Patton/Cupicha win run-off elections

Winning ticket receives 1,447 votes, opponents, 1,198

Shelley Wilson
Staff writer

Darin Patton and Andrew Cupicha won the run-off elections last week to become the next Student Government president and vice president.

Their ticket received 1,447 votes, while the Jaime Halscott/Charlie Lee ticket received 1,198 votes.

The campaign staff for both tickets tried to inform students about the candidates and encouraged them to vote.

"The students have been very responsive to the elections and usually take the advertisements and brochures about the candidates," said Dallas McDonald, a campaign worker for the Halscott/Lee ticket.

"There is hardly any negativity from the students and if they have any questions, I try to direct them to the candidates," sophomore Chuck Guilianumbard helped campaign for the Patton/Cupicha ticket.

"I want to make sure that people voted because these are their elections," he said. "I briefly answer some platform questions, but a lot of information is in the brochures, which I also hand them."

State passes student government budget

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Staff writer

The addendum budget passed in October by the Student Senate was passed last week by the State University System of Florida. The budget was sent to the University Budget Office on Feb. 24. Budget Office officials are yet to review the proposal.

"We saw there was sufficient funds for the projects the university wants to do at $750,000. It was signed and is on its way to the university," said Ron Stubbs, the director of Budgets for the State University System.

An addendum budget is not an addition, but a means to use all resources for additional projects that were not allocated in the yearly budget. James Smith explains the comparison to a personal budget.

"If you had a bill you were expecting to pay and then you turned in the merchandise, you would have extra cash to spend," he said. "The budget is

UCF celebrates March-Women's History Month

Nicole King
News editor

A speech about homelessness, a forum on domestic violence, and a panel discussion hosted by three Puerto Rican activists, two who have been jailed for their efforts, are just a few of the events planned for March in honor of Women's History Month.

"The overall purpose is to make visible the presence of women in history," said Dr. Shelley Park, director of the Women's Studies Program. "Up until the last decade, textbooks used in schools didn't give much visibility to women.

"The events are largely about raising awareness about women's contributions and achievements in history. The Puerto Rican panel will bring awareness to issues not normally recognized like activism."

Dr. Nolene Barlow, a chair on the Women's Studies Executive Committee, said even the advertisements for the events will raise awareness among students.

"Even if students don't get to go, they will see what women are doing," Barlow said. "It's time for

The Knowledge Tree

UCF student, Julie Federico, enjoys the cooler weather last week by studying in a tree near the Fine Arts Building.

Student Spotlight

Our question of the week (pg 9) is also featured online at ucffuture.com

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Beth Shaw  CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Many students entering college are unaware of the programs that their university has to offer. Freshmen and transfer students are often lost and confused on the first day. These problems can be solved with the help of the UCF Campus Tours Program.

The Campus Tours Program offers tours to students Monday through Friday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. No appointments are needed and tours are seldom canceled. These tours provide a way for parents and students to help students who are trained to know about the school and its activities. They are given a special tour guide manual. The guides also learn more about UCF at retreats, which they attend three times a year.

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"I love working with new and incoming students," said tour guide Greg Auerback.
Program features virtual Women's Center website

Crowns to change SG image

President-elect vow to change SG image

Rodriguez. "I don't see plans that past administrations of Student Government have made going into effect and changing for the better to represent students," he said.

Student Body President-Elect Darin Patton said he wants to change the way students see Student Government. The election, he said, is a signal of that.

"I was pleasantly surprised to see the number of students that voted in the run-off elections as nearly as high as the regular elections," he said. "Hopefully we can continue that interest in this organization and change the image by setting higher standards for the people involved."

Patton also said that without his campaign staff he probably wouldn't have been elected.

"First and foremost, people made this ticket and helped this campaign," Patton said. "They worked very hard and long hours to be there for this ticket, the student body, and the election as a whole. I'm looking forward to serving the students."

Darin Patton and Andrew Cupicha will be inducted as the new administration at the Student Government banquet held on April 24.
Shamrock Dance set for March 11

KELLY BRYANT
STAFF WRITER

Kappa Delta sorority will be hosting its third annual Shamrock Dance Competition on March 11. The contest will feature fraternities and sororities competing against one another in various choreographed dance routines. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Auditorium. All money raised will benefit Kappa Delta's philanthropy.

IN OTHER NEWS FROM GREEK ROW:

• Delta Delta Delta and Chi Omega are the winners of the Greek Week T-shirt design contest. Each fraternity and sorority was asked to sketch a logo for this year's T-shirt. The winners will receive a 20 percent discount on its order. The logo reads, "One Common Bond," reminding Greeks of the reason behind the work to unite the organizations and have fun.

• "Greeks Speak" held a two-hour discussion for National Eating Disorders Awareness Week on Feb. 25. The forum allowed students to discuss how eating disorders affect the Greek community and what can be done to change it.

• The block party scheduled for Greek Row on March 6 has been postponed until further notice. Panhelenaic Social Chair Daria Burbush said she is looking at dates for next fall that would better accommodate all of the organizations and allow the largest turn-out possible.

• Winners of the different Greek Week competitions, such as skit night, tug of war, and service points, will be announced at the annual awards barbecue to be held at Lake Claire on March 5.

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A: "Yes, especially since so many warnings have been put out about it and that it has happened several times. Just when you think it might be okay, they tell you not to drink it again."

—Alison Turley, 19, sophomore, elementary education

"I wouldn’t drink the water from the fountains here because of the warnings put up about the lead and copper in the water. I’m not sure what a dangerous level of those metals is, but I would rather not take the chance."

—Dean Moniz, 21, junior, microbiology

"Not really."

