More Senate hearings planned later this week

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A hearing to allow Senate Pro-Temore Jaime Halscott, former presidential candidate, to present a contestment to the Judicial Council against the ticket of Darin Patton and Andrew Cupicha (president/vice president) is scheduled for tomorrow at 5 p.m. in the Phillips Hall Building, Room 206.

The contestment was originally submitted to the Election Commission on March 1. The Judicial Council ruled the contestment invalid, citing its lack of evidence on May 7.

Halscott made an appeal later that day to Dr. Tom Huddlestone who appointed Dr. Craig Ullom, associate vice president for Campus Life, to serve as the appellate officer in the matter.

Ullom granted Halscott’s appeal to allow another hearing on the contestment. In a letter to Halscott dated June 1, Ullom explains why the appeal was upheld and who would re-hear it.

“When the Election Commission considered this contestment on April 15, it decided to refer it to the Judicial Council as portions of the contestment involved members of the Election Commission,” Ullom wrote.

“For reasons unknown, the chief justice of the Judicial Council did not receive the referred contestment until May 3. On May 5, the Judicial Council decided to hear the contestment and scheduled the hearing for May 7.

“I am addressing your contention that the Judicial Council ruling that you are appealing is based on a denial of due process because you did not have adequate time to formulate a case and locate witnesses between Wednesday at noon and Friday at 10 a.m. Ullom went on to say that Student Government Statutes do not prescribe a required time period between the notice of a hearing and when the actual hearing is conducted. However, in a recent case of an election appeal involving Darin Patton and Andy Cupicha, seven calendar days were provided for that purpose.

Ullom went on to say that the Judicial Council was appropriate for the contesntment hearing because you will greatly affect the outcome of a recent affidavit made by Halscott on May 20 to impeach President Patton and Justices Darin Myers and Chad Hart.

The Legislative, Judicial, and Review (LJR) Committee is the standing committee in Senate that handles the investigation of evidence, examination of witnesses and any other procedures deemed necessary to ensure a fair hearing (Statute 700.3) for impeachment.

The chair of LJR, Bob Williams, explained the importance of the decision.

“The decision the Council makes will affect the impeachment proceedings in two ways. If the contestment is valid and upheld, then there will be no impeachment charges because the president and vice president are not officially in office. If the contestment is not valid, then part of the charges where the president not being in office would be dropped. Either way the outcome will affect the impeachment.”

The investigative hearing is set for June 15 at 6 p.m. with the place to be announced.

At last week’s LJR meeting, Williams outlined the process he would like to take.

“One of the approaches I want to take in the hearing is right there in the middle. We’ll have the hearing on the 15 with Darin representing himself and Jaime representing himself. I’ll question everyone on both sides to be fair and my committee will have a chance to question also. The LJR will present the hearing and hopefully most of the Senate will come.

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Cash at the wink of an eye

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STAFF WRITER

A trivia question for all college students out there. What does a flirtatious gesture, a particle in the eye, a wink, an accidental digit number, now there may be an alternative.

“ATM cards are an inconvenience to me because I accidentally demagnetize mine on a regular basis, so I would welcome a new method of ATM use,” said senior Maggie Westfall, an accounting major.

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Voleri Sims began her research in 1989 using the classic arcade game Tetris.

Skills learned while playing video games

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A UCF psychologist’s study determined that skills learned from playing video games do not enhance the player’s mathematical or scientific abilities.

Dr. Valerie Sims conducted research with a wide range of people aged 7 to 35 using the video game Tetris. Sims compared Tetris players, both experts and beginners, on a variety of spatial skills. She used a diverse set of tests from paper and pencil tests to computerized performance measures using the shapes of Tetris.

Sims said she chose Tetris because it is nonviolent, requires thinking skills and because it is “simple to learn but difficult to master.” The game calls for players to rotate shapes in certain mathematical and scientific abilities.

Her research proved that the expert players are better than the beginners only on spatial tasks that use the same shapes as the game. In short, Sims said video game experience does not transfer very far.

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New classic or just hype?

Director George Lucas brings another chapter of the Jedi saga to the big screen, but does it cut it?

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Student representation in Senate might not be fair

Shelley Wilson  
S E N T E N S  W R I T E R  

As a UCF student, if you had a problem or concern about the university that your senator could help you with, would you know whom to address? Many students aren’t sure.  

Junior Richie Linderman voted during the fall Senate elections in the hopes of making a difference in the Senate. Yet Linderman has not seen any difference at all in Senate. Many students aren’t sure that your senator could help you with, but felt that Senate did not give him a fair chance in comparison to the other candidates that night.  

“Change is inevitable. They had nothing to lose, but saw me as change,” Smith said.  

“As we become a more diverse student body at UCF, we need a more diverse Senate. Senate does not represent the demographics at this university at all now.”  

-Senior Robert Smith  

The voting turnout has dropped dramatically in the past 30 years. The first Senate was elected with 46.1 percent of the student body voting versus the 10 percent now. The Activity and Service Fee Budget, on the other hand, has increased from the original $41,000 to the over $9 million it is today.  

