Catch Spirit Daze on Wednesdays

By GWEN R. RHOADES
Assistant News Editor

In honor of Halloween, encouragement came from students dressed as mummies as part of the Spirit Daze festivities at the Student Union last Wednesday.

Pennypacker, director of promotions for the Student Government Association (SGA), told students to "do the monster mash, Just dance and be the people of the crowd to 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," Pennypacker told the crowd of onlookers. Some of the contests included a Milli Vanilli lip-synching contest, a UCF fight song contest and several UCF trivia contests. Prizes included hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and team flags.

Near the end of the festivities, the UCF cheerleaders demonstrated cheer as various jumps and an oral dance 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 spend about two hours trying to get school spirit going and encouraging people to go to the ball games. During the games we stand at the student gates and hand out pompons and megaphones, so if you didn't get your spirit items here, you can get them at the game."

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"We are encouraging everyone to come out and become a certified member of the spirit patrol," she said. "We have had the football player and cheer leaders come out and join in. We try to get other teams to come out too, like the Women's Soccer Team since they are doing so well. Unfortunately, they have classes that have prevented them from participating.

Belfatto does expect the soccer teams to participate in Spirit Daze on Nov. 18. "Hopefully, we will be able to help them celebrate winning their conference title." In the past few weeks, Spirit Daze has also included members of the basketball team who were helping to promote UCF's Midnight Madness.

"We plan to do it again in the spring to include the spring sports," Belfatto said. "This will include the rest of the basketball games as well as for baseball games."

Belfatto emphasized that "we don't expect people to stay the whole two hour period. We think it important for people to know that they don't have 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."

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By SHELLEY WILSON
Staff Writer

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C-day picnic offers mixer
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By TAYLOR SIKE
Staff Writer

About 200 students and faculty came to Lake Claire 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 Advertising/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 nuggets, and a special "C" shaped cake.

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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 benefit of the radio station XL 106.7, being sponsored for the first time by the Student Alumni Association (SAA) and the UCF Police Department.

"We ask for new unwrapped toys to be donated," said Police Officer Jeanette Emer of the Crime Prevention Unit. "We don't accept used toys.

According to Emer, the Baby DJ Fund allows people to write or call the radio station and request toys for their children. The radio station allows the person to choose a few toys per person to choose a few toys per child based on the age group and gender of the child.

Last year's effort at UCF yielded a 33 percent increase in participation over the year before according to Emer.

Over the past few years the police department has sponsored a toy drive on campus which targeted primarily the UCF faculty and staff, according to Carla Cordoba, coordinator of the Alumni Student/Parent Program which is a part of the Alumni Relations Office. The SAA is one of the many programs run by the Alumni Relations Office.

"We had come up with a similar idea of having a toy drive based on a school in Mississippi called 'Stuff the Stocking' which had gotten great student participation," said Cordoba. "When I talked to my boss, Tom Messina [executive director of Alumni Relations], about it, he told me that the police department had been having toy drive for the last few years.

"We didn't want to step on any toes or have two toy drives later on," Cordoba said.

"I later met Jeanette Emer through a student in the SAA who works with the victim's assistance program with Jeanette and we started discussing the possibility of working together on their toy drive.

"She has a lot of loyal volunteers who participate every year," Cordoba continued. "The police department was acceptable to the idea. We weren't going to change anything, we would be adding a new element and getting more people to participate.

According to Cordoba, "Jeanette is used to working with the various departments and I am used to working with students so it would make a good joint combined effort."

There will be three drop-off locations: the gift box in the Student Union, in the police department lobby and in Room 340 of the Administrations Building in the Alumni Relations Office. Emer said that she would also come pick up donations from on campus locations and the Research Park.

According to Emer, there will be a note pad at each of the drop-off locations in which a donor can write their name down if they would like to, although it is not required.

Thank you notices will be sent out at a later date.

The gift box drop-off location will be checked and emptied daily to prevent theft.

Questions can be directed to either Officer Jeanette Emer at 823-6208 or Carla Cordoba at 823-2453.