—Leroy Richards, 18, freshman, computer engineering

"I’m not afraid to drink the water, but I am more cautious when drinking the water now. Some buildings with signs warning about high levels of certain substances in the water definitely cause ‘alarm bells,’ so I don’t drink from those buildings."

—Sachin Patel, 19, sophomore, biology

"Yes, whenever I’m on campus I drink Coke or Pepsi. It’s just safer."

—Bob Messinger, 16, freshman, business administration

"I’m not afraid to drink the water, but I do try to avoid drinking it. I was especially annoyed living in the dorms last year and having to buy bottled water when I was paying for housing here."

—Sara L. Reese, 20, sophomore, pre-physical therapy

"Yes, because it has lead in it. which can make you very sick."

—Joe Hilton, 19, freshman, vocal performance
Study abroad program offered for Puerto Rico

Nicole King
News Editor

A program to study in Puerto Rico during the 1999 Summer term is available to students. The program, which is open to all qualified students of Florida universities, has an educational approach. A meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on March 5 in the Education Building, Room 119. For additional information, contact Maria E. Blanes at 823-5443.

In Other News:

• The John T. Washington Awards Banquet will be held April 22. Two scholarships will be awarded to two college students and one to a youth from the community. Washington was the first African-American to gain tenure at UCF. For more information, contact the African-American Studies Program in HFA Room 201.

• Spring graduation ceremonies will be held on May 8, 1999, at the UCF Arena. The times of the ceremonies and the amount of tickets available vary as to the college:
  - College of Arts and Sciences—8 a.m., 5 tickets
  - College of Business Administration—noon, 7 tickets
  - Colleges of Education and Engineering—3:30 p.m., 6 tickets
  - College of Health and Public Affairs—7:30 p.m., 6 tickets

Tickets must be ordered between April 12 and April 17. Caps and gowns may be ordered at campus bookstores from March 3-12. Students at the main campus may pick up their tickets at the UCF Bookstore between April 26 and May 1. A photo ID is required. Candidates from the other campuses may pick up their tickets at the area campus. Students at Daytona Beach can contact the Administrative Services Office for tickets, and Brevard students can contact the BCC Bookstore.

• The UCF Downtown Academic Center is hosting 4 seminars during March, each from noon to 1 p.m.
  - “Dream Interpretation” with Dr. Burton Blau on March 5. Blau, an associate professor of psychology at UCF, will discuss the misconceptions about dream interpretation.
  - “Of Mice and Men: The Opera” on March 10. A preview and discussion of the opera with the Orlando Opera staff.
  - “An Introduction to Central Florida Theatre” on March 23 with Terry Olson, executive director of the Central Florida Theatre Alliance. An introduction to the theatrical performances available to the public in Central Florida.
  - “Social Services for Working Class Women in Orlando: A Historical Perspective” on March 26 with Kari Fredericksen, assistant professor in UCF’s History Department. The seminar will focus on urban growth in Orange County in the 1920s and the women who founded the early social service organizations in Orlando.

• The following items will be on display during March in the Library:
  1. “Arabesque” by Professor Ragda Kurdy of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
  2. “Celebrating Women’s Lives: Women’s History Month 1998” by Dr. Shelley Park and Carine Desroches of the Women’s Studies Program
  3. “UCF celebrates leadership” by Edward Hampton, interim director of the LEAD Scholars Program
  4. “Animal Liberation” by Greg Rivers, president of the Campus Action for Animals
  5. “Making a Difference through Social Work” by Dr. Mary Van Hook, director of the School of Social Work
  6. “Celebrating Caribbean Unity” by David Steele and Shaina Smith of the Caribbean Student Association

• The UCF Alumni Association is offering 14 different scholarships for students. The deadline for applications is March 26. To pick up an application, stop by the Alumni Relations Office in the Administration Building, Room 340 or call UCF-ALUM.
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This one-night cinematic event includes screening of the short films Busk and Organ Cranker and ends with a Q & A session with Funkytown director (and writer of the hit '80s song of the same name) Steven Greenberg and producer Scott Turk.

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Glycerin mascot—
Too much of a priss

JANA S. JACOBS  CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As a recent transfer student from Tallahassee, I'd seen the spectacle of college football. Half the fun of going to the games is watching the bands, cheerleaders and mascots. UCF has all of those things, and a big cannon. One of our mascots, however, could use some serious re-education. Glycerin, Knightro's dainty little sidekick, needs a feminist makeover.

For those unfamiliar with the little sweetheart, Glycerin, the female version of a golden knight prances around the sidelines, pinkies up. Her costume includes a bow on her helmet, big animated red lips, a frilly little skirt and a breastplate that is, by all. This school was founded in 1963, during the forefront of the feminist movement fought to bring recognition to society's objectification of women. Society began to realize that characters like Betty Boop and Barbie set unrealistic expectations and should not be emulated by anyone. Yet, in spite of this, UCF decided, during the enlightened '90s no less, that Knightro needed a woman. A masoch was born and since she's a woman, she should be cute, petite and frilly.

However she came into existence, this is what the female student and athlete has to identify with. It's not a bad idea to have a female knight for a mascot. If her features were animated to suggest strength rather than prissiness, then she would be acceptable. It seems to me that if there were female knights, they would be substantial looking women, able to compete in a man's forum.

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Imagine what could be accomplished if all those beauty queens took some of the time spent on their appearance and devoted it toward furthering their studies and applying what they've learned to make a real difference in the world. They are, after all, in college to enhance themselves intellectually, not physically.

So to all the "clothes horses" out there, it's lute and you're about to go to bed because you have an 8:30 class in the morning. You're planning on jumping out of bed, showering, getting dressed and going. Do you set your alarm clock for 5:45 a.m. or 8 a.m.? The choice is yours. Tomorrow is a new day. Try a new way.