Senators today attribute some of the low turnout to Senate’s image. “The Senate, as a whole, needs much improvement,” said Senator Michelle Fernandez.  

“Right now, the words Senate and conflict of interest are being used interchangeably. Instead of keeping the best interests of the student body in mind, too often, social, political, and personal affiliations affect senator’s important decisions.”  

“If you’re lucky enough to see eye-to-eye with the majority, you’re in [Senate]. If not, you don’t stand a chance. Instead of senators keeping an open mind about prospective appointments, the confirmation goes down to political affiliations within Student Government.”  

-Senator Fred Piccolio said he believes that although Senate needs change, students who know Senate have a positive view of it. “I see the Senate as serving all of the students for the most part,” he said.  

“However, there is still a lack of understanding as to the capabilities of the Senate by the general student body and how they can truly utilize their Activity and Service Fee.”  

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Psychology professor believes that video games can be used for educational purposes and research

Sims said her findings do not prove video games should not be used for educational purposes. “Video games like the non-violent Tetris are fun and motivating,” she said. “Motivating materials should be used in educational materials. Video games do not have to be mindless and violent to be fun.”

Sims said educational materials designed as video games should be created specifically to train the exact skills that educators want the players to learn. “I think that the research suggests that spatial skills are very specific to the domain in which they were learned,” Sims said. “And that if we want to train spatial skills, we should really train people to do the exact tasks that they will have to perform at a later date.”

She got the idea for the project in 1989 while in college and pursuing off-schoolwork to play the game. “At the time, I was very addicted to Tetris,” she said. “My roommate teased me greatly about playing the game as she reminded me that I really needed to work on a research project for my cognitive psychology class instead of playing the game.”

“One day I just looked at her and said, ‘Hey, this is my project.’ I realized that there was very little research on cognitive abilities and video game playing, and I decided to combine the two things that I enjoy.”

Sims said she will write up some of her research for publication, and plans to advance her study by examining the skills of child participants more closely. “I hope that this research will suggest that we can create games that do teach and motivate thinking skills,” she said.

New ATM system will scan human eyes

money machines, called Iris Recognition ATM’s, are now programmed to access bank accounts by reading the human eye. The machine identifies a customer by the unique color pattern in their iris, and this is effective identification since research has proven that the accuracy of iris matching is greater than that of DNA testing.

“This appears to be a foolproof system since an eye color pattern cannot be forged, whereas a pin number can,” said Richard A. Ayati, professor of finance. “I believe anything that reduces fraud will have beneficial long term effects.”

The method is now being experimented with, and will one day be available to students, through the campus ATM.

There are students, however who are not won over by the idea of the iris identification system on campus. “Though the whole ATM process can be slow and tedious, it is also safer than this ‘new improved’ process,” said senior David Rhodes, a public administrations major. “If my eyes are focusing on a machine and being scanned, I am not keeping a close lookout on my surroundings, and would be less prepared if I were to be mugged. By accepting this new method, we are taking a step backward on the standpoint of safety.”

Ron Cohen, executive vice president of Bank United, said the company expects to bring this capability to the rest of their customers in early 2000.
Committee to present case to Senate at next meeting in June

"We'll present it in the next Senate meeting and then Senate can question us. Right now, that's the process I'm going to take," Halscott was unavailable for comment on his contest­

former Attorney General Joseph Smith, who brought an affidavit of impeachment against Jaime Halscott that LJIR deter­

Smith made clear his view on Halscott's affidavit.

"This isn't an impeachment. In my opinion, it is his last, pitiful and desperate attempt to gain something he was not elected to by the students of this university. The president's accuser lost. He just needs some time to get over it," Smith said.

Blood Bank asking for donors

The Central Florida Blood Bank and UCF are asking all students, faculty and staff to donate blood in response to a severe blood shortage that has lasted several months.

The Blood Bank has been unable to fulfill hospital requests because of the shortage.

The following are the projected UCF mobile blood drive dates: June 9 - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; July 6, 7, & 12 -10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Aug. 30 & 31 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sept. 8 -10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sept. 9 -10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sept. 10 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Oct. 25 & 26 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The old UCF ID cards will expire on June 30. In order to get a new card, called the UCF Card or the Smartcard, ID and proof of employment or enrollment to UCF is required.

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Graduation ceremony sparks different emotions

TAYLOR SIKES
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

"I was in the bathroom when they called your name." These were the words filling my head as I sat in my little sister's high school graduation commencement. My sister, Kelley, spoke them two weeks ago when I asked her if she saw me walking across the stage to receive my diploma from UCF. Her response made me laugh, which was followed by her telling me that she and the other women in the bathroom had cheered me on.

Now it was my turn to be there for her graduation from Dr. Phillips High School, which was held at the Orlando Arena. It was my first graduation of someone other than me to sit through. During the ceremony I noticed two distinct emotions floating around; one by the audience, and one by the graduates.

