, what the mascot is, what the colors are, how many people are in the stands. Put it out of your mind and just go out and have fun."

Fun. What a concept. While from a national point of view, this will be UCF's crowning achievement should the Knights come away with a victory, there is still much to be accomplished, including finishing the first season under Kruczek successfully.

"The thing you cannot let happen is build this game up so big and it doesn't turn out the way you want, that it destroys the whole season. It's critical that that does not happen," Kruczek said. "It's kind of a fine line on how you get your team prepared. I think in some respect, at least defensively, we've overachieved to some respect. It's tremendous gratification to be sitting at 7-1. We must do the best we can to continue what we've got going this week."

"It's just another game and at the same time it's the game in which UCF can turn the corner. Think of what the two teams will be playing for this Saturday. Pride and school honor is an underlying theme. The Knights are trying to get to a level they have yet to attain, while the Tigers are playing to preserve a tradition built by years of success. Auburn is in turmoil right now. Two weeks ago, head coach Terry Bowden walked out on them hours before a home game against Louisiana Tech. Whether it was right or not, he did. The Tigers showed great character in rallying for a convincing win over Louisiana Tech. Last week, Auburn took now 10th-ranked Arkansas to the wire, succumbing 24-21. While questions of the real reasons behind Bowden's resignation engulf the program, it's Homecoming on the plains. Traditions die hard. Auburn, one of the most storied programs in all of college football, will look to defend the honor of its university despite the dark circumstances that surround them. Auburn players have proven, that unlike its coach, they do not quit."

"I haven't been around that program this year but I would imagine there has been a lot of negative things written about that program and I'm sure the kids are fed up with it. It could be an us against the rest of the state and the rest of the country," Kruczek said. "I don't understand Terry quitting. How do you expect it ever work in football in college if you quit. You talk to a team about not quitting. That's the bottomline in every speech that you give. There's always going to be good things in a football game and there is always going to be bad things. You have to stay in there and fight. You can't quit just because bad things happen."

That is the attitude Auburn seems to have brought into. Should the Knights face this game, they will have to persevere as well. As Kruczek points out, Auburn isn't the last team on the UCF schedule. Win or lose, the Knights have been very fortunate to get to the level where 7-2 is somewhat of a disappointment. Don't let perceptions get in the way of that reality.

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**SPORTS Weekly**

**Wednesday 4**

Women's soccer
TAAC Tournament first round at Orlando

Men's soccer TAAC Tournament first round at Jacksonville

**Thursday 5**

Women's soccer
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Men's soccer TAAC Tournament semifinals at Jacksonville

**Friday 6**

Women's soccer TAAC Tournament finals at Orlando

Men's soccer TAAC Tournament finals at Jacksonville

**Saturday 7**

Football at Auburn, 2:00 p.m.

**Sunday 8**

**Monday 9**

**Tuesday 10**

Volleyball vs. Southern Miss, 4:00 p.m., UCF Arena

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**Thursday November 12**

Football at Auburn, 2:00 p.m.
Men’s soccer returns to TAAC tournament

By TRAVIS BELL
Staff Writer

The men’s soccer team has their best chance of winning the Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament since Coach Bob Winch took over in 1993, when the Knights joined the TAAC. Although the Knights have had their work cut out for them to advance to the NCAA play-in game following the conference tournament, they are taking things one at a time and are happy to get to this point.

UCF missed last year’s TAAC Tournament because of a 0-3 finish during the conference schedule, but it has replaced those memories with pride and plays them best chance of winning the Trans American tournament, they are taking the Tournament because of a thing one at a time and are happy to get to this point.

UCF returns to form for the Knights to be one seed ahead of the Knights as a

s e mifinal match-up, they could face FAU twice before this year.

UCF son), “We have always been strong on defense and that has been the key to our success. We have had a lot of goals, but we haven’t given up many. We have been able to get the ball back and keep it for a long time.”

UCF head coach Bob Winch said.

Although FAU has defeated UCF twice this season, Winch feels that the loss may be a good thing for the Knights.