Dressed to annoy

LINDSEY HIRCHFIELD  COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

Brush my teeth, do my hair, grab a quick bite and get my butt to class on time. I can't imagine what time some of my "fashion setter" classmates must be getting up. It must take hours to put themselves together so they can end up looking like Fourth of July fireworks over the Statue of Liberty. I am sure they awake when it's still dark outside. That, of course, would explain why they dress so brightly. And some of their outfits could use volume-control knobs they're so loud.

The effort wasted on getting "dressed-to-kill" in order to sit in class and learn could be dramatically more rewarding if it was spent on preparing intellectually for the very same class that is blessed by their "haute couture" of the day.

Many people who over-dress for class are really hiding behind their fancy clothes. They want to draw attention to themselves, trying in some superficial way to boost their own self-esteem. Some of their outfits are okay, it's when they get carried away that it becomes offensive or uncomfortable for the rest of us.

"Once in awhile dressing up is okay, but mini-skirts and high heels are not necessary. Who are these people to impose?" one female student asked. "It's disgusting to over-do it. The natural look in clothing is more preferable," a male student said.

The only impression these people are creating is exactly what they are trying to create - an impression! Don't they see what everybody else sees? Or is the mascara too thick for them to see through? Georgia Armani's morning habits in Paris and not on a college campus. What are fashion queens thinking? Or maybe that's the problem. Are they thinking at all?

Time is precious. People who devote themselves to broadening their minds will undoubtedly project a much more beautiful person than today's fashion trends can. While I have nothing against taking pride in appearance and being well-groomed, I do have a problem when appearance becomes the primary focus of a person's day. We can not pre-judge people just because they dress up. Nevertheless, the mere fact that they are taking so much extra time to dress up indicates to me what their heads are.

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The dark side of perversion

When you combine the directorial style of Joel Schumacher (Batman and Robin, The Lost Boys, Falling Down) with the screenwriting of Andrew Kevin Walker (Se7en), you can be rest assured that you aren’t going to get two hours of sunshine. What is surprising is that their collaboration, 8MM, has as much intellect and moralistic drama as it does.

We first meet private eye Tom Welles (Nicolas Cage, in a performance that is more honed than in his previous effort, Snake Eyes) as he’s relaying his findings to a senator that her husband is sleeping around. The actions that take place on this small piece of celluloid are shown by Schumacher as the private eye looks on. And yet, Schumacher leaves enough unseen or unfo­cused so that the viewer is forced to tap into the dark corners of the imagination.

Schumacher’s method pervades throughout. What could easily have beenexploitationa­l, sleazy fare is given a matter-of­ fact aura. Yes, there is nudity shown in the various films researched by Welles as he tries to locate those that he believes are responsible. Yes, there is also plentiful gore in some of the more perverse pieces. And yet he avoids the overloaded darkness of the film, and indeed that of the villains’ m.o., are so palpable that even when it’s high noon, the film seems dimly lighted, and not because of the photographic effects. Also helping Schumacher is a top-flight cast. Joaquin Phoenix, as a struggling musician/porn store clerk, gives the film whatever humor it has.

Nicolas Cage participates in the spring fraternity rush in the new suspense thriller 8MM.
B.W. EARL  
staff writer

This is not what you'll remember when you exit the theatre. There is sure to be a few quick jabs between De Niro and Crystal that'll stick with you after the credits end. But, more importantly than that, you'll leave Analyze This with a smile on your face. And that, by itself, is something that a lot of films can't accomplish.

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Fox's 'That '70s Show' succeeds on smarts

Manuel Mendoza
College Press Exchange

On the cusp of their first sexual experiences, the teen-agers on Fox's deceptively brilliant sitcom "That '70s Show" are understandably preoccupied with the implications of doing the deed.

"You know the girls at school that do it, like, all the time?" good-girl Donna recently asked the looser Jackie. "Is it just me or do they seem more relaxed?"

Is it just me, or do the producers of this "retro-comedy" seem more relaxed, too? Their attitude toward young people is more sympathetic and realistic than in the teen-oriented WB network's "Dawson's Creek" and "Felicity" combined.

The kids on "That '70s Show" drink beer, smoke pot, regularly use the three-letter word for buttocks and occasionally lie, cheat and steal. But that doesn't mean they're bad kids; they're just teen-agers, and human, too. How would you expect them to act in their hormone-impaired state?

This liberal take on youth high jinks could be controversial, especially in an era when the forces of "zero tolerance" are loose in the land—and, briefly, it was.

TV critics viewing the first episode last summer got up in arms about a scene depicting the aftermath of a toking session. "That '70s Show" is so dang smart—and funny.

By setting the series in the Me Decade, they're able to convey an air of nostalgic innocence around "scrummy little neighborhood boy" Eric Forman (Topher Grace) and his circle of friends.

Hanging out in his basement, Eric is surrounded by the witlessly cool Michael Kelso (Ashton Kutcher) and his snazzy girlfriend Jackie Burkhart (Mila Kunis); cool Michael Kelso's (Ashton Kutcher) and his snazzy girlfriend Jackie Burkhart (Mila Kunis); the faux-hipster radical who's never without his shades; Fez (Wilmer Valderrama), the show's "Foreign Man" and outside interpreter of American culture; and Donna Pinciotti (Laura Prepon), the attractive girl-next-door who's Eric's love interest and then some.

Because it's a comedy, "That '70s Show" can play with the characterizations of the kids and their parents. Eric is intelligent, but he can be a ditz when it comes to Donna's "signals"; Kelso is generally a dummy, except a couple of weeks ago he instantly solved a math problem in his head; and cool-man Hyde, always acting like he knows everything about women, has never had a girlfriend.

That kind of misdirection is used just as effectively with the parents, especially Red (Kurtwood Smith) and Kitty Forman (Debra Jo Raup), Eric's uptight-on-the-inside, all-knowing-on-the-inside parents.