Library presses charges

By GWEN R. RHODES
Assistant News Editor

UCF Police responded to the campus library on Oct. 27 after library worker Yvette Monroe reported an attempted theft of library magazines.

The suspect was attempting to leave the library when he set off the security alarms at the entrance to the library. He returned to the circulation desk where he took all of his books out of his book bag. When he attempted to go through the security gate a second time, he again set off the security alarm. When he went back to the circulation desk, he took 40 pages which had been torn out of library-owned magazines, in his book bag. The suspect admitted to Monroe that he had torn the pages out of the magazines.

The library is willing to press charges. The two magazines that were damaged are worth $25.90. The suspect offered to make restitution to the library for the damage to the magazines.

In OTHER UCFPD REPORTS:

"In the ongoing vandalized vending machine case, another one was found damaged in the women's restroom next to room 103 in the Visual Arts Building on Oct. 24. It appeared that someone had forced open the coin box by hand.

"Library presses charges

There was still product in the machine but no money was found.

"Student vehicle decals continue to be stolen from cars parked on campus. On Oct. 26, Philip J. Ryan, 670, reported his vehicle parking decal was stolen from his maroon, two-door Nissan while it was parked on the fourth level of the West Parking Garage.

"The decal was stolen sometime between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19. He is willing to prosecute.

"Candace J. Proferes reported her wallet stolen from the study area across from the circulation desk on Oct. 28. The wallet was stolen during a 20-minute period when Proferes went to use the telephone beside the elevators.

She left her wallet, purse, books and a ring lying on top of the desk when she went to use the phone. The wallet is a brown, Liz Claiborne bifold. It contained a Visa check card from Space Coast Credit Union, a Discover credit card, her Florida driver's license, a miniature birth certificate, about $10 and various pictures.

The total overall value is about $90. She is willing to press charges.
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 Halscott, pro-tempore for the Senate, discussed his responsibilities to the 30 new senators and 15 current senators.

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

The Club and Organization (CO) 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 lay with the SGA. He also discussed 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 any information presented, and that "We standable, and educational." He also closed his address by saying, "We have a lot of work to do."

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, who is 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 finished. "No student at any time can speak," he 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 Cano said.

New Senator Kristian 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 overwhelmed Cosme and Cano, but both are eager to start a productive year in the government.

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?"

She 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 life. 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 Reflecting Pond

• Wednesday, Nov. 11: Veteran’s Day. No school. Carnival at the UCF Arena 4:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Nov. 12: Skit Night 8 p.m. at UCF Arena

• Friday, Nov. 13: Spirit Splash (pep rally) at the Reflecting 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. 9 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://pEGA.uns.cc.ucf.edu/ucfcard

The Student Accounts and Loans Collection 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 very large black and white mounted poster of the Canes 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 823-3399 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
1 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. At the

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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 Gallow at 823-217 for an appointment.

• On Sunday, Nov. 8, at the Student Union, there will be a 15k Skate Race, Sk-Race, Sk Fun Roll:
  8 a.m. Sk-Race: $14
  9 a.m. Sk Run: $14
  9:45 a.m. Sk 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 $23-$841. Safety equipment is also required to participate. Hard shell helmets are required for all skaters.

Race Day registration begins at 7:15 a.m. There will also be special appearances by Knights and Glycerine. T-shirts, door prizes, music, beverages, bags, and refreshments will 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 XX-106.7 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 Emnet at 823-6268.

The Utah State Wind Quintet will perform at UCF in the Rehearsal 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 presentation 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 presentations on topics ranging from racism to sexual orientation.

"I encourage 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.

A half an hour into it, music began playing and Drake and Iannuzzo took on the roles of game show hosts. Six students were chosen from the audience and were split into two teams: the black team and the white team.

"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 categories to begin 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 architecture. Each member of the white team was asked to name five predominately black colleges. Only one member was able to do this. On the other hand, the black team had no problem naming five predominately white colleges.