The first emotion of the audience is adoration, which the dictionary describes as a profound love or regard. Family members come to these ceremonies because they love their kids and are proud of them. They are excited to see them growing up before their eyes. They have a profound regard for what their student has accomplished.

Adoration is the underlying theme. I saw it the most in the cheers that followed the announcement of the name of each graduate. It seems as if every student from the "Mr. Popular" class president to the quietest, unknown clarinet player of the band has someone cheering for them. Everybody has a place at a high school graduation, and everybody feels loved.

Love was also seen in the tears of parents and grandparents as they watched their son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter, walk across the stage signifying their growing up and no longer being quite so little. All those corny speeches of "this is the end of one chapter of your life and the start of another," maybe they weren't so far off.

The whirlwind of feelings and thoughts that encompasses the graduates is a wild mix of excitement, fear and aggressive exuberance. In both of my graduation experiences, I can hardly remember what happened other than walking across that stage and getting my diploma.

What I saw at my sister's graduation started with excitement. The kind of feeling that is buried deep inside and that is bursting with excitement as they yell and scream as the ceremony ended. I think fear was also in the air. New and strange beginnings, ending life-long securities, and saying goodbye to friends can be scary business.

My favorite emotion displayed by those graduates was of aggressive excitement. The fist thrust into the air that says "Damn you for thinking I couldn't do it." The middle finger flicked toward the administrator who gave a certain student a hard time. The cap that is thrown into the air against the instruction of the school. Walking across the stage and shaking hands with the principal while thinking, "I no longer have to answer to you anymore!"

Graduations are emotional megaphones. And I say to cut it out! Parents be proud of your loved one. Adore them. Students bask in your moment of glory. Be excited and proud of what you have accomplished. Rank in your glory while it's there, because it doesn't come often. Don't miss out on it.

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Sabbath Delivers Their Final Appearance

RAMIRO VAZQUEZ
STAFF WRITER

Due to a series of events and miscalculations on my behalf I missed most of the bands on the bill. Such fact did not bother me much since I didn’t like most of the bands anyways. The only good band I missed was Slayer. I’ve seen them twice already so it did not bother me much, besides an outdoor setting at 5 o’clock in the afternoon is not the best place to watch Slayer. When we arrived, the Deftones were set to hit the stage. In all honesty, I did not pay too much attention to their set either.

The first group I saw was none other than Rob Zombie. He was scheduled to go on as the sun front man the bill. Such fact did not bother me much since the big deal was with finishing before 5:00 p.m. I didn’t like most of the bands anyways. The only band I enjoyed was the same name. The band sounded way heavier than the original and ran its course he went solo twice already so it did not bother me much, besides that the song “Wicked sheets” was way heavier than the original and for a while critics have claimed that it would have loved to hear.

Rob Zombie’s show is the equivalent of a heavy metal B movie. It’s got fire, girls and monster films. While Alice seemed to have a passion for Broadway musicals Zombie’s heart lies in horror films.

For the song “Supercharger Heaven” he used clips from a Japanese cartoon called Devilman that fit perfectly with the chorus of the same name. The band wounded way heavier than in the studio and that is always a plus. The dancers looked great even from a far distance.

The only major flaw was Zombie’s singing. He never was the greatest singer, but he seemed to have trouble singing all the words. His lyrics are so filled with woody nonsense that even Zombie himself seems unable to remember all the words.

The live version of “Thunderkiss 65” was way heavier than the original and even inspired a couple of people in the back to mosh. The show was a scaled down version of the one he had on tour with Korns. Knowing this, I almost wished that I saw him on tour with Korn.

Finally, the moment I waited for all my life arrived. At first they had some promotional footage for an upcoming video which was slightly unnecessary followed by a bunch of old footage. Then Ozzy walked out urging the crowd to go crazy and they obeyed. The band started out with “War Pigs” and the crowd sang along.

The stage was big without being excessive. The lights and the props gave it a more intimate touch. It almost felt like being in a small theater if it wasn’t for the fact that there were about 15,000 people in attendance. The giant Ozzy banner on top of the stage had sprinkles that would occasionally wet the people up front. During the set Ozzy would take out a giant super-soaker to do his bit.

The set list covered most of the bands essential material including all my time favorite Sabbath song “Fourier Wear Boots.” Before “Sabbath Bloody Sabbath” Tommy “Riffmister” Iommi played the intro of “Neon Knights.” I found this a little odd since this song was from Heaven and Hell the first Black Sabbath album without Ozzy. It would have been odd to see Ozzy doing his best Dio impersonation complete with devil horns.

The song “Black Sabbath” was one of the highlights of the set. The dim lights, fog and creepy sound effects gave it a nice feel that went well with the song. Of course they played “Iron Man” and finished the set with “Paranoid” a song they played so many times they could do it in their sleep.

A concertgoer’s thirst is never fully quenched and there are a lot of other songs that I would have loved to hear.