In fact, the only characters who aren't really "with it" are Donna's fast-hipster parents, Bob Pinciotti (Don Stark), who wears an Afro, and his spiritually searching wife, Midge (former Charlie's Angel Tanya Roberts).

"I don't have time to be an empowered woman," Kitty tells Midge. "I'm too busy running this house."

The relationship between Eric and his parents is especially touching, with Kitty playing the protector to Red's disciplinarian.

In one episode, Kitty tried to force Red to become "friends" with his son. Both became suspicious.

When Red, trying to please Kitty, asked Eric, "What happened at school today?" the boy's response was, "Why, what'd you hear?"

In the end, Red balances his hardened attitude with a well-developed understanding of what it's like to be a kid. One minute, he's taking away Eric's driving privileges because he scratched the Vista Cruiser, the next he's telling him not to leave town with the car because he knows that's exactly what his son will do.

All this warmly funny humor comes across snappily because of the way the scripts are timed with lots of "bad-um-dum" pauses, dashing eyes and uncomfortable shifting.

The brisk pace is also aided by the Formans' leftist comedy jam, which uses slapstick traditions including smiley faces, fake black-and-white public-service announcements and photos of era icons such as Dorothy Hamill lip-syncing iconic era songs to bridge the scenes.

Those who are late on the bandwagon better jump aboard soon. The series, which has been on since August, will end its first season in three weeks. In absentia, its legend is only bound to grow.

Or as Jackie put it to Donna when she found out that her friend was considering going on the pill, "You're going to be so popular!"

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If you are looking to clear your mind and relax yourself, look no further than saxophone genius Boney James’ latest album, Body Language. With James’ previous recordings earning four Top 3 NAC singles, two Top 20 Urban AC singles and a Soul Train Music Award, Body Language has a lot to live up to and does a good job doing just that. Tracks such as “I’ll Always Love You” featuring vocals from platinum selling R&B group Shi and pure instrumental songs like “Lovestruck” and “Bedtime Story” clearly define this album as another masterpiece from James. His sound can be compared to Kenny G. According to Boney’s, “The music has to speak for itself, that is why I chose Body Language as the title; body language is all about non-verbal communication.” Verbally or non-verbally, Body Language is a language that anyone can understand.

--Michelle Caswell

BUILT TO SPILL
Keep It Like A Secret
(Warner Bros)

Built to Spill’s fourth album, Keep it Like a Secret, is something I fell in love with the minute I heard the first track, “The Pain.” Lead vocalist and guitarist Doug Martsch’s poppy vocals and impulsive music clearly defines the indie-pop sound. Every song offers a unique sound, ranging from the melodic groove of “Elle” to the bubble-gum pop of “Center of the Universe.” Compared to the sounds of Weezer and Modest Mouse, Built to Spill is going to be one of those bands that define a music genre.

Martsch’s individuality and catchy lyrics would strike interest in most music lovers. Although a great number of rock bands do not come out of Martsch’s hometown of Boise, Idaho, Built to Spill had proven themselves as a talented band. With Keep it Like a Secret being their most ingenious, Martsch and gang are gaining respect not only with fans but with fellow musicians as well. Thurston Moore of Sonic Youth and Elliott Smith (you may recognize his music from the movie, Good Will Hunting) compliment Built to Spill’s newest album for their originality and distinction.

--Michelle Caswell

Nevermore
Dreaming Neon Black
(Century Media)

One of only a handful of non-grunge bands in the Seattle area, Nevermore takes old school Thrash and Power Metal and gives it a modern twist. Their third album Dreaming Neon Black is Heavy Metal perfection. Like the cover suggests this is the kind of record that grabs you, pulls you in, and doesn’t want to let go. The guitars are so heavy that they make Korn sound like Matchbox 20. Guitarists Jeff looms and Tim Culvert don’t play the same riff for five minutes, instead they balance the aggression with melody and acoustic guitars. Drummer Van Williams can rival any Death Metal drummer in the aggregation department. Singer Warrel Dane takes full advantage of his vocal range without overdoing it or making animal noises. Do yourself a favor and sell Loud and Rotated and buy Dreaming so you can listen to some real metal for a change.

--Ramiro Vazquez

Videodrome
(No, not the David Cronenberg movie)
(Reprise)

First of all I want to thank Korn for not signing bands that rip them off (“Roadrunner does enough of that already). The second CD on Korn’s label starts with “Ty Jonathan Down” which seems like it was written to fool all the Korn kids into buying the CD. Korn-man Jonathan Davis shares vocals and the song sounds like Prodigy imitating Korn. “Ty…” is the only song that sounds like this. The rest of the CD sounds like a boring wannabe God Lives Underwater New Wave/Industrial project. The only highlight is “Alone” which features Fred Durst of Limp Bizquit and sounds like really cheap booty music. It’s better to watch the movie than listen to the band that ripped the name off.

--Ramiro Vazquez
Lead Stories

- An December, a deer hunter on upstate Nantucket Island, Mass., stumbled across the hutch that leads to the 8-by-8-by-7-foot-deep underground squat said he built years ago when he was on the lam from drug charges in Italy. Johnson's apartment has a cot, a plastic floor, walls lined with books and tapes, a makeshift shower and toilet, and no windows. According to local authorities, several buildings code violations. Johnson, a painter-carpenter by trade, said he shudders at Nantucket and similar residences in four other states.

- Researchers at a large Russian biological and medical center told New Scientist magazine in December that they had begun work on breeding a combination of bacteria that would not only decompose the human waste accumulated on space shuttles, but will even decompose cosmonauts' cotton underwear and produce enough methane in the process to help power the spacecraft. One of the space station Mir's 1997 catastrophes was caused by the weight of the capsule carrying dirty laundry.