“I think the loss will be good for us after seven (consecutive) wins,” Winch said. “It may bring the guys down a little bit and realize that we have to work hard to get those wins.”

One concern for the Knights heading into the tournament is injuries. Several players have either been sidelined by injuries, or have played through them. Ari Nurmisto (ankle), Kaare Christiansen (back), Remi Hariz (shoulder), and Richard O’ Sullivan (knee) are all starters and must return to form for the Knights to be a dominant factor in the tournament.

All-American Heikki Ritvanen leads the Knights with 23 goals and 49 points, but will need help from Ari Nurmisto (15 goals, eight assists) and Remi Hariz (eight goals, eight assists) to pose an impressive front line for the Knights. More importantly, all of the defenders must secure their positions to give UCF a chance for victory.

“We have to do a great job on defense in order to get to the NCAA tournament,” Winch said. “We're definitely going to need help from the other teams that haven't got on that level.”

UCF will get his chances, and Remi Hariz will get his chances. The intensity level of every game will be up a notch.

The Knights will be looking to improve upon their last visit to the TAAC Tournament in 1996, when they lost 2-1 against Campbell.

“I think everyone feels that they have to win the NCAA Tournament, then win that (TAAC) play-in game.”

With a 12-6 record, the Knights have tied the school’s Division I victory record. Winch expressed that winning the conference tournament doesn’t secure a NCAA birth, as unlike the women, the TAAC champion receives no automatic bid.

“For every TAAC team, no one’s gonna get an at-large bid,” Winch said. “We think that everyone feels that they have to win the TAAC Tournament, then win that NCAA play-in game.”

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UCF plays for TAAC title, NCAA bid

By TRAVIS BELL
Staff Writer

When the UCF women's soccer team ended their season on October 25 after a 1-0 win over Florida Atlantic, the plan was to use the nearly two-week hiatus to prepare for the TAAC Tournament and recover from injuries. Unfortunately, the injury bug will not leave the Knights alone.

"The bad news is that Danya (Harris) rolled her ankle in practice. She twisted it pretty good, so she'll be out a couple days but she'll play on Friday," Coach Karen Richter said. "Sarah Pharr (Leathers) has a pulled hip flexor too, so we're taking them left and right."

Despite these minor setbacks, Richter and her squad feel confident and focused as they host the Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament this weekend. The Knights enter the contest as the top seed in the loss column occurred in last year's Conference Tournament. Her performance has really come on. Since we beat them, they have gone on an unbelievable streak. Either way, whoever we face in the final, if we get there, is gonna be a difficult match."

Richter understands that to reach the final match, they must get past their semifinal opponent. That foe will be the winner of the Samford-Campbell match taking place on Thursday, and Richter has no preference toward playing either school.

"I don't really have a preference, but I don't know anything about Samford," Richter said. "We beat Campbell 6-0 and played extremely well, but that could be a disadvantage if we play them. I just hope it's a good, tough match, so whoever wins has to do it close and play a lot of minutes."

Senior goalkeeper Alyssa O'Brien is going to be counted on as the emotional leader to carry the Knights through the conference tournament. Her performance this year has been no different from her past dominance. She currently holds a solid 1.41 goals-against average and has posted six shutouts this season.

"We've got to lean on Alyssa," Richter said. "She's been here for five years, and she's been through four conference tournaments. She's the experience and the backbone of our team."

On the offensive side of the ball, Harris leads the team with 10 goals and eight assists, including six game-winners, and Kim Shrum has added seven goals and 18 points. Richter is moving Harris to midfield to open up the field for her, but expects others to step up and help with scoring.

"We're gonna go with a zone and play five midfielders to strengthen up the midfield defensively," Richter said. "We would like to see a little more out of Cally (Howell) and Michelle (Anderson). I look for Claire (Kohake) and Wendy (Wiltsey) to control our midfield and dictate what happens for us offensively."

All this preparation and strategizing lead to the choice of the ultimate goal: an NCAA Tournament appearance, something that no player on the squad had been a part of. With the conference receiving an automatic bid for the first time, winning the TAAC Tournament would secure the school's first NCAA appearance since 1991. First things first, however, as the seniors want to get the TAAC championship back where they feel it belongs.

