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Five impeachment affidavits filed

Former presidential candidate claims conflict of interest

Shelley Wilson
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Senate president pro tempore and former presidential candidate Jaime Halscott brought five affidavits of impeachment against Student Body President Darin Patton to the Legislative, Judicial and Review Committee (LJR) on June 9 and to Senate on June 13.

The first affidavit charged the swearing in of Patton was a conflict of interest since there was still a contestment of the Spring '99 elections.

"When I went to the SG office to turn in my appeal he was already sworn in as a student body president," Jenkins said.

In the second affidavit, Halscott stated access to his office was taken away.

"I went to the Student Union Information Desk to gain access to my office in SU 214," he said. "I was told that I had been removed from the list and was subsequently shown the access list."

Fred Piccolo, one of the witnesses on this affidavit, stated his opinion of the situation.

"The student body president does not have the access list, but also Jaime has an office here and should be granted access to it."

Access to the Student Government Office was changed recently by Dr. Kenneth Lawson, the associate vice president for Student Development and Enrollment Services, due to several items that turned up missing. Those items included a television set, documents taken from mailboxes, postings removed from the suite entry windows, and alleged disappearance of Election Commission materials. As a result, new hours were set from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., any meetings scheduled in

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UCF grad establishes credit website for students

Elaine LeBlanc
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A recent UCF graduate created a website geared toward informing students about establishing and maintaining good credit.

The site, StudentCredit.com, also offers online credit card applications.

Russell Gentile, who received a Finance degree in 1995, co-founded the business with a Loyola Marymount graduate. He said the numerous on-campus credit card pushers who pressure students to apply inspired them to form the business.

"I felt there had to be a better way," Gentile said. "How students manage their money now is very important. We want to help students use credit wisely now so they can utilize it in the future when they want to buy new cars, houses, etc."

The site includes explanations of credit card vocabulary such as secured vs. unsecured cards and joint vs. individual credit.

Good credit is summarized by "The Three C's," as defined by Citibank.

Character: How responsible you are about paying your bills

Capacity: Your ability to pay a loan based on your money management skills, income and financial position

Collateral: Security for the lender in case you do not pay back the loan.

The site also advises to establish solid responsible credit with a credit card. Instead of writing checks for small purchases each month, credit card use will be recorded on credit reports. Paying the full balance before the "due date" will also ensure a good credit report.

StudentCredit.com also lists common credit card mistakes such as overspending, over-borrowing and poor organization that help students avoid repeating them.

Online applications include various credit cards such as Visa, American Express, and Citibank.

"We wanted to offer a variety so students could choose from more than one major credit card,"

http://www.studentcredit.com

Photo: niceal king

On-campus credit card pushers inspired Russell Gentile to develop website to help students with their credit.

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Hitt signs budget after vetoing portions

SHELLEY WILSON
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University President Dr. John Hitt signed off on the '99-00 Activity and Service Budget on June 11. Hitt made several changes to the budget before signing by line-item vetoes or vetoing a portion of it. Allowments for the fall and spring Career Expos for the Engineering, Education, Business, Health & Public Affairs, Arts & Sciences, and Graduate Engineering College Councils along with the Personal Development Lab and the College Publication for the Councils were vetoed, totaling $150,000. The lines could be approved, Hitt wrote, if detail the university deeds appropriate is provided within the applicable time limits.

College Programs for Engineering, Education, Business, Health & Public Affairs, and Arts & Sciences were vetoed in its entirety. These programs were listed as programming director, Graduate Assistant Support, OPS Support, Assistant Support, study area, development labs, College Appreciation Functions, Meet the Dean, and information display cases. Hitt questioned the rationale of them on the budget and also asked for detailed information about them.

Lines concerning certain clubs were vetoed in part, according to Hitt, because incorrect amounts were listed. The Agricultural/Horticultural Society was vetoed at $12,000 with the correct amount being at $2,000. UCF Paintball was vetoed at $9,000 with the correct amount at $5,000. Hitt made several recommendations in regards to the budget. The new Recreation Building was a top concern on the memo.

"Senate should reallocate the $651,958 to the Recreation Services Budget Building Fund since on October 21, 1998, the Activity and Service Fee Review Committee recommended that appropriate resources be set aside for the next three years for the new project."

Hitt also wrote that the Student Senate should verify the registration of all clubs and organizations allocated money in this budget prior to the release of the funds allocated, and that the clubs and organizations should be officially registered by the start of the new fiscal year in order to receive allocations.