I was disappointed that Iommi only played the beginning of “Supernaut” before “Paranoid” but I can’t complain. Sabbath performed a show worthy of their legendary status and when it was over, I went home satisfied.
RAMIRO VAZQUEZ
STAFF WRITER

Even if you were living under a rock on some stranded island off the coast of Antarctica for the last 18 months you probably were aware that some low budget movie about intergalactic warfare was going to be released on the 19th day of the fifth month of the last year of the twentieth century. The problem with a movie of this scale is that it is almost impossible to live up to its hype. There might be no such thing as bad publicity but there is such a thing as too much publicity. Just ask Jerry Seinfeld.

Even though he is earning mounds of cash for it he had to be a major pain in the rectum cavity for George Lucas to make episode one. Apart from keeping Lucas's fans and speculators in suspense for over a year he made up for it by releasing three equally overused movies—The Mummy, The Rock, and Independence Day—on the same day. George Lucas was little more than a Robin Hood for his fans. 

In the same manner that Lucas overused Jar Jar Binks I feel he did not make Darth Maul to his full advantage. Sure it was a nice marketing idea to plant his face all over every Star Wars product but all the aspirations about him being the next Anakin were thwarted. Instead Darth Vader fell short. The potential was there but apart from the fighting sequences he only appeared in a handful of scenes and said about 2.5 sentences. What made Vader so great was not his fighting ability but his imposing presence. When he spoke chills went down people's spine and when he acted everyone feared for their lives. They should have made Maul speak for the emperor the same way Lin did on episodes one and two and have him kick a little more butt.

If there was one area in which the movie did not disappoint it was the effects department. The cities looked so big that they made the L.A. of Blade Runner look like Bithlo. The light saber fights were superior to all the ones in the previous movies combined. The movie delivers in the action department it's just that there is a big gap between action sequences. Now that the anticipation is done with it would be nice to appreciate this movie for what it is.

It's the beginning of a story that sets things up for future episodes. The movie is a promise of better things to come. Maybe the next one could be as good as Empire.

For now, Phantom is a promising star. It is a little bumpy at first, but it does the job efficiently.
Lead Stories

Students in the pornography course at Wesleyan University, Connecticut, submitted as final graded projects fiction, photography, a video of a man's eyes as he masturbates, and in one case, a bondage performance in which a female beggar to be whipped with a rubber cat-o-nine-tails, according to a May report in the Hartford Courant. Said one student, when asked by a researcher of the course if his project would reach the course on porn: "(They)'d say and shrug, 'That's what kids do these days: they make porn at school.'"

In February, North Korean Woo Yong Ok, 26, was released from prison in South Korea, where he had been detained since 1938 and was the world's longest-held political prisoner. Still 38 years short of that record, in a jail in Bradenton, Fla., Palestinian researcher Mazen Al-Najjar just completed his second year of confinement without being told of the evidence against him. Al-Najjar, a U.S. resident for 15 years with three American-born children, faces deportation for some sort of association with a terrorist group, the nature of which the U.S. Justice Department has repeatedly refused to disclose, citing national security.

In March, for the first time, not only was the Miss Thailand beauty contest televised nationally, but so was the Miss Tiffany Universe contest, which is the equivalent for Thailand's male transsexuals. An April Associated Press report from Bangkok concluded, after polling many viewers, that at least one of the Tiffany Universe finalists made Miss Thailand look "positively moose" and that the Tiffany Universe winner was "every bit as feminine" as Miss Thailand.

Latest Religious Messages

In February, Kahr Arms of Worcester, Mass., a gun manufacturer under the umbrella of the Unification Church of Rev. Sun Myung Moon (who insists he's doing the work of Jesus), announced it had purchased Auto-Ordnance Corp., manufacturer of the Thompson machine gun ("tommy gun"). Kahr (run by Rev. Moon's son) was already prominent for its high-quality line of small, potent handguns. "What's the message?" asked one critic, interviewed by The Washington Post: "Turn the other cheek, or lock and load?"

In February, in New Westminster, British Columbia, a court acquitted three of the four Sikhs arrested in a 1997 brawl at a local temple that began when newer members started sitting in chairs at tables in the dining hall while traditional members insisted on the holiness of sitting on the floor. (In September, in Broward County, Fla., a traditionalist, no-furniture Sikh opened fire in a local temple, killing one man.)

Recent Apparitions: Yuba City, Calif., January: the image of Mary appeared in a knothole in a tree; Wareham, Mass., February: the image of Jesus appeared in the wood grain of a door in an Episcopalian Church; Union City, Calif., March: the image of Jesus appeared in an unfinished concrete wall at the Buddhist Purple Lotus Temple.

In March, Walter Gene Grassie, 49, a former protestant minister whose eight-year affair with a married Mormon woman had recently ended, was convicted of vandalism at several Mormon churches in New Mexico, causing $2.5 million in damages, apparently because he thought the woman's religion was the only thing preventing her from divorcing her husband and marrying Grassie. Prosecutors said he also wrote graffiti calling the woman a "(Mormon) whore." The two had fallen in love shortly after forming the touring musical act, Peace Valley Yodelers.