Other categories, such as slang, dances, literature, languages, film, television show theme songs and famous people, produced similar results. The black team won by a landslide.

"I’m not surprised. This is what we have been talking about all year," Drake said.

"What we all need to know about diversity and how to get along with one another is that we are all different. We need to learn how to get along with one another and respect the differences."

Student Kimberly Haven, a participant in the game show, said, "The last two hours with the diversity duo was real. I’m a psychology major and have taken various courses relating to diversity and race, but this was two men who are very diverse and just being real in their own experiences," she said. "It was really wonderful to hear the two speak from their hearts."

"I learned a lot about different cultures," student Scott Longmuir said. "Nothing was a big surprise to me about the racism in the U.S. but this presentation taught me how little I really know about minority cultures."

The sixth annual Diversity Week was presented by the Office of Diversity Initiatives. The Diversity Duo was one of the many presentations held throughout the week. The office does this every year to help fulfill its goal of introducing diversity issues to the campus and the community. Their goal is for the university to foster a culture that values and manages similarities and differences, enhances productivity, and provides all UCF individuals with opportunities to realize their full potential.

"Diversity Week touches more people by involving them in planning activities or by offering diverse program options. For UCF, it’s a greater Orlando metropolitan community," said Valerie King, director of the Office of Diversity Initiatives. "One of the purposes for offering a week of diversity 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 significance, will probably have some impact on the quality of their lives or interaction with others," 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 information, 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 management 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 Panhellenic 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.

Trent Flood, recently appointed 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 programs it offers.

"It’s up to the representatives to inform members and then members inform students of the programs that are offered," he said.

One of those programs is a weekly meeting on Wednesday at noon in the Student Union. Topics ranging 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. "GAMMA just brings up that person for accountability," Baker said.

"Fines are given in the discretion of the GAMMA members. All minor violations are $30 for the first offense and doubled for each other offense after that. All major violations are $150 with $100 added for the second and third offense," he said.

Kelley Shoemaker serves as the co-chair on the Greek 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.

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GAMMA works to raise awareness
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.

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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, "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 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.
Prediction tells us more than we want to know

By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

Have you heard the latest rumor? It actually isn't a rumor at all, because a psychic predicted it. It's an article about a prediction that was published. The prediction was that there would be a mass evacuation on Halloween. People were told to be prepared for this event.

The prediction was made by a psychic who claimed to have the ability to see into the future. The psychic said that a major event would occur on Halloween and that people needed to be ready for it. The prediction was based on a series of coincidences and patterns that the psychic had noticed.

Many people were skeptical about the prediction. Some thought that it was unnecessary to take it seriously, while others were excited about the idea of a mass evacuation on Halloween. Some even thought that it was a fun Halloween prank.

However, the prediction did not come true. People didn't evacuate in large numbers and there were no major events on Halloween. In fact, it was a quiet day overall.

The prediction was another example of how people are influenced by media and social media. People can often believe things that are not true, because they see them repeated over and over again.

In conclusion, the prediction was a fun Halloween prank. However, it also serves as a reminder of how people can be swayed by false information. It's important to be critical of what we hear and to seek out multiple sources of information.
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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 theountouring of second-rate promises 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:

**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, their vocals 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 year's Romi Size double CD album, it is a transformation from the familiar shdish, 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 instrumentals, trumpet, saxophone, drums, bass, guitar, piano. Each track is a tangible and audible representation of Grooverider universe. Fitting, to say the very least.

-Mercedes McElmurry

**LTJ Bukem**

Featuring 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 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, technologically yet spiritual style of music to the people.

-Mercedes McElmurry

**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 sensuous saxophone, trumpet, classic drums, hammering guitar strings and soulful vocals. This band has got it all. Funkasm is a combination of disco, jazz and 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 look at it like it is, the way Big Shirley do, life would be simpler. For that reason, we have music that helps 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 get this CD.