"To get it back is a little extra motivation for those seniors," Richter said. "Our first goal was to win our division and go undefeated. Our second goal was to win the conference tournament, which puts us in the NCAA's."

The Knights have already accomplished the first of their two goals by rolling through the TAAC East with four victories by a combined 16-1 margin. Now that the ultimate goal is within their grasp, they just have to go out and do what they've done for four of the past five seasons—win the TAAC championship.
**Golden Knights**

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Running backs twice as nice for Knights

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

Tailbacks Mike Grant and Edward Mack seem to have taken a potentially difficult situation and made it a positive one. Heading into UCF's bye week, Mack seemed to have overtaken Grant as the starting tailback, meaning that UCF's senior running back, Grant, who had carried for 12 touchdowns last season, would see his role diminish.

"I think the balance between myself and Mike Grant is great," said Mack, who had 10 carries for 79 yards and a TD against YSU. "We're both fast, we both have quick feet, we can go outside and catch passes... it's wonderful.

For a while, the tailback situation was anything but wonderful for Grant, especially after the team's 35-7 loss to Purdue. He quickly found himself the target of criticism by fans and media after two drive-killing fumbles added to UCF's dismal showing in the ESPN-televised game.

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Opener receivers patient in routes

As UCF running backs Edward Mack and Mike Grant opened up the passing game with their productive ground work, it was not uncommon to see two, three, or even four Golden Knights receivers open on the same play. The situation is a nice problem to have, but it causes the open receivers to be a little frustrated at how open they were without getting the ball.

"It's kind of frustrating, but I understand my role in the offense and I understand the game plan. Sometimes I was open in the flat, but Duane's first reads were over the middle to get a lot more yards," said receiver Shua Burley, who had seven receptions for 39 yards and a touchdown. "The game plan was we had to take the yards that we could get. Duane did his role; he has his job and I have mine."

Culpepper balanced who he got the ball to almost evenly, with Charles Lee getting seven passes for a team-high 103 yards and a touchdown, Mark Nonsant catching eight balls for 82 yards and two touchdowns, and Kenny Clark making six catches for 82 yards and two touchdowns.

"They ask me to play a certain role and that's what I do. Duante was making great reads," Clark said. "It gets frustrating when you are wide open, but all the receivers are out there trying to make big plays just like me, so whoever gets the ball gets it."

Offensive line propels offensive attack

UCF had its highest offensive production of the season thanks to a revamped running attack headed by Mike Grant and Edward Mack. Ask them the key, however, and they'll tell you, the offensive line deserves the praise.

"They did a terrific job blocking. Every time out they were opening holes and making things happen," Grant said. "Sometimes, those guys may get a lot of credit, but they are out there making it possible for us to do well."

Despite small injuries to Cornell Green, Frankie Moore, and Marcus Jenkins the line overcame those problems with the depth provided by Kurt Baumann and Ahmed El-Huwasy. The entire line contributed.

"They did a great job. How many yards did we have? Almost 600 yards of offense against a pretty good defense that has been giving up 13 a game. Our kids stepped up and came up. We got some people dinged up, but they really produced."

UCF scored 40 points or more for the fourth time this season, just one off the school record set by the 1992 team.

"Up to this point, there hasn't been one defense, and I'm going to include Purdue in this, that has been able to stop us. We stop ourselves. We stopped ourselves tonight with penalties, but we move the football."

Rodriguez 4th quarter stop sparks victory

On a key third down with UCF clinging to a six-point lead in the fourth quarter, redshirt freshman Tito Rodriguez came up with the biggest defensive play of the game, stopping YSU quarterback Chris Ryan short of the first-down marker. The Penguins were forced to punt, and UCF scored on its next possession to put the game away.

"I thought certain individuals played well on defense. That was a great job Tito did. He's got a lot of ability. We've got a lot of young people who can really make plays," Kruczek said.