Leading Economic Indicators

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- Compelling Explanations

  Graham W. Davis, 34, was indicted in Solidota, Alaska, in September for murdering his cousin, Gregory M. Wilkinson. The grand jury rejected Davis' motion of evidence that he would not find Wilkinson on the floor, twitching from a self-inflicted gunshot, and rather than call 911, decided that the human thing to do was to finish him off. 

  - An interview with the 8-by-8-by-7-foot-deep underground squat, said he built for his family in the 1990s. In October, the owner of the property, John Davis, told New Scientist magazine in October that the average flaccid Brazilian penis is 4 inches long, but will even decompose cosmonauts' cotton underwear and produce enough methane in the process to help power the spacecraft. One of the space station Mir's 1997 catastrophes was caused by the weight of the capsule carrying dirty laundry.

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- Least Competent People

  Quadriplegic Louis Berrios, 32, filed a lawsuit in December in New York City against Our Lady of Mercy Hospital for a June incident in which doctors turned him over to police because they thought his X-rays showed a backpack. In October, police arrested an irate maid in a New York City apartment who had been arrested in a previous incident and was again arrested in October because of the bag of suspicious herbs found in his car. (Rather than charge him with mere careless driving, police kept him in jail for 15 days even after officers, explain that she's (now) a grown-up.) 

- Recurring Themes

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A hot spot for tasty Thai treats

STEPHEN UNGER
STAFF WRITER

At night, lights from the Bangkok skyline shimmer on the Gulf of Thailand. The air is often humid, and always filled with fresh breezes and scents of curries and spices. But a long embarkation is not necessary to get to the other side of the earth. A glimpse of this paradise is just down the road at Royal Thai Cuisine, where you'll discover tingling spices, an exotic atmosphere, and a large selection of elegant dishes.

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Defensive effort leads Knights to final

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victory against Georgia State in the semi-

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For a while, it looked like the Knights

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controlled the ball for most of the opening half,

but was held without a field goal for the last

6:17. The Knights closed the half on a 5-0

run, taking a 27-24 halftime advantage.

In the second half, Georgia State hit four of

its next 27 attempts. The Panthers tied the

game at 59-59 with 1:15 remaining.

Notes: Senior Brad Traina was named to the All-TAAC Third Team. Right-handed junior transfers Josh

Stewart and Jason Russ should help

the Knights have the opportunity to play each of the 10 teams in a

three-game series, making the impor-
tance of this series crucial for the

Knights, since only six of the 11 TAAC

teams make the conference tournament

in May. The Knights will be ready after

playing eighth-ranked LSU in Baton

Rouge this past weekend.

The teams will play a double-header on Saturday beginning at 2 p.m. Each game is a standard seven inning game
due to conference rules, while the final
game on Sunday at 2 p.m., will be the
typical nine innings.

Troy State should challenge for title

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Jorge Soto. He belted 23 home runs last year with a .282 average and 68

RBIs. Catcher Tom Gregorio hit .306

last season with 15 home runs and 54

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Ernsberger leads a staff that returns five

hurlers. He went 7-2 with a 3.66 ERA to

end its season with a 19-10 record, its best performance in six years.

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Spring scrimmages spark competition for playing time

Tony Mejia
Sports Editor

Defensively, UCF is playing with so much emotion that Coach Mike Kruczek may find it necessary to ask the unit to tone it down a bit. Tone it down?

"Each side of the ball is getting better," Kruczek said. "I'm still looking for the offense to pick up the enthusiasm and emotion. The defense plays with too much of it right now and I have to get that rectified."

When you have to rectify a situation where players are playing too hard and too much of a high, that is a good thing. Check the calendar. March is just getting started. The season is still six months away.

Linebackers Tito Rodriguez, DeAndrey Devine, and Willie Davis have been laying tremendous hits on the offensive unit. Devine recovered a pair of fumbles in the scrimmage. Considering that Dwight Perkins, a newly signed recruit who was originally headed for Clemson, is coming in this fall, Coach Mike Kruczek may find it disturbing to see so much emotion.

"I'm seeing them get progressively better as they get to understand the offense and what they're looking at defensively," Kruczek said. "That's only fair. They've never run it before. With me, I compare everything to last year, which isn't fair. I think we're going to be OK."

Not much looked to change from last year's offensive approach as Robinson, Banks, and Ryan combined for 61 pass attempts.

Robinson directed UCF's first-team offense and completed nine of 22 passes for 144 yards. He also scored on a 4-yard run. Banks was 12 of 22 for 181 yards and threw two TDs with the third team. Ryan was 7 of 17 for 180 yards and two TDs with the second team.

"I'm ahead with the quarterbacks after evaluating all of it. They made some mistakes out here. Going into spring, I had apprehensions about how much these guys could pick up," Kruczek said. "They've done a pretty good job of understanding what we're doing. We've got a lot of stuff in. It's nice to see they're studying the information they get in their leisure time."

At wide receiver, transfer Thad Ward made an impact with a pair of long touchdown catches. With plenty of talent available at the wideout, it's getting to be interesting to see who steps in to the forefront.

"He's dangerous with the ball in the open field," Kruczek said. "He has great hands for a kid who played running back. Once he learns what to do and he has a comfort zone, I think he's going to be real good."

Britt McGriff has also looked solid catching the ball, and should join Charles Lee, Kenny Clark, Tavarius Davis, Tyson Hinshaw, and Ward in the rotation for playing time.

The tailbacks will all be pushed when junior college standout Terrance Williams shows up later this year. With Edward Mack forced to sit out the scrimmage with a sprained ankle, Omari Howard, who had his freshman year ended by a neck injury, was thrust into the spotlight. Howard had 11 carries for 34 yards to lead all rushers and showed no signs of being hampered by the injury.