-Marc Spindel

**John Coltrane**

My Favorite Things

(Atlantic)

Sitting here for more than 13 minutes, staring 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 ivories? Do I talk in the third person of the way how the album, especially "My Favorite Things," sends its listener into a crack in space and time.
The Wrestler

House

"Body

Mos Def

jazzman's courage. All of these

point: me.

the first track,

ly a double reference to commercials

irony with the title

be hard pressed to find a more revo­

author's of popular song, but you'd

standards: Rodgers and

of the tradition. Not a single compo­

the changing of the guard from tradi­

things and I could make no mention

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can harm them? I could say all these

where neither cynicism or ignorance

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his cool. Half point you, half point

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next in line drops the name of the

'chiquita dude.' (I have no idea what

it this may mean. Sweden's a very iso­

lated place. TV may be but hotly resists) 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 lunatics 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 neurons. "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 penseau? 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 harassed lonely

Brunswick pins, even a punk rocker

wielding a banana like a gun, like a

soldier of Andy Warhol. Its the kind

of punk rock familiar enough to call

it pop - I bet Millencolin would be

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Lead Stories

*An October Los Angeles Times story described the coming-of-age ritual in the Efe community of Nigeria, in which young girls endure several weeks in "fattening rooms," in which they are intensively overfed and undernourished so that they avoid the stigma of being thin, which is potential suitors indicate sickness and infertility. "Beauty is in the weight," said a 50-year-old mother who was herself sent to a fattening room at age 7. Said a village chief, "(P)eople might leave (our) ancestry if (parents) didn't have money to allow (their) child to pass through (this) rite of passage."

*In October, The New York Times reported on the emerging mental health condition of "platooning," which describes problems incurred by some Portuguese users who become unsettled at their newfound happiness. Such people typically grieve for their former selves because, in the words of a writer who has overcome depression, "The most fundamental aspect of yourself (unhappiness) has been ripped away."

*In December, the Associated Press published an article about the drinking of the water surrounding a healing-powered turtle, which describes problems incurred by some Prozac users who become unsettled at their newfound happiness. Such people typically grieve for their former selves because, in the words of a writer who has overcome depression, "The most fundamental aspect of yourself (unhappiness) has been ripped away."

Magic Animals

An October Associated Press dispatch reported that about 1,000 people turned out on a Sunday night on a hillside above Lake Atitlan, in Guatemala, to witness a 17-by-17-foot rock formation that resembles a toad. The rubbing is said to bring success in love, the lottery and health.

*In February, the Associated Press reported that a wealthy family in Washington, D.C., purchased a fighting chicken from a third man when they couldn't get one from the rooster that belonged to the "dragon baby" who brings good luck to anyone so poor, thousands of people who touch her. (Also in Cambodian."

*In May, pigeons have been roosting in attic, apparently unused since

Life Imitates Barney Fife

In July, eight inmates escaped from the jail in Rayong, Thailand, during the time that all guards were busy watching the World Cup on TV. A driver was late, and police found McCown waiting on the side of the road. McCown, who had been on parole for robbing a pizza shop, attempted to escape but said it was a "great try."

*In September, the Baltimore Sun reported in September that for a 12-month period in 1995-96, the "special education" office for students with learning difficulties of the city school system gave away holiday issues and electronic appliances to 2,400 students in consolation prizes for the system's failure to educate them. Some of the students are functionally illiterate, but nearly 50 received prize certificates worth at least $5,000, with three students getting $5,000 worth. Some students requested equivalent value in job-training, but were turned down in favor of TV sets, stereos and fax machines (and computers that they did not know how to use).

Air Travel Ain't the Same

In October, according to medical tests, Khy Hardy, 6, was bitten by a poisonous taipan snake, and he and his mother were taken to a hospital after he reassured her that he was not going to die. A lawyer in Clinton County, N.Y., was fired for rigging one of the closed-circuit monitors to carry the final episode of "Judge Judy" in May, even though there were no infractions.

Government in Action

*In June, astounded workers remodeling City Hall in Echo, Ore., ventured into the 4,000-square-foot attic, apparently unused 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."