Starting on June 10, Senate has 15 school days to make new budget recommendations for expenditure of the vetoed portion of the fund according to Florida Statute 240.235(a)(2).

After those revisions, the Statute also allows the university president to veto any line or portion and reallocate by line item the vetoed part to obligations guaranteed by activity and service fees.

Along with this fiscal budget, close to 100 requests have been made within the past few months out of last year's addendum budget.

According to Dr. Kenneth Lawson, associate vice president for Student Development and Enrollment Services, most of the requests came in late April and were approved by former Student Body President Jason Murphy. The administration held off on funding all of the requests since they totaled over $900,000 and was not sure if all of that was available since the original addendum budget was only requested at $750,000.

The biggest single request on the addendum budget that has not gone through was for $307,000 for a bigger study lounge for the Engineering Building. The initial request on a memo was dated on March 15 from Engineering Dean Dean Wanielista to David Siegel, engineering senator and College Council member.

"Students suggested to me for 3 to 4 years that they needed more study space," Wanielista said. "They asked me if I would support a bigger lounge and I said sure so I let them handle it."

Wanielista said he believes more than the College of Engineering will benefit from the bigger study space.

"You don't just find Engineering students there," he said. "There are students all over there. One day all I found there was business majors."

The funding, however, was put on hold by the General Counsel of the university on June 9 and addressed in a memo to Interim Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services Tom Huddleston from university attorney Mary Beth Liberto.

"It appears to me that such proposed funding is not permissible under Florida Statutes 240.235 (a)(2) and 240.295(3)(e). Pending my further research and rendition of a final legal opinion in this matter, it is my legal opinion that such funding be frozen and that no such remodeling be initiated."

Florida Statute 240.235(a)(2) says that the student activity and service fees shall be expended for lawful purposes to benefit the student body in general. Statute 240.295(2)(e) says construction of facilities or remodeling of existing facilities to meet needs as determined by the university are authorized and available for such purposes.

According to Lawson, there are four different types of fees that universities may use.

The first is Auxiliary which is self-supporting programs such as housing and student health services. Contract & Grants is the second which is when professors apply for certain grants, then there is Activity and Service Fees which is paid by students, and Education in General which is funds from the state that pays for things on campus such as academic buildings.

The debate then is if student money can pay for an addition made to a building that was paid for by the state. Wanielista thinks it can.

"To build a new building you would need Education in General funds, but modifications come from all kinds of funds," he said.

The expansion is still being looked into. Five transfers totaling $274,000 which were to be made into the addendum budget were also put on hold. One transfer for $50,000 was to be from salaries from the Recreation Center was never even told to employees there.

"Nobody has told us anything. I don't think it could possibly happen because the money is not there now," said Loren Kruson, director for Recreation Services.

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Students celebrate Smoke-Out Day on campus

ALEX MELENDEZ
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This past April 20 some UCF students chose to celebrate a holiday that not only receives no National recognition, but also is a blatant violation of this country's laws.

The herb is marijuana, and college students all over the nation took to the streets to celebrate National Smoke-Out Day. The origins of the holiday aren't exactly known for sure, however, it is thought that it was started by a group of UCLA students during the mid-1970s.

Despite the ambiguity of its origins, the actual goal of the celebration itself is very clear: to smoke as much marijuana as you possibly can before the clock strikes midnight, which signals the end of National Smoke-Out Day.

At around noon on April 20, fields and meadows throughout the UCF community were dotted with tents and encampments. It was almost like a re-enactment of the 1970s flower child movement.

One participant who requested his name not be printed said, "Today is like a day where everyone can forget their lives and just chill out. I mean, we all have so many problems, I know I do. Here, I can be myself, and get as high as I wanna be, and no one will razz me for it."

Of course, National Smoke-Out Day is not all peaches and cream for all those involved — the police find themselves in a frustrating position.

Orange County Deputy John Lear called Smoke-Out Day a "real problem for the police. I mean, most of the kids who participate are way too stoned to do anything really dangerous, but that's the point. Marijuana is illegal for a reason... it's a hallucinogen that is potentially dangerous to the person who uses it and everyone around them. It impairs judgment, motor skills, and decision-making abilities).