Ten days apart in April, Britain's Advertising Standards Authority and the official newspaper of the Catholic archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio, issued rulings that miracle and prayer advertisements were deceptive and could no longer be published under their auspices. The British organization spokesman and a church advertising miracles would have to provide proof "just like a company that makes washing powder," and the Cincinnati newspaper banned ads thanking particular saints for answering their prayers.

First Things First

In April, several fire trucks speeding down the Massachusetts Turnpike with sirens blaring and lights flashing, en route to help battle a brushfire around the town of Westfield, were delayed a few minutes when a tolltaker insisted on charging each driver. A turnpike spokesman said the tolltaker had been counseled. Similarly, in February, an ambulance rushing a severely burned man from Gibraltor to Seville, Spain, could not escape the $4 toll. — Firefighters in Kawasaki, Japan, freed a 5-month-old girl from a coin-operated, 13-by-13-by-24-inch locker in April after her parents had deposited her there while they had dinner at a nearby restaurant. The parents were reprimanded, but not arrested.

Edmonton, Alberta, pizza delivery driver Thomasz Leszczewski, 26, was arrested in April and charged with a hit-and-run fatality. According to police, Leszczewski hit a 43-year-old pedestrian while out on a delivery but merely proceeded with his rounds, and police caught up to him dropping off a pizza a few minutes later.

The New PTA Richmond, Calif., March: The father of a fourth-grader stabbed the teacher in a disagreement over the girl's progress. Danville, Ky., February: The grandmother of a middle-school student smacked the teacher in the head with the name plate on his desk in a disagreement about the student's progress. Boston, March: The father of a high school student who got a D-minus in conduct, which the father was disputing, punched the teacher in the face, breaking his jaw. (The father is also an associate minister of the Greater Love Tabernacle.)

Thinning the Herd

In Lubbock, Texas, in March, a bomb being made by Robert Keith Hill, 24, intended for an abortion clinic, exploded in his lap, killing him. And in Tampa, Fla., in April, a 28-year-old man in the passenger seat of a pickup truck was killed after he decided to open the door and climb to the back of the truck at 55 mph; he fell and was crushed under the rear wheel. And a 15-year-old boy at the prestigious Eton College in London (attended by Princes William and Harry) was killed in February while playing the "fainting game" between supper and prayer time; the object is for kids to curl up a cord around another kid's neck and tighten it slowly until he faints. (Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, K.O. Box 8306, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33738, or Weird@compuserve.com.) COPYRIGHT 1999 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE 4520 Main St., Kansas City, Mo. 64111; (816) 932-6600
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Gamma Ray
Powerplant

Although Gamma Ray has been at it since the day Kai Hansen left Helloween some 10 years ago, their brand of power metal has been largely ignored in the US. Now thanks to the efforts of labels like Century Media, Noise and Metal Blade bands like Gamma Ray are finally getting a chance of exposure in the U.S. Their mixture of fast riffs, larger than life melodies, high-pitched vocals and lyrics with occasional Christian undertones was considered for a long time to be too cheesy and uplifting for metalheads in the US that preferred to listen to evil music with cookie monster vocals. The few people that did like this kind of metal were forced to spend tons of money ordering import CD's. Powerplant is the work of a band that is on top form and dying for the almighty breakthrough record. The band has successfully evolved their style to appeal to a wider audience without pulling a "Metallica" on their loyal following. Even with its darker than usual intro, "Anywhere in the Galaxy" is classic Gamma Ray that could appeal to all of them Star Trek geeks. "Heavy Metal Universe" sounds like child of Manowar and Gamma Ray.

"Short as Hell" is what Metallica would sound like if they didn't have the charisma of 78 year-old retired guidance counselors. By far the biggest surprise on the CD is their cover of "It's a Sin" by the Pet Shop Boys. I'm as fed up as the next guy of hearing bands like the Pet Shop Boys.

Listen Up!

Limp Bizcrap recycle 80's tunes but this song rocks! It's faithful to the original, but at the same time it also sounds like a Gamma Ray. If they were signed to a major label instead of an indie "It's a Sin" would be a hit for sure.

Powerplant is heavy metal for the next millennium and proof that there is more to Metal than four balding washed up mascara wearing, cigar smoking wannabe rockers from San Francisco that haven't made a great record since their old bass player died in 1986.

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Also on the list of signees continued to grow at last year's Major League Baseball Amateur Draft when Derek Nicholson, Todd Johannes and Tommy Bond were cleared off the board in rounds 16, 23 and 25, respectively.

By the time the draft was over, 17 UF players or recruits had been drafted.

Still, someone was missing. Through three days of drafting there had been no mention of Greg Catalanotte.