*In July, the city of West Haven, Conn., installed a flashing "No sine Law Strictly Enforced" sign in order to encourage tranquility on the three-mile drive along the city's picturesque coastline. Several hours later, the mayor observed that the generator that powered it was making too much noise.

*In August, a going-away party for retiring U.S. Postmaster General Marvin Runyon in May, estimated to cost $8,200, by the board of directors and budgeted at $8,200, according to a Freedom of Information Act request, came in at $20,000. Included were a video of Runyon's career and travel expenses for 8306, estimated to cost $120,000. Runyon, asked about it by NBC News, called the cost "unfortunate," but said it was a "great party."

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Lease Competent Criminals

Roger McCown, 25, was arrested in Toledo, Ohio, in October after a series of misfires during two robberies. At a convenience store, securing for six police, McCown tried to cut the power cord to disable the cash register, only to receive a nasty electrical shock. Then, after asking for a bag to put the money in, he confessed when faced with the clerk's demand, "Paper or plastic?"

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Recurring Themes

Police in Cookeville, Tenn., arrested state senator and Light- Traveler Reporter in October and charged him with the murder of his opponent, incumbent Tommy Burns. News of the Weird reported earlier intercontinental gunfire in Florida in 1992, when challenger Erik Kaplan did a drive-by shooting on state Rep. Bob Stack's home in Maitland, wounding Mrs. Stack.

Least Justifiable Homicides

A 28-year-old woman in Winnipeg, Manitoba, was shot to death in August, and a 36-year-old man was shot but survived near Williamsburg, Ky., in July, after arguments over animals. The Winnipeg woman's husband shot (but survived) near the dog after arguments over animals. The Winnipeg woman's husband shot (but survived) near the dog after arguments over animals. The Winnipeg woman's husband shot (but survived) near the dog after arguments over animals. The Winnipeg woman's husband shot (but survived) near the dog after arguments over animals. The Winnipeg woman's husband shot (but survived) near the dog after arguments over animals. The Winnipeg woman's husband shot (but survived) near the dog after arguments over animals. The Winnipeg woman's husband shot (but survived) near the dog after arguments over animals.
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By VICKI DESORMIER
Staff Writer

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Yo quiero
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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 peppers for food, the prices are very affordable, compared to some other local Mexican eateries. 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 sauces in the world. They have Habanero and red pepper sauces. But the Endrophoric Rush sauce is made with mace, 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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Season doesn't end with Auburn

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Illinois. One game should not mean this much, but it does, leaving Kruczek in the uncomfortably predicated position 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, why 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 LouisianaTech. Last week, Auburn took now 10th-ranked Arkansas to the wire, succumbing 24-21. With questions of the real reasons behind Bowden's resignation engulfing the program, it's Homecoming on the plains. Traditions die hard. Auburn has 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 the game. Should the Knights lose 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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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 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 hopes of making it through the tournament. The first stepping stone for UCF comes on Friday when they face the winner of the Florida Atlantic-Mercer game.

“We played both teams this season,” Winch said. “Our games with FAU have always been close games, and we’ve played them twice before this year. FAU hammered Mercer 6-0, so I’m hoping Mercer comes out and has some pride and plays them tough.”

If the Knights make it past their semifinal match-up, they could face a tough team in the tournament. The first stepping stone for UCF coming out of the tournament is a victory over Jacksonville. The first stepping stone for the Knights as a one seed ahead of the Knights as a tournament host is Jacksonville. The first stepping stone for the Knights coming out of the tournament is a victory over Jacksonville.

UCF leads the Knights with 23 goals and 16 assists. The men’s soccer team has their return to form for the Knights to be one notch above the previous year’s in their 12-6 record. The Knights have their work cut out for them to advance to the NCAA play-in game.

UCF will be looking to improve upon their last visit to the TAAC Tournament in 1996, when they lost 2-1 against Campbell. Winch expressed that winning the conference tournament doesn’t secure a NCAA bid, as unlike the women, the TAAC champion receives no automatic bid.