For UCF, emotions are on a high as competition brings out the best in its football team. All is sold as long as the emotion doesn't get too high. Got to save some for Purdue.

Notes: OG Ahmed El-Hawary and Mack did not practice because of sprained ankles. CB Elliot Shorter (knee) returned to action though he wore a non-contact jersey.

Coach Mike Kruczek has the deepest team he's ever had, but is still searching for someone to step up at quarterback.
Knights struggle against LSU

UCF traveled to Baton Rouge and learned the hard way what a College World Series-caliber team is capable of—scoring 23 runs in two games. The Knights were crushed 18-4 on Saturday in front of 6,937 fans, and then an LSU record crowd of 7,128 watched UCF lose 5-2 on Sunday.

In the opener, UCF jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning off a Matt Bowser home run, but the game went downhill by way of 14 LSU runs in the second inning. The eighth-ranked Tigers sent twenty hitters to the plate in the second and went through three UCF pitchers on their way to an easy win.

After getting out of the first inning, starter Justin Pope faced eight batters in the second and got only one out. Troy Satterfield came in relief, but faced seven hitters without retiring any of them. Finally, Scott Keller stopped the bleeding to record the final two outs over the next five hitters.

The 14-run loss was the ninth worst in school history and the worst loss since a 16-0 defeat at the hands of Seton on May 3, 1997. Also, the 18 runs were the most since losing 20-4 against Miami on April 26, 1995. The Knights were able to battle back on Sunday behind the pitching of David Rankin. He threw 5.2 innings, allowing five hits and three runs. Jason Arnold struggled in relief in the sixth giving up a two runs, but he struck out five over the final two innings to keep the game close.

Left fielder Matt Bowser went 5-for-7 with one run and three RBIs as the Knights leading offensive player against LSU. Mark Bata, Dustin Brison, Mike Fox, and Bill Oakley added two hits apiece, while the Tigers pounded out 23 hits in the series.

The Knights learned a quick lesson against LSU, but are more prepared to face conference opponents. UCF travels to Troy State this weekend for the TAAC opener.

Who’s hot, who’s not

Pitcher Chris Youngberg threw three innings against LSU, yielding his first run of the season in three innings. But he has a 1.80 ERA in five innings with five strikeouts in those appearances.

Mark Bata leads the team with a .364 average and is second on the team with 12 runs scored. Dustin Brison leads the team in home runs (2) and RBIs (11) and is second in hits with 16. Matt Bowser is hitting .362 and leads the team in hits (17), doubles (7), and walks (14). Justin Pope is 1-2 with a 7.94 ERA in five appearances, and he has allowed 25 hits in 17 innings. Troy Satterfield has allowed 36 hits and 29 runs in 24.2 innings with a 6.67 ERA. Keith Walsh is hitting .189 with only seven hits in 37 at-bats. Andy Johnson is only 3-of-16 for a .188 average.

Western Michigan visits on Wednesday

UCF plays its final non-conference game before travelling to Troy State this weekend. The Broncos just started their season over the weekend and have games against Jacksonville and Seton before heading to Orlando.

This is the first match-up between UCF and WMU. The Broncos were 26-29 last season and are led by Fred Deckers in his 25th season as head coach. WMU returns seven starters but only one pitcher. The game is Wednesday at 6 p.m.
Stung by loss, UCF looks to next season

TRAVIS BELL
STAFF WRITER

Not even 15 minutes had passed since UCF suffered a 28-point loss to Samford on national television, but all junior Mario Lovett could think about was next season.

“We’re very encouraged (about next year),” Lovett said. “We’ll be very hungry next year being that we lost this game (against Samford). We’ll want to get a little revenge.”

Fittingly, as the season came to an end in the Jacksonville Memorial Coliseum, the torch was passed from outgoing seniors Brad Traina and Bucky Hodge to seniors-to-be Lovett, D’Quarius Stewart, Cory Perry, and Davis Granberry.

“Everybody showed great progress this year and improved an awful lot,” Coach Kirk Speraw said. “We’re excited about the prospects for the future.”

Traina is optimistic about his teammates chances without him next season, especially considering how close they got to the TAAC Championship.

“I think they’ll have a pretty good chance, and they’re gonna remember what happened today,” Traina said. “They’re not gonna forget it. As long as they work on their game in the off season, then they’ll be all right.”

UCF returns four out of its top five leading scorers, its leading rebounder, team-leader in assists and three-point shooting. In addition, the Knights got a preview of life without Traina, and Lovett and Stewart particularly stepped up to the challenge.

“I think they’re gonna basically do what they did when I was out,” Traina said.

“They’re gonna play the same way. Hopefully when they get in these situations they’ll knock down their jumpers if they work hard in the off season. I think they’ll be ready,” Traina said.

The Knights will feature a solid inside and outside game. Lovett proved that he was a strong low-post player alongside Granberry in the middle. Stewart and Perry handled the starting guard positions this season, and will be counted on for more scoring.

“Some people need to step forward,” Speraw said. “All these guys need to step to the forefront and take on those responsibilities.”

But freshman Jason Thornton will be looked upon heavily to fill the void left by Traina’s absence after leading the team in three-point percentage. Thornton received a lot of playing time when Traina was injured, and he made the best of it.

“Certainly he had a tremendous freshman year, and he played awfully well,” Speraw said. “I think he knows the things that he needs to work on to make himself a better player.”

In addition, UCF adds touted point guard prospect Al Miller and Old Dominion transfer Paul Reed, who will help plug the middle in Hodge’s absence. Redshirt Ikuchi Nnakwe has also impressed the coaching staff with his practice play, and should contend for minutes.

The changes for a conference championship are promising next year, but the Knights will have to contend again with Samford and Georgia State, who return the majority of their talent.