"I'm going to go into (the draft) not really expecting much, but when it happens I'm going to be pretty happy," Catalanotte said. "I'm not that old and I haven't been a ton (of) his recruiting class, headed by pitcher Matt McClenon, and several of UF's 2000 recruiting class will have an opportunity to move on to the next level.

McClendon, who is coming off of a recent injury to his pectoral muscle, is rated No. 46 in Baseball America's Top 100 draft prospect's list.

As expected, McClendon, who was cleared off the draft board, signed with the Chicago Cubs after the draft and heads to Class A Kane County.

Pat Donald was drafted in the 2nd round by the St. Louis Cardinals after hitting a birdie putt on the 11th hole to regain sole possession of the lead. Donald finished at 4-under par at the NCAA tournament. Donald had an advantage because he gained confidence in his game. He was hitting really solid greens. Donald said he wasn't concerned by Imada's early charge. Donald finished first at 4-under par, but Imada won with a 5-under par 54 on the final round.

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UF UCF claims TAAC conference all-sports trophies

UCF claimed the Trans Atlantic Conference's All-sports trophies for both men's and women's teams for the 1998-99 athletic seasons, the second time in four years that Golden Knights athletics shined brightest among TAAC schools.

UF won the Sherman Day Trophy as the top women's program in the conference, tallying 217.5 points to beat second-place Georgia State and Campbell (149.5 each). The women benefited from conference championships in soccer, basketball, golf and tennis, plus second-place finishes in cross country and track. UCF received third-place points in men's track, volleyball and won despite no points from softball, which begins play in 2000.

UCF claimed a much closer victory in the men's race for the Jesse C. Fletcher Trophy with 148.5 points, holding off Georgia State and Jacksonville (145 each). No men's team claimed a conference championship, but there were strong showings from basketball, soccer and tennis (all finishing second) and baseball (fourth).

UF now has won both all-sports championships for the second time (1995-96, 1998-99). This is UCF's third men's championship (1995-96, 1994-95) and third for the women (1996-97, 1995-96). "Competition has undoubtedly had the best year we've ever had," Sloan said. "We also had a very good year academically. You'd like to have success but you also want to have meaning. I hope that the athletes are having a good experience here. I know the coaches are working hard and doing a good job." Sloan says UCF's success in its minor sports should not be taken for granted. He said it's important for UCF to "take that extra little step across the board to make it more attractive to a larger conference."

This is part of our plan to do at some point in time to advance to another conference," Sloan said. "You want to be successful in the visible sports like football, but when you also have an all-around program, men and women that also presents a good picture to a future conference, that you're highly successful and that you can compete on a regional level instead of mediocrity.

NU's Donald takes NCAA title from Big Ten rival McLean

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Luke Donald is not James McLean.

Donald doesn't hit towering drives, he's not from Australia and he wasn't bitten by an iguana.

In fact, the sophomore from Northwestern has one thing McLean doesn't: the 1999 NCAA golf championship.

"I'm really happy today," Donald said. "I'm not saying the final was easy, but I hit it really well." Donald finished 4-under par at the NCAA National Golf Club, three strokes ahead of Ryan Fruita of Georgia, who won the team championship.

McLean, who won the tournament at New Mexico last year but was 1-over par, finished in a tie for second with a 3-under 72.

"When I think about it, it's a pretty good year. I think the key all around here is a style similar to the ones we play in Chicago. Donald said, "The grass around the greens is thick and you have to hit it in the fairway." Donald finished with 7-under par, tied for second.

"I'm happy," Donald said. "I'm happy because this year I really earned my way here. I've worked on my swing. I've worked on my game. I've worked on my putting." Donald said he was more consistent this year. He said he wasn't surprised he gave it a good 109er when he won the 1998. Donald said, "It was a good day, but I was happy to win. I'm happy for me. I'm happy for my team. I'm happy for the fans." Donald finished with 7-under par, tied for second.

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Former players making names for themselves as MLB farmhands

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Since 1982, forty-eight UCF baseball players have played in the minor league including 29 who were drafted. Only 14 players are currently on minor league rosters, all with the final goal in mind to some day play in the majors.

Outfielder Chad Mottola and pitcher Joe Wagner were the only former Knights to be selected in the first round. Mottola was taken by the Cincinnati Reds in 1992, and Wagner was picked by the Milwaukee Brewers the following year.

Wagner no longer plays baseball, but Mottola has still kept his dream alive after getting a taste of the majors. Mottola was a starter at UCF, is in his seventh professional season, and playing every day is not easy, Efik Johnson said.

Johnson has had a break out year is hitting .346 with seven home runs and 21 RBIs as of June 5. He was an All-America selection.

Erik has had the luxury of playing alongside a former UCF teammate, pitcher Kevin Gordon, for their first two years in the minors. Gordon has been on the disabled list for the past month with a sore arm, after only throwing seven innings in two games this year.

Two other players have been teammates for the past two years. Pitcher Travis Held and outfielder Eric Snead played together in New Jersey last year before moving up the A-ball Potomac in the St. Louis Cardinals organization.