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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 next 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) is out for the TAAC Tournament because of an ankle injury," 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 and have momentum coming into the first TAAC title in six years. Fifth TAAC title in six years.

"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 O'Brien 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 (Willsby) to control our midfield and dictate what happens for us offensively."

Richter understands that to reach the final, she has to do it close and play a lot of minutes.

"No player on the squad has been a part of the TAAC Tournament before," Richter said. "We're going to win the conference tournament, which puts us in the NCAA Tournament. That's the ultimate goal."

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.
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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 90 yards on carries against YSU. "We're both a gap between the two tailbacks. We're both good backs, so it's a good situation to have."

"Eddie just because he's doing well," Mack said. "It's a great situation to have. The whole backfield is interest- ing in the whole segment doing well. There are a lot of good team player in there and they're all excited for each other and we want it to be competitive."

Gooch stresses teamwork and camaraderie to UCF's running backs, something they firmly believe in, according to Mack. The two-back rotation between Mack and Grant should pay dividends for UCF as it makes it's final bowl game push.

"I can't accomplish anything if I'm bickering and arguing with Mike," Mack said. "We go out together, he has a chance, he does his, I go out, I just do mine. To see yourself go out there and really be executing, it's just great. [The rotation] gives us a chance to rest, but at the same time, to go out and really have fun playing the game. You can't get too tired, it's not like you're sitting on the sideline waiting, so us sharing time is good.

As a tailback, Grant races through holes in opposing defensive lines to make defenders miss. Mack, on the other hand, creates holes by spinning past would-be tacklers, earning the nickname "Tornado" among UCF players. Get Grant a nickname and they may just don caps and fly off together as a dynamic duo. Teamwork has become the doctrine of the backfield.

"Even if I'm not doing good, I'm not going to get mad at Eddie just because he's doing good," Grant said. "It just makes me practice harder and get out and do what I can so when we're both playing good, it just helps the team even more."

Edward Mack had been contemplating a move to the secondary next season, but his production at tailback may change his plans.

Holding on to the football was Grant's main problem, while Mack's inspired play came at the most opportune of times. However, after one game with only two carries, Grant, as if the position were a fumbled football, picked it back up and ran with it.

For Grant and Mack, last Saturday's win against Youngstown State helped bridge a gap between the two tailbacks. As a one-two punch in the 44-32 victory, they combined for 169 rushing yards on 26 carries and one touchdown. Most importantly, the performance seemed to erase any question of a tailback controversy.

"Well can outside and catch passes... it's wonderful," said Mack, last season's starter. "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.

Grant rebounded two weeks later against Toledo with a 22 carry, 101 yard, one TD performance, but his fumble in UCF's 38-17 win against Northern Illinois prompted a change from coach Mike Krzyzewski. Mack was inserted as the starter against Southwestern Louisiana and YSU, supplanting Grant. Mack responded against USL with a career high 85 yards on 10 carries, pushing Grant to perform his best.

"Eddie came in and had a real good game, so that put a little fire behind me to practice harder last week and go out and show the coaches I wanted to be the starter out here," said Grant, who gained 90 yards on carries against YSU. "But we both ran good (today). Everybody in the backfield is of real good character, real good guys. So it's not an ego thing. If one player does good, we're definitely, everybody, going to give him his support."

Running backs coach Alan Gooch said Mack's performance against NIU (13 carries, 82 yards, 1 TD) warranted his start at USL. The starter against next week's opponent, Auburn, will be chosen through each player's performance and consistency in practice, something Mack likes to see.

"Well just keep the competition going and it's a good situation to have," Gooch said. "Obviously, they're pushing themselves, you've always got a fresh pair of legs in there, and they're both good backs, so it's a great situation to have. The whole backfield is interesting in the whole segment doing well. There are a lot of good team player in there and they're all excited for each other and we want it to be competitive."

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Open 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 Knight 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 Daunte's first reads were over the middle to get a lot more yards," said receiver Siaha 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. Daunte did his job. 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 Nonnant catching eight balls for 92 yards, 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. Daunte 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 don't get a lot of credit, but they are out there making it possible for us to do well."