“It’s gonna be an outstanding league and a very challenging league,” Speraw said. “Certainly it’ll be a league that’s a lot more experienced than this year. It’s not gonna get any easier by any means.

Even though UCF only lost a combined four games against three teams (Samford, Georgia State, and Centenary) in TAAC play, it will remember the one that could have taken them to the Big Dance and carry that into next season as inspiration.

BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Knights close regular season with two losses

UCF suffered its first two-game losing streak in more than two months when it lost to Georgia State and Campbell last week to close the regular season. The Knights (17-9, 13-3) had not lost two consecutive games since mid-December, when they fell to Davidson at home, 63-61, and to Texas on the road, 81-52.

UCF’s 80-78 loss to Campbell in overtime gives the Camels some confidence heading into the TAAC Tournament on March 4. The Camels are seeded second in the tournament and have the best chance of giving the top-seeded UCF team a run for the TAAC title. UCF leads the all-time series with Campbell 5-3, with all three losses coming at Campbell.

Against Georgia State, Kate Petek scored 18 points and LaToya Graham added 16, but were out-scored by eight points in the second half, as the Panthers hit 26 of 30 free throws in the last 20 minutes. GSU, seeded fourth in the upcoming TAAC Tournament, beat the Knights, 78-74, and could see UCF again in the Tournament semi-finals.

TAAC Tournament on television

The TAAC women’s championship will be broadcast on Sunshine Network on March 6. If UCF advances to the final, it would give the Knights a chance to finish with a .500 record on TV.

Earlier this season, UCF was defeated by Florida, 89-59, and Campbell, 80-78, while UCF defeated Stetson, 71-63. All three games were televised on Sunshine Network.

Davis breaks records

Senior guard Chariya Davis has established herself as possibly the greatest player in UCF history, and has the credentials to prove it. This season, Davis became the school’s all-time leader in steals (278) and moved into third place all time in assists (1,493).

Against South Carolina earlier this season, Davis also moved into the 1,000-point club at UCF, becoming the seventh player to do so. TAAC coaches have taken notice of Davis’ accomplishments, as she has been named conference Player-of-the-Week three times. Only Florida International’s Altema Branzoza has earned the honor more times in a season, when she earned the honor four times in the 1992-93 season.

Ely dials long distance

Sophomore guard Kelly Ely already has UCF’s all-time record for 3-point field goals made in a season (106). Against Samford on Feb. 13, Ely tied a school record with her seven 3-pointers against the Bulldogs. Ely, teamed with Davis in the UCF backcourt, has helped the duo shoot .345 percent from downtown in TAAC games and .328 from three-point range overall. As a team, UCF ranks second in the TAAC from 3-point territory as it shoots .342 percent.

—JEFF CASE

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Shooting woes finally catch up to Knights

There's an old adage about teams living and dying by the 3-pointer. If that's the case with UCF, then it certainly looked death in the face on Saturday during its 89-61 loss against Samford.

"I think that's special, because we'd missed a lot of free throws in the first half and it could have weighed on our minds," Speraw said. "But when the game was on the line to knock down a lot of them down the stretch was critical."

"They were less than what you'd like to be," Coach Kirk Speraw said. "That defense was where we won."

While the Bulldogs hit 11-of-21 from 3-point range, the Knights netted only 7-of-23 (30.4 percent) 3-pointers, ironically for their best shooting performance of the tournament. But he wasn't the only Knight who had problems shooting. D'Quarius Stewart managed only 1-of-9, while Jason Thornton, the team leader in three-point percentage, hit only 2-of-8. Surprisingly, point guard Cory Perry led the team with a 5-of-12 performance.

"I think once we all started missing, it was a psychological thing," Traina said. "We'd been shooting the ball very well here in practice."

The lack of outside shooting for UCF wasn't necessarily a weakness on Saturday, but it was more prevalent because of the lack of defense. The second-seeded Knights used strong defensive efforts to win against Troy State and Georgia State despite hitting only 8-of-41 3-point attempts (20 percent) in the two victories.

"If we just make a couple of perimeter jumpers, things flow a lot easier and things come a lot easier. Nothing came easy for us," Coach Kirk Speraw said. "That defense was where we won."

The only shots that fell consistently were second half free-throws. UCF connected on 16-of-17 to pull away from Troy State in the first round, and hit 13 of its final 15 to hold off Georgia State in the semi-final.

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"We were less than what you'd like to be, especially on the defensive side," Speraw said. "It was a combination of great offense on their part, and not great defense on our part."

It marked yet another shot, this one being at a psychological thing, Traina said. "We'd been shooting the ball very well here in practice."

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"From the way all the teams had been shoot-
Men's tennis falls short in upset bid

DAVID MARSTERS
STAFF WRITER

There are moments during the course of a season that can propel a team to the next level. The UCF men's tennis team came painfully close to having one of those moments last Sunday. In a match that was closer than the final score suggests, the Knights (8-3) fell to the #33 Purdue Boilermakers, 5-4, at the UCF Tennis Complex.

Purdue swept all three doubles matches to win the doubles point, a margin that was closer than the final score at the match. The Boilermakers took the first set for the Knights. Pacheco did so by coming back from a three-game deficit to win 7-5.

In the second set, UCF got even, 2-2. The Boilermakers, who had evened the team match headed into the doubles matches, as did Pacheco and Westin.

UCF took out its frustrations on the #24 Knights in the third set. While Westin went 3-1, Novak and Camacho teamed up to win two doubles matches, as did Pacheco and Westin.

The Boilermakers were forced to play without their best singles player, Linc Berg, who was unable to attend the tournament due to a family emergency. "It was tough to play without all of our top five players," said Fjelstul. "With our minds on what happened, it was hard to play well. It was one of those weekends we wish we could do all over again."