"Now apply that to a whole group of people smoking grass for fun," Lear said. "The potential results are disastrous. But there's very little we can do. We just can't go into the camps where the kids are smoking and bust the lot of them. And as long as they aren't causing any trouble, what are we going to do? The Constitution applies to everyone, even potheads."

Most people who participate in National Smoke-Out Day said they really don't worry about reprisal from law enforcement officials.

Another participant, who requested his name not be used, said, "The police really don't ever bother us. I've been doing this since I got to school three years ago, and I've never seen a cop bother anyone."

"And likewise, I've never seen anyone really get rowdy — I mean, we're high, man, we can't really do anything but eat, laugh, and talk about things that only make sense to someone else who is high."

Website creator assures security for customers

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Gentile said, "Plus, most of these cards are geared towards college students trying to build credit.

All application information submitted is sent in an encrypted code.

"We don't want people to see this information," Gentile said. "The only people who see it are the user and the bank. Our company does not see any of it. The sign-up process is simple. Ryan Westberry, senior, received a credit card from StudentCredit.com. He said: "It was really easy. No one was bribing me with a free CD case to fill out an application. I looked over all the cards offered, decided on one and entered all the required information. Plus, I learned a lot about how important good credit really is."

Services offered on the site are free to students. Profits are generated from money paid by banks to promote the cards. StudentCredit.com is located at www.StudentCredit.com.
Summer brings out parties, cops

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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Upon the end of the spring semester, students have decided it is time to party, resulting in 21 arrests in less than 30 days. According to police reports, all 21 arrests were alcohol or drug related. There were 11 arrests made for driving under the influence. Six arrests for the possession of alcohol; four of those arrested were of persons under 21 years of age. There were four arrests made for marijuana possession.

IN OTHER POLICE REPORTS:

- On April 24, an unknown student was arrested at the Sigma Chi fraternity house on charges of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, obstructing justice without violence, and possession of alcohol under 21 years old.

According to police reports, UCFPD Officer Joseph Ingerham encountered a student near the second floor of the fraternity house holding a can of beer. Ingerham asked the student if he was of age, and the student told him he was.

When asked for his identification, the student said that he didn't have it and that although he lived in the house, he did not have his ID there. Ingerham then asked for his name and birth date to verify. The student gave the name of Keith M. Kemp with a birth date of 04/16/76. As the officer began sending the information to his dispatch, the student threw his can of beer and began running.

The chase through the Sigma Chi house ended with Ingerham pinning the student to the floor and cuffing him. The student was then taken to Seminole County Fire and Rescue for treatment of a small burn sustained during the chase. The officer then took the student to Orange County Jail.

- On April 25, George E. McMamns was arrested and charged with resisting arrest without violence while riding his bike near the Arena. While directing traffic out of the Arena around 12:25 p.m., UCFPD Officer Scott Lowen saw two bicyclists, one male and one female, heading east in the west-bound lane against heavy traffic exiting the Arena. Another officer at the Arena motioned for the bicyclists to move into the other lane.

According to police reports, when the couple didn't respond, Lowen crossed the street and shouted at the riders to ride with traffic. McMamns then put his bike on the ground and let go of the handlebars, shouting for them to stop and come back. They did not respond.

Lowen then got into his patrol car and stopped the bicyclists. McMamns got off his bike while yelling at the officer, saying he didn't have the right to harass them. Lowen asked for identification and explained the laws that stated riders had to provide it. McMamns wouldn't concede and climb off his bike, instructing his wife to do the same. Lowen then called for another officer to assist.

After further explanation and asking for his identification, McMamns still would not comply. The officers then cuffed McMamns and placed him under arrest. As they were cuffing him McMamns shouted, "I'm going in to sue if you put these on me."

Process under scrutiny after complaint

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Senate. On June 7, Patton requested the judicial Council to consider and review the establishment of appointing qualified students to vacant Student Government offices, with concurrence of the Senate.

Patton informed the Council that senators are finding friends to serve and signing their seats over to them, corrupting the process. Patton gave the example of former signover candidate Robert Smith, who was denied membership with no reasons given.

Smith said he has no political ties to any party. He also said that allowing only Senate to pick and vote on other senators is a contradiction of who they represent.

The students vote for senators during outside elections," Smith said. "To allow only an inside group to vote on inside members does not allow outside student involvement,"

Along with signovers, another issue that was brought before the Council at the hearing was the fairness of the questions asked to Senate appointees. The Council recommended that all Senate candidates be questioned equally on their merit and potential contribution to the UCF Student Government Association.