Despite small injuries to Cornell Green, Freddie Moore, and Marcus Jenkins the line overcame those problems with the depth provided by Kurt Baumann and Ahmed El-Hawary. 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 points 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," Knuckez 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 Josten 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 their eighth game both times.

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

Record watch

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Rodriguez's streak of 17.5 consecutive games of being in the UCF record books.

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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 attained 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 it for a touchdown to cut the lead to 38-32. UCF coach Mike Kruczek said the double pass was a good call gone bad.

“I still think it’s a good call,” Kruczek said. “How many times did we throw the bubble screen before we threw the [double pass]? Eight, seven times? It was a third-down situation where they were chasing it hard and [Leister] got his arm hit. We just didn’t protect it. It backfired and it gave them seven points.”

The game posed several concerns for the Knights defensively as well, as the team broke from their recent trend and allowed more second half yards (192) than it did in the first half (135). That inability to slow YSU’s offense is disturbing, defensive tackle Marc Richardson said, considering the Knights face Auburn next Saturday. Auburn totaled 315 yards in its 24-21 loss to No.10 Arkansas last Saturday, including 235 passing yards.

“Auburn is 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 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 put 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 hasn’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 touchdowns 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 26 carries one touchdown. YSU’s zone coverage of UCF receivers Slaha Burley, 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 to motivate UCF’s players to avenge 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 been doing... one 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.

“Now 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. Dameayne Craig and Takes Spike, the offensive and defensive leaders of last year’s Tiger squad, are gone, as is head coach Terry Bowden, who resigned last week in an unexpected announcement amid controversy. Still, one thing remains the same. The Tigers are the favorite, while UCF is still the young program hunting for a big-time win. How do the Knights chances appear to be much better.

“Brother” Bill Elliott has taken over for Bowden and has Auburn playing inspired football. The team won at a spacer against Louisiana Tech, 32-17, last week. Auburn gave then 12th-ranked Arkansas all it could handle, losing 24-21. Without Craig, the Tigers have funded the quarterback position over to freshman Gabe Gross, who has produced better than sophomore Ben Leard, who initially replaced Craig to start the season. Tailbacks Demontay Carter and Andre Banks are young, but coming along nicely as Oliver has decided to put the majority of the responsibility for Auburn’s offensive resurgence on their shoulders.

“They have to guys who can roll back there. We recruited Carter out of Pensacola up in the panhandle. He’s a great running back with tremendous speed. If he ever gets clear he’s tough to bring down, tough to chase down. I don’t think we’ve seen anybody with his capabilities 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 of 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 the eighth best in the country. Defensive lineman Jimmy Hibbing is out for the season, with a ruptured patella. Solicits and Spikes is now starting for the Cincinnati Bengals, but plenty of talent remains. Redshirt freshman linebackers James Culter and Trevor Thompson are first and third on the team in tackles, while returnees Leonardo Carson and Charles Dorsey anchor the line. Dorsey, who is 6-foot-2 and weighs 291 pounds will be a huge problem for the UCF offensive line, mainly because of his size. Dorsey is mobile enough to pressure 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 quality guys, but our guys are a year older, a year stronger, a year more mature in the offense confidence-wise,” 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 fumble. It’s a chess match.”

Edward Mack, and Mike Grant have settled into their running back platoon. 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.

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What the Golden Knights have been able to do over the past three seasons is astounding. Coach Mike Kruczek took a difficult situation and has made UCF’s season the most glorious in school history. Culpepper continues to amaze and has shot at two national records. If one loss can spoil all that, there is something wrong with collegiate athletics.

There is a lot of pressure on the Knights to win and validate themselves as a top-notch, up and coming program. Although Culpepper has already secured a prosperous future in the NFL, there will be whispers should he not be able to beat a high profile opponent. The offense, ranked third in the country, won’t get the credit they deserve because ‘experts’ will feel they padded their stats against the likes of Southwestern Louisiana and Eastern...

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