Snead has caught the eye of the Cardinals staff with his blazing speed.

Although, he has struggled at the plate with a .196 average, he has stolen a league-leading 32 bases while only reaching base 66 times.

Held has had a solid rookie campaign last year going 5-5 with a 4.05 ERA, but has had a slow start this year and is currently in the bullpen. He is 0-4 with 6.48 ERA with 35 strikeouts in only 33.1 innings.

Pitcher Mike Maroth and John Foran have had the best seasons thus far. Foran, a 1995 draftee who now plays for A-ball Rancho Cucamonga for the San Diego Padres, is 6-3 with the league's ninth best ERA (3.24). Maroth had a strong rookie campaign last year in the Boston Red Sox organization, and he plays for A-ball SARASOTA. He is 6-3 with a 3.51 ERA in 10 starts.

Outfielder Will Croud and pitcher Matt Lubozynski are both with the Anaheim Angels and play for Cedar Rapids and Lake Elsinore, respectively. Croud is hitting .281 with 17 RBIs and four triples.

After starting the year on the disabled list, Lubozynski has recorded two saves in eight appearances with a 3.00 ERA this year.

Shortstop Eric Riggs and catcher Brad King are the only other position players in the minors. Both players have had their share of struggles this year at the plate. Riggs, who plays for the Los Angeles Dodgers Class A team in San Bernardino, is hitting .233 with 11 stolen bases but has committed 15 errors.

King is play for West Tennessee, AA for the Cubs, and hitting .209 in a platoon situation.

Pitchers Lester Victoria and Todd Bellhorn pitching in the minor leagues after also being offensive threats at UCF. Victoria plays for Quad City, A-ball for the Minnesota Twins, and is 1-1 with a 5.13 ERA in 22 appearances.

Bellhorn, who was a starter at UCF, is in the bullpen with Columbia, A-ball for the New York Mets. He is 1-0 with a 4.76 ERA in 15 appearances.

The Central Florida Future will keep you updated about how UCF's alumni is doing in their quest for a major-league roster spot. Look for more stories and updates in upcoming issues as we add Brent Spooner, Tim Booth, and Troy Satterfield to the list of players to keep an eye on.

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Hartley expected to be a key figure for UCF women’s golf

Championship with a final round 72, but finished no higher than 24th in any other event until the Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament, where she tied for seventh. After an opening round 80, she finished 75-73. In five tournaments, Hartley had a 78.08 scoring average.

Her improvement is a trend Fjelstul expects will continue.

“She had a slow start, but she turned it on in the end,” Fjelstul said.

“She’s been playing really great golf, and I expect a lot from her next year.”

Also, Kristen Putman, who played at UCF from 1992-96, finished tied for 101 with eight other players and did not qualify for the final two days. She finished 5-over after shooting 75-74—149.

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Sloan looking to fill openings with the right people

It's now Athletic Director Steve Sloan's job to replace them.

"We've always been involved in a lot of searches, but never quite this many," Sloan said. "It's a process you have to go through and a lot of times the process is fairly lengthy."

By the end of the week, Sloan is optimistic UCF will have finalists for its women's basketball and women's soccer coaching openings.

Sloan said UCF has narrowed its list of women's basketball candidates to 37, but expects that to be cut to 10-12 after the search committee meets again. The women's soccer coach list is at eight and will be cut to three finalists.

There lies the problem. The changes must be made soon in order for the new coaches to adjust to their new surroundings and begin preparing to adequately fill the shoes of their predecessors.

"We've gone through all the time frames you have to go through to advertise the jobs and the criteria the committees have to establish to get down to the final group," Sloan said. "This is a time of year that's kind of in-between, so people are available. We need to get them hired before they get involved in next year."

Then, the challenge is to keep this batch of coaches around. If UCF makes the right choices, and these new coaches are able to keep the Golden Knights winning and take them to the next level, there must be a plan in place to keep them from jumping ship. That's Sloan's next step, get UCF into a higher profile conference, and keep his new coaches from using their positions as a stepping stone for something better.

Football coach Mike Kruczek has already spurned an NFL job and has had his name rumored as a possibility for other jobs. That's what success will do for you. He's stayed because he can see the future can be bright. But how long will he wait. Hopefully his patience is equal to his coaching prowess.

Jay Bergman is a legend, one of the best baseball coaches in the collegiate ranks and UCF is lucky to have him and associate head coach Greg Frady, who should assure that the Golden Knights will be set in the dugout for quite a while.

Kirk Speraw has made great things happen for UCF already, and could have his best unit ever next season. Ditto for men's soccer Coach Bob Winch, women's golf coach Jill Fjelstul and cross country/track and field coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth.

Volleyball has already undergone a coaching change with Meg Fitzgerald replacing Miriam Ochoa, and will look to be one of the coaches the Golden Knights are going to want to keep around for a long time. This will be the first time UCF will have separate coaches for men's and women's tennis.