The recommendation was due in part to a recent meeting where Senate members asked Smith if his appointment was an orchestration by the executive branch; however, Kevin Koenig and Fred Piccolo were questioned that same day and asked what kind of ought untoil and traffic stop they would be if they had the choices.

Piccolo explained at the hearing the difference in questions. "Senate knew me and knew my goals, whereas they didn't know Smith. Smith signed here, I signed here, where was I coming from, whereas they weren't sure about him."

Smith, however, believes certain Senate members assumed he had a hidden agenda when he came before them.

"My first reaction to my question was that [David] Siegel pictured me as a puppet," Smith said. "I explained to him that I sought after the seat myself. I was totally surprised the questions were not on the same level."

Senator Koenig said Senate rarely ever asks appointees the same questions.

"People are in Senate for different reasons," Koenig said. "Few of which are to get involved, facilitate funding for their club, and/or enjoy politics. Senators will ask appointed questions to determine how that appointee will affect their reason for being in Senate."

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A tribute to rock and roll

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Just imagine: Kiss, Ozzy, Led Zeppelin and the once decent Metallica on one stage for $8. If it sounds too good to be true, it is. In reality, it is the Monsters of Mock tour, a package in which tribute bands share the stage for one night. In essence, I would be seeing three of my all-time favorite bands on one stage for a fraction of the price it would cost to see them. It is not the real thing, but it’s close enough.

The first band was Ozzy’s tribute band, Crazy Train. The singer tried to look like Ozzy, even though he resembled a less fatter Chris Farley with long hair. Maybe he faked his own death since he felt his true self was too thin. Ozzy even mooned the audience at the end of the show. The guy who played a doubt the most unnecessary sight of the night.

As David Bowie would say, maybe he was the band itself. The guitarist worked better than others. The real star was the band. I love Zeppelin and since it is looking like Dave JR from Megadeth with longer hair and the singer looked like big Chris Farley. Next up was Zoso, the Zeppelin tribute band. The singer tried to do a good job and sometimes it was good. He gets an “F” for effort, though. In real life was to imitate for effort, though. In real life was to imitate John Bonham. They focused too much on the softer songs instead of the heavy stuff like “Dazed and Confused” or “The Lemon Song”. But to their credit they did not focus too much on the tried and true Zeppelin and took a couple of well-intentioned risks.

A Metallica tribute band is a rarity within itself. Although the band is still active musically, they are hardly a shadow of their former selves. Battery, the Metallica tribute band, represented the hope of disillusioned former fans. I was no Ozzy. Even though he resembled the real Ozzy on his worst day could sound as bad as this guy. He got an “F” for effort, though. In all honesty, a tribute band is supposed to be a third-rate imitation of the real deal. As David Bowie would say, “the band was all together,” musically the songs did justice to the original songs. The guy who played Ozzy took his job pretty seriously and he even moaned the audience at the end of the show like Ozzy would, without a doubt the most unforgettable night of the night.

Next up was Zoso, the Zeppelin tribute band. I love Zeppelin and since it is highly unlikely to see the real deal, this band will have to do. The guitarist looked like Vignwie Malmsteem, the bass player looked like Dave JR from Megadeth with longer hair and the singer looked like big bird dressed as Robert Plant. The singer tried to do a good job and sometimes it worked better than others. The real star was the band itself. The guitarist was good, but he was no Jimmy Page. The rhythm was great, especially the drummer who was every bit as good as the late great John Bonham. They focused too much on the softer songs instead of the heavy stuff like “Dazed and Confused” or “The Lemon Song”. But to their credit they did not focus too much on the tried and true Zeppelin and took a couple of well-intentioned risks.

A Metallica tribute is a rarity within itself. Although the band is still active musically, they are hardly a shadow of their former selves. Battery, the Metallica tribute band, represented the hope of disillusioned former fans like myself to forget for a while the present and remember the songs we used to love. The band started right with “Creeping Death” which is perhaps my favorite Metallica song, but problems quickly started to surface. First of all, the drummer was every bit as incompetent as Lars Ulrich. Like Lars, he had a fancy kit which he never put to good use. The sissy image lends itself easier to impersonation than to music. Next up was Kiss Army!!! I am a big fan of Kiss, but I have had the misfortune of never seeing the band live, so this was the closest I got to fulfill that dream. Of all the tribute bands, these guys were by far the best. Kiss’ larger-than-life image lends itself easier to impersonation than to music. All the members looked the part. Ace had the spacey “I’m drunk on stage” look down. He, like the real Ace, looked like he was playing on another planet.