Despite the big stop, the defense looks forward to better things in years to come, and more specifically, against Auburn in the immediate future.

"We would like to hold everyone under 100 yards rushing like any defense, but we've got to improve. We'll be ready to play by next week. We'll bring the heat like we try to do every week. Hopefully we can add to the pressure against Auburn," defensive tackle Justin Moore said.

Knights clinch best start in UCF history

With its win, UCF moved to 7-1 for the first time ever. The team had previously been 6-1 on two occasions, but lost in its eighth game both times.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment. I've very fortunate to be associated with these coaches and players," Kruczek said. "They've taken it one game at a time and have really focused and played good football."

Record watch

Culpepper continued to climb the list of college football's career, moving into the NCAA Top 10 of career offensive yardage. With his 410 yards of total offense, Culpepper vaulted to the eighth spot in the all-time standings, passing Division III Wingate's Vernon Back, Boston College's Doug Flutie, and Montana's Dave Dickerson. Culpepper added to his current record of completions, passing yardage, total offense, and touchdowns by a quarterback. His 11th rushing touchdown ties him for third on UCF's all-time list with Willie English and passed Mark Giacone on the career list with 23 passing touchdowns. Culpepper should break a few marks at Auburn, as he trails Shane Willis' single season completion mark by just 18 (1990), touchdowns in a season by three (Dean Slack, Darin Hinson 26), total offense by 287 (1990)."
Shaky offense, defense highlight 44-32 win

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

In 1998, the UCF offense has been a consistent force, often scoring at will to win games. However, an offensive misstep nearly cost UCF in its 44-32 win against Division I-AA Youngstown State last Saturday in front of 21,251 at the Florida Citrus Bowl. The Knights attempted the best start in school history, moving their record to 7-1 despite receiving a Halloween scare from the Penguins.

UCF’s problems arose late in the fourth quarter as it held a 38-25 lead and faced a third-down and 12 on its own 24-yard line. Senior quarterback Daunte Culpepper passed to wide receiver Eric Leister in the flat, who was to return the pass to a wide open Culpepper. YSU’s defense keyedy the play and YSU’s Tony Pannunzio hit Leister’s arm, causing a fumble pass that Pannunzio returned 24-yards for a touchdown to cut the lead to 38-32.

“Although we knew it was going to be a team we want to come out and play our best against,” said Richardson, who finished with two tackles against YSU, "We were mad against YSU because we kept saying why did we wait to have to wait till the last quarter to stop it up? As a defense, I think I can say that this is going to be the game (against Auburn) where we pit it all together and get rid of the mistakes.”

Kruczek said UCF’s offense struggled at time against YSU and evoked memories of the Knights disappointing performance at Purdue where they racked up 470 offensive yards, but scored only one TD as fumbles and missed opportunities in the red zone ruined its chances.

"Up to this point, there really haven’t been a defense, and I’m going to include Purdue in this, that has stopped this offense," Kruczek said. "(Against Purdue) how many times did we take it down inside the five and come away with no points? We stopped ourselves...we stopped ourselves tonight.”

Culpepper was again the catalyst for UCF, totaling 347 passing yards with four touchdown passes. It marked Culpepper’s eighth consecutive game of at least 300 passing yards, but he said YSU’s history and tenacity made his performance a challenge.

"They were a winning football program. We knew they weren’t going to let down no matter what happened,” said Culpepper, who also rushed for 63 yards on 14 carries with one TD. "In a sense, you could say that we expected a dog fight and that’s what they gave us for 60 minutes.”

Despite UCF’s late offensive miscues and defensive shortcomings, the running game established itself as a possible factor heading into Auburn. The backfield tandem of Edward Mack and Mike Grant combined to gain 169 yards on 38 carries one touchdown. YSU’s zone coverage of UCF receivers Sliha Burkey, Mark Nonsant and Charles Lee opened the field for the tailback tandem to run at will.

“I believe Youngstown State came down here and wasn’t expecting us to run as well as we did,” said Grant, whose 16 carry, 90-yard performance was his best in three weeks. "When they came out, they had a four man rush and three linebackers but they had them pushed all the way off the ball, so when we started running, they had to make some adjustments.”