The women's team also faced Hampton on March 2, in their only test of the weekend. They struggled to get a point on the second day to vault into 36th place overall. Tatiana Londo and freshman Monica Cunferman both shot 160, while Olivia Hartley finished the tournament at 161. Beat Paume had a two day total of 178.

"The competition level was one of the toughest we'll face all spring," said coach Jill Fjelstul. The field included 5th ranked Georgia, who took the team title, as well as #10 Auburn, #19 LSU, and #22 South Carolina.

The Boilermakers won the upset against UCF and Westin.

Women can't build off Invitational's momentum

DAVID MARSTERS
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The UCF women's golf team travelled to Gainesville, FL hoping to improve upon their victory in the inaugural UCF Invitational. However, at the SunTrust Lady Gator Invitational, UCF was unable to manage a repeat performance.

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The women's team return to action on March 12-13 in the Dominican Republic at the Casa de Campo Tournament. The event is hosted by the University of Miami, and will feature a number of Florida schools.

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Team-by-team TAAC Women's Basketball Tournament preview

Jeff Case

No. 9 Mercer Bears: The Bears enter the tournament with a 5-5 TAAC record and a 9-7 overall record this season. Mercer is 1-2 against UCF and managed only 49 points in both games against the Knights. The Bears are the lowest scoring team in the TAAC, as they scored 58.3 points a game and finished 78-10 in second place in the TAAC. The Bears scored only 10.92 points a game, but also scored 27.7 points a game. Leading scorer and rebounder Lakeisha Parrish (14.8 points a game, 7.7 rebounds per game) will be the key to success for the Mercer Bears. Lakeisha Parrish is the top rebounder in the TAAC and will need to control the rebounding battle for her team to have a chance to win.

No. 5 Troy State: The Trojans finished with an identical record to Stetson (7-9, 9-8) and also took the share of postseason honors. They defeated the UCF Knights 66-61, eighth in free throw percentage (.363) and second in scoring defense. The Trojans take a lot of second chances at their mistakes as they rank third in offensive rebounding at 14.72 rebounds per game. Leading scorer and rebounder Lakesha Parrish (14.8 points a game, 7.7 rebounds per game) will be depended on to lead the Trojans to a first round defeat of No. 9 Georgia State, but it isn't likely.

No. 4 Georgia State: The Gamecocks entered the tournament as the top four seed after a 7-3 TAAC season and a 16-15 overall record. Georgia State is the top rebounder in the TAAC and will need to control the rebounding battle for her team to have a chance to win. Georgia State has helped Georgia State lead the conference in scoring (70.6 points) while placing it in the top five in defense (70.5 points allowed, 5th), free throw percentage (.679 percent, 4th) and field goal percentage (.424, 5th). Georgia State should have no problem getting past Troy State and will bring up a great semi-final game between GSU and UCF in the semi-finals.

No. 3 Campbell Bulldogs: The Bulldogs entered the tournament with a 10-7 record in conference play while they defeated UCF 70-81 at home to close out the TAAC season overall and will ride their defense as far as it will take them. But Samford's defense alone won't be enough to shut down UCF.

No. 2 Campbell Bulldogs: The Bulldogs entered the tournament with a 16-10 record overall and a 12-4 finish in the TAAC, the only team behind UCF. The Camels have ridden the conference SSS and three-point shooting. UCF should use the Baswell/Tomlinson combination to frustrate and roll past Samford.

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UCF falls one win short of NCAA’s

Sanford wins TAAC title, 89-61

Tony Mejia
SPORTS EDITOR

The Golden Knights were on the brink of their third trip to the NCAA’s in the ’90’s. All that separated them from crashing college basketball’s biggest party was Samford.

The Bulldogs beat them to it, sneaking in through the back door.

Samford (24-5) shot 63 percent in both halves, running its Princeton-style system to perfection, setting picks and screens and getting wide-open looks to win 89-61, at the Jacksonville Memorial Coliseum. Marc Salyers’ first two 3-pointers helped Samford open a 10-2 lead, while freshman Chris Weaver came off the bench and connected on all four of his 3-point attempts to increase the lead. At the half, Sanford led 49-27.

“They hit us with that onslaught early and it’s tough to respond,” Coach Kirk Speraw said. “The way their offense works is tough to prepare for in a night or 30-minute shoot around. They shoot the ball so well and then extend our defense, making us vulnerable to the back-door cut.”

Despite four second-half 3-pointers by senior Brad Traina, the 22-point margin UCF trailed by at halftime proved too much to overcome.

“Troy is our wildest dreams expected to be down by 20 points at halftime. That was shocking,” said junior Mario Lovett, the lone Golden Knight named to the All-Tournament team. “They just came out and put it on us. That’s the bottom line.”

UCF assurred itself of a spot in the TAAC final with a hard-fought 67-60 comeback.

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Knights go in search of NCAA Tournament berth

Tony Mejia
SPORTS EDITOR

The UCF women’s basketball team enter the TAAC Tournament as the top seed. The team to beat. The conference powerhouse— who just happens to have lost two in a row.

The Golden Knights (17-9, 13-3) limp into the conference tourny after losing a pair of close road games to Georgia State and Campbell, the fourth and second seeds in the upcoming tournament and conceivably UCF’s semi-final and championship game opponents if the favorites all win, and must recover in time to win three games in three days in Atlanta, Georgia State’s home court.

Leslie McElrath and Montrine Thomas combined for 52 points and 16 rebounds in Georgia State’s 78-74 victory and will pose a difficult task for Lynn Bria’s frontcourt. Meanwhile, guard Chariya Davis, who is expected to be named TAAC Player-of-the-Year at the conference tournament banquet, struggled in the last meeting against the Panthers, being held to 11 points on 5 of 14 shots.

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