Paul Stanley looked like he practiced really hard playing with his hair like the Starchild himself. His stage raps were straight out of the Alive albums and Gene Simmons did the whole flame throwing, blood-spilling thing. Now whoever played Peter Criss played a lot better than the Cat Man himself. I know it is not nice to pick on the Catman but he never sounded as great as the drummer in Kiss Army. I was delighted to hear “She,” “God of Thunder,” and “C’mon and Love Me”, but there were a couple I would have liked to have heard but with so many Kiss songs it’s hard to play every request. They finished the set with “Rock and Roll All Nite” and all was good.

Apart from the show, what made Kiss Army better than the other tribute bands was that it came closer to capture the spirit of the original band and brought out that inner Kiss that was inside all the people in attendance.

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Cultural Diversity
More than 2,900 people were reported killed in Cambodia in 1998 in what are called "fishig expeditions," in which almost random groups of people are abducted until the captors sort out who is valuable and who isn't, according to a June Chicago Tribune story. Kidnapping is such a fact of life in Cambodia that the format of one Bogota radio station is almost exclusively messages for kidnap victims from their relatives. Artists welded chainsaws in March in Samoch, South Korea, for the traditional anglers' Male Root Carving Competition. Competition genitals up to 9 feet long are fashioned from pine logs along a waterfront to commemorate the time, 400 years ago, when a sailor died on a fishing trip and left a forlorn spirit in the moonlight. And the artificial dogs (whose efficiency is now as great as that of domestic dogs), but...
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Brisson, Batia receive All-Region honors

UCF first baseman Dustin Brias (Wellington/West Palm Beach, FL) has been selected to the 1999 American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) All-Atlantic Region first team while designated hitter Mark Batia (Jonestown, GA/North Florida, CC) has been named to the second team.

Brisson, a first team all-Trans America Athletic Conference selection, hit a team-leading .388 with a school record 17 home runs and 76 RBIs last season. He also led the Golden Knights with a .468 slugging percentage and ranked second with a career-high 19 doubles. Brisson was selected in the 24th round by the New York Mets earlier this month.

Batia, who also played left and center field for UCF last season, hit .378 with seven triples and 18 RBI over 54 games. He led the team with a .458 on base percentage and ranked third with 12 stolen bases.

6 golfers earn All-TAAC merit

Women's golfers Line Berg and Monica Gundersrud earned first-team All-TAAC honors and Olivia Hartley and Tatiana Londono were selected to the second team.

Striegler sets goal of TAAC dominance

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Stephen F. Austin has attained. "I want to win the conference every year and get to the NCAA's. That's our immediate thing is in place for that level, but I think every­thing is in place for us to build UCF into that kind of power." If her past is any indica­tion, Striegler will succeed. Prior to her position at Stephen F. Austin, Striegler was the first assistant at Northwestern State University for three seasons. While there the Lady Demons went 65-16 and earned a WNTI bid in 1992. Striegler was responsible for coordinating Northwestern's defensive schemes and the Lady Demons responded by holding opponents to a 39-per­cent field goal percentage.

She began her career at the University of Arkansas as a graduate assistant and earned a Bachelor of Science in kinesi­ology at the University of Central Arkansas in 1990 and finished her master's in kines­iology the following year from Arkansas.

While at Arkansas, Striegler was part of a team that advanced to the NCAA Tournament "Sweet 16" and won the Southwestern Conference regular season and tournament championship.

UCF won the TAAC championship with Berg, a junior, placing second overall. Gundersrud, a freshman, placed third. Hartley had a stellar freshman year capped by her qualification to the Women's U.S. Open. Adam Hayes and Kristian Svalheim, both seniors, earned second-team All-TAAC honors on the men's team.

The all-conference teams feature the respective tournament medalists with remaining selections based on final GolfStat rankings for the 1998-99 season.

Cumberland's Kylie Pratt was TAAC medalist for the women and Troy State's Josh Broadway won the men's event.

UCF down to 2 for women's soccer job

Striegler interviewed two finalists for the opening head coach of the women's soccer team. The remaining candidates are Amanda Crownwell and Neil Roberts.