As Auburn looms less than a week away, Kruczek said it will take few words from him to motivate UCF’s players to average last season’s 41-14 embarrassment. It would also improve UCF’s record-setting start as well as their bowl chances.

“Being 7-1 is a heck of a start,” Kruczek said. “They’re the next person in front of us to much our goals and that’s what we’ve worked about... one at a time. They’ve bought into it, we’re finally to the game, so we’re going to get revved up to play it.”

Culpepper looks for big-time win

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The team win. That’s all that matters. We don’t want to come out with the same result as last year. We’ve got to respect them, because they’ve got tradition and everything.”

UCF’s biggest weapon will be Culpepper, who lacks a landmark victory on his stellar resume. In last season’s 41-14 loss, Culpepper threw for 210 yards and a touchdown on 19-of-30 passing and led the Knights to a 14-14 second quarter tie before things fell apart.

"No one wants to beat Auburn more than Daunte,” Kruczek said. “I can assure you of that.”

Despite all the problems the Tigers have had they remain Auburn. Storied, renowned Auburn. According to Kruczek, a UCF win would have the same magnitude from a national perspective that last year’s loss to Nebraska had. It would solidify the Knights’ place on the college football map.

"We’ll be fired up to play them. We’re going to go out there with more confidence than we had last year,” Culpepper said. “We’ll be going there full force ready to play.”
UCF looks to continue Auburn woes

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

UCF makes its second trip to the plains of Auburn in as many seasons this Saturday, but the circumstances surrounding this year's game are very different. Auburn is no longer the eighth-ranked team in the country, as they were at the time of last year's meeting. The Tigers are 2-6, 1-5 in the SEC. Darrent Williams and Tavaris Jackson have already announced their intentions to transfer. Several other players have struggled with injury, but the team in the country, as they were at the bilities of taking it the distance all season as a running back," Coach Kruczek said. "This kid has the speed and the strength to go both inside and outside and make plays. We have seen the running game and worked on it extensively, but the big thing they can do is highly-set off it. They've got good receivers who can catch the football too. That makes them scary. They're a very well-balanced offense." However, Auburn's strength remains its defense, which is tops in the SEC and eighth-best in the country. Defensive lineman Jimmy Hartline is out for the season, with a ruptured patella. Soled and Spikes is now starting for the Cincinnati Bengals, but plenty of talent remains. Redshirt freshman linebackers James Carter and Terence Darrell are once again starting for the Knighthawks. James Carter and Andre Burks are among the best in the nation in tackles, while Cam Lawrence and Daunte Culpepper are now leading the line. Auburn, their 7-1 start is a moot point, and the era of quarterback Daunte Culpepper will lack a landmark victory. No, that's not reality, that's perception. Unfortunately, perception is confused with reality more than it should be, and often is more important.

Does UCF need to beat Auburn to gain a bowl bid? Probably. Will they receive any national respect with a close loss? Doubtful, the days of getting votes for close losses in the national polls are over now. If UCF does lose, will this season be a disappointment? It better not be. Culpepper, while big and agile enough to be a terror for running backs, Carson, 6-foot-3 and 272 pounds, causes havoc as well. "They've got a year older, a year stronger, a year more mature in the offense," Kruczek said. "The run is still pivotal to our success. We can't just rely on DC (Culpepper) throwing the football every play. A lot of our passing stuff is an extension of the run where we bubble-screen people death. They are going to stop that too. Get those big people to run sideline to sideline. Get them tired. That's the reason why you don't hold. It's a chess match." Edward Mack and Mike Grant have settled into their running back plan. Against Youngstown State, the duo rushed for 169 yards on 26 carries, opening up the passing attack. If they can have similar success against Auburn, UCF will be difficult to stop. "This is the biggest game in UCF history," Mike Grant said. "We've got quality guys, but our defense is going to turn a lot of heads this weekend, because a lot of people don't think we can beat a big team," Grant said. "It's the last chance is the wrong way to look at it

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