Gail Falkenberg resigned before this season after coaching both sports since 1991. Michael Dublin coached the squads this year but only on a voluntary basis for one season. UCF also hopes to finalize its list for a men's tennis coach by next week.

In the meantime, UCF has made final offers to coaches for men's golf and women's tennis, but cannot afford it. But we now can at least afford that much, so we'll have a coach for each sport other than track. We're glad to be making progress, with a lot of it coming as a direct result of people like Richter and Bria, who did all they could for the program. Now, its time to move to another level, with new people, who hopefully will make this university a magnet for talented coaches to jump to, instead of jump from.
Brisson mulling over decision to go pro

whether or not they would be able to sign him in the later rounds.

"I was happy to get drafted, but I told them that I want sixth or seventh round money and right now the difference is way off, Brisson said. "I'm gonna tell them what it's gonna take for me to leave UCF.

Brisson has said that he would consider returning to UCF for his senior year, but the lure of professional baseball causes players to toss and turn about the idea. Brisson is in that predicament right now.

"The Mets still have a chance, and it's not a question of my ability, Brisson said. "Now it's a question of whether they can pull me away from UCF. UCF also had a pair of players who completed their eligibility get selected by the pros. The Anaheim Angels took second baseman Tim Boeth in the 33rd round, and the Pittsburgh Pirates picked left-handed pitcher Troy Satterfield in the 37th round.

"Nothing pleases a coach more than seeing seniors get drafted, Frady said. "They'll now have a chance to further their careers after giving everything they had for four years.

Boeth battled injuries this season, but only missed six games for the Knights. While batting in the leadoff spot for most of the season, he hit .361 with 45 stolen bases. He also scored a team-high 60 runs and added three home runs and 39 RBIs.

Satterfield had a disappointing senior season after finishing 5-3 with a 3.65 ERA in 1998. He started 15 games with a 4-6 record and a 6.06 ERA, yielding 18 walks while striking out 43 in 78.2 innings, but allowed 109 hits as opponents hit .331 against him.

"But often times, pro teams will take a chance on left-handers. Satterfield also is big at 6-foot-6, and has good control with a strong arm. Those are two qualifications scouts look for.

Frady said that 11-12 players have been signed for next year, including four from the early signing period in January. Of those four players, David Lemon and Matt Allegra were drafted. The Chicago Cubs selected Lemon, who played at Eustis High School, in the 28th round. After committing to UCF in January, Allegra was taken in the 16th round, but has decided to play in community college instead.

Football signee Ellis Debrow, a wide receiver from Pennacola's Woodham High School, was taken in the 22nd round by the Boston Red Sox, but is not expected to sign and may play both football and baseball for UCF next season.

Debrow is a left-handed pitcher and outfielder/first baseman and is a terrific athlete that has the coaching staffs of both sports teams eagerly anticipating his arrival.

The Knights can now look forward to next year with at least five starting position players returning.

Jason Arnold will be back as the closer. "We still feel that we're gonna be very strong next year, Frady said. "We'll have more pitching and more depth, but we're still unsure about all of our incoming players.
Hartley competes in 1999 U.S. Open

TRAVIS BELL

It was quite a week for UCF freshman golfer Olivia Hartley. After Kelli Kuehne, who had already qualified for the Open, won the LGPA’s Corning Classic on Sunday, Hartley received a call to fill the final qualifying spot for the 1999 U.S. Women’s Open, played June 3-6 at Old Waverly Golf Club in West Point, Miss.

“I’m really excited for her, and I’m proud of her,” UCF coach Jill Fjestdal said. “She’s only been with us since Christmas, so this is a great experience for her.”

Hartley failed to make the cut after two rounds put her at 24 over par. Still, the experience was one that she’ll likely never forget.

Hartley, a native of New Zealand, was the top amateur during a U.S. Open regional qualifying round at The Legacy Club at Alaqua Lakes on May 11 with a round of 74. She was one of 12 amateurs to make 150-player field. Hartley tied for 147th place out of 150 golfers and needed to shoot even par to advance. Hartley shot nine-over 81 on Thursday and a 13-over 87 on Friday and finished 10th out of the 12 amateurs who played in the Open.

Hartley is expected to be a key figure in UCF golf for years to come. She finished tied for 10th in the inaugural UCF Women’s Golf Open.

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Coaching carousel continues at UCF

TONY MEJIA

Purs forward with me five years, maybe 10. Karen Richter has led Auburn’s struggling soccer program to national prominence, becoming synonymous with success on the women’s soccer competing for national championships on an annual basis. Lynn Bria, after dominating the MAC for a couple of seasons at the helm of Ohio University, accepts a position directing a WNBA franchise. Now try to tell me I’m way off base.

Unfortunately for UCF, you can’t because my scenarios aren’t that farfetched. Although I won’t claim to be Nostradamus, both these events are within the realm of possibility for two personable, talented coaches who got their shot right here. However, as painful as it was for them to break ties with UCF, both went on to better situations and have every opportunity to achieve such lofty goals.

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