Crownwell is a 1992 graduate of the University of Virginia. She was head coach of University of Maryland at Baltimore County from 1996-98 but lost last year's championship after going 23-0.

He graduated from Delaware and earned his master's from UNC. He interviews at UCF on Tuesday.
Bergman seeks immediate help

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Columbus, Ohio and played at Potomac State CC. He was previously drafted by the Baltimore Orioles in 1998. Junior Daniel Stillman, a 6-foot-4 right-hander, throws in the high 80s and played at Pasco-Hernando CC.

Freshman Von David Steentzke was a First-Team All-State selection from West Minister High School in Plantation, Florida and played in the state high school All-Star game. He joins early signee Greg Hubbard, also a pitcher. The Knights got three players who play middle infield positions to help fill a void left by the graduation of second baseman Tim Beath. Junior Raul Cruz played second base at Pasco-Hernando CC and hit .360 with 14 home runs last year. Junior Mike Aranda, also from Pasco-Hernando, and junior Mike Myers, a transfer from Oklahoma State, both played shortstop and will battle for playing time. Aranda hit over .400 in his two years at PHSS, and Myers hit .350 with six RBIs in only 13 games at OSU.

“We don’t recruit the junior college players to be backups,” Bergman said. “We expect immediate help from them, and they’ll add to the quality of what we already have.”

Junior Greg Good was a first baseman and left-handed pitcher at Collins County CC in Texas. He hit .385 with 15 home runs this year. Freshman Ellis Debrog, a highly touted football recruit from Woodham HS in Pensacola, has said he plans to play baseball also. He was drafted in the 22nd round by the Boston Red Sox earlier this month.

Freshman outfielder Brian Steentzke from Bishop Moore HS hit over .400 with five home runs and played in the Central Florida All-Star game. Another football recruit, Brandon Greenlee, who plans to play baseball along with Debrog. Finally, early signee Rich Wallace was the lone catcher signed by the Knights. He played at Bishop Moore HS and led the city in doubles this year. However, UCF did lose two of its early signees. Outfielder David Lemon and Matt Allegra, both taken in the draft, have decided to either play junior college baseball or sign professionally.

UCF finished this past season 38-21 and missed the NCAA playoffs for the second straight year after earning a bid in four of the five years previously. The coaches look for many of these players to step in to play in hopes of returning to the NCAA Tournament.

Schneider arrives with lofty credentials

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the line of scrimmage. Schools in the Independent ranks include Notre Dame, Louisiana Tech, Southwestern Louisiana, and the U.S. Naval Academy.

Meanwhile, the Golden Knights added another candidate to the race to become Daunte Culpepper’s successor as quarterback. Ryan Schneider (Plantation/Plantation HS) signed a grant-in-aid. Schneider, 6-2, 205, originally planned to join the squad as a walk-on. After redshirt freshman quarterback Brad Banks was lost due to academics, there was a need to sign another quarterback. Schneider was the Class 6A Player of the Year last season and was offered a full scholarship to the University of Houston. His 470 yards completed in a single game broke the state record and he finished the season with 3,764 yards. He had 38 touchdowns and four interceptions and finished his career with a 37-4 record. Schneider encountered only one regular-season loss and lost three times in the state playoffs. He will play in the Florida North-South All-Star game in Jacksonville on June 26.

Returning players will report to camp Aug. 7, with practice starting Aug. 10. UCF opens the season in the Florida Citrus Bowl against Purdue on Sept 4.
Golden Knights bring in big recruiting class

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The UCF baseball program signed nine players in the late signing period, bringing its total number of signees to 13, including two football players who plan to play baseball and two early signees announced in January. "I'm really pleased," Coach Jay Bergman said. "Last year we got caught with so many juniors getting drafted, so we didn't have a chance to recruit some players to fill voids that were left (by the players who got drafted)." Of the 13 players signed, there are five pitchers, five infielders, two outfielders, and a catcher. Seven of the players are juniors, and the remaining six are freshmen.

Junior right-hander Jessie Marlo signed with UCF after redshirting this past year at Louisiana State, so he still has two years of eligibility remaining. He played his first two seasons at Seminole Community College where he led the nation in strikeouts in 1998. Two fellow junior college pitchers join him. "He has a good arm, but he wasn't ready to pitch at LSU's level," Bergman said. "He was fortunate to redshirt."

Junior right-hander Scott Ridenour is from Ocala, has been a starter for the last two seasons at Seminole Community College.