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The Senate failed to impeach Judicial Council Justice Chad Hart because of a lack of votes at the impeachment hearing on July 7.

The Senate voted on three different charges: malfeasance, doing an act which a person should not do at all, or the unjust performance of an act which the party had no right to do; misfeasance, which is the improper performance of some act which a person may lawfully do, and nonfeasance, failure of an agent to enter upon the performance of some distinct duty which he has agreed with his principal to do. The Senate needed a two-thirds vote of the 27 senators present for any of the charges to pass.

The hearing was originally scheduled to rule and hear on both the impeachment of Hart and Student Body President Darin Patton, but there was not enough time left after the votes were taken for Hart at around 11 p.m. to start on Patton's affidavits. The hearing for Patton will be continued today at 5:30 p.m. in the Key West Ballroom of the Student Union.

Jaime Halscott, Senate president pro tempore, wrote and brought forth the affidavit against Hart. The affidavit said, "Mr. Hart swore Mr. Patton in while there was still a contestment of the Spring 1999 Presidential Elections...There is a conflict with this action and Statute 611 of the Student Body Statutes... Chad Hart is the President of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at UCF. Mr. Patton is both a brother of and past housefather of Sigma Alpha Epsilon."

In the middle of the trial, Hart and Halscott both gave opening statements to the Senate and to the 100 or so students, faculty, and staff in the audience. Both explained their reasoning for following through with their actions.

In his opening statement, Hart said it was more than just his title he was fighting for, he said he came to give the truth to those who will hear it.

"Many people ask me why I'm even bothering to be here," Hart said. "It's because I come from a good family, and was..."

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Leaders of UCF's Student Government conducted the university's first Town Hall meeting at noon on July 7. The meeting, held in front of the Student Union, gave students the opportunity to ask questions and express their concerns about SG.

Jay Lovelace acted as the mediator between SG President Darin Patton and Vice President Andrew Cupicha and approximately 50 students who were in the audience. The questions ranged from details about Homecoming '99 to the current impeachment charges.

The first question was about how Patton and Cupicha planned to get an idea about who the student body would like to bring for entertainment during Homecoming. Jimmy Buffet was named as a possibility, but students were reassured that surveys and questionnaires would be given out to get input.

Many students who attended wore "In case you forgot, we voted for Patton" stickers to show support for the president. Many audience questions regarded the impeachment proceedings and how students could get involved.

"Most everybody here is aware that there's an impeachment going on right now," asked senior Nick Haffey. "How is it that students can have more input on how that goes? Will the students also have a chance to speak at the hearing since at the last Senate meeting they weren't, and will the votes be open to us?"

Patton said the vote would be open to the students. He stressed the importance of their involvement at the hearing, but also reassured them that it was not all of the senators who did not listen at the last meeting.

"I think it's very important that all of you are here and have a presence at the hearing," Patton said. "I didn't realize how important that was until a lot of people asked. Quorum was called and a lot of senators didn't want to hear what you wanted to say. I think there's a reason for that. It's not everybody that's there."

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Approximately 50 students gather outside the Union on July 7 to ask questions of SG leaders (above), among them were Vice President Andrew Cupicha (below left) and President Darin Patton (below right).
3 inventions by engineering course aid handicapped

NICOLE KING
NEWS EDITOR

Students in a spring 1999 UCF engineering course developed three inventions to aid the handicapped: a pneumatically operated tray table, a wheelchair accessible garden table and a remote controlled appliance switch.

The Concurrent Engineering course has been available to graduate and advanced undergraduate students since 1993, but this is the first time students have collaborated with a local high school on the projects.

The 16 students in the course visited physically challenged students at Orlando's Colonial High School at the suggestion of a Colonial High teacher. One of the co-teachers of the course, Mike Mullens, said the visit was to gather ideas for products directly from students.

"The students shared their needs with our students and our students selected three different products to develop," he said.

Notes were also sent to the children's homes asking for ideas. "These were ideas from the people who needed them," said the other co-teacher, Bob Hoekstra. "We're not operating in an ivory tower. We treated the Colonial High students as customers."

It was that emphasis on the students that Hoekstra said strengthened the engineering students' commitment to finishing the inventions in just one semester. "It changed from a class to a crusade with the relationship with the students at Colonial," he said. "The fact that the students made commitments to finish these projects made the quality of work outstanding."

Mullens agreed that the students at Colonial personalized the projects. "It is very difficult to look at the high school students in the eye and tell them that you didn't have time to complete the product that you promised and they were counting on," he said.

The completion of the projects was complicated by the cost of the prototypes. Students in the class normally put up $100 of their own money for projects. The remote switch, the students could complete on their own. However, the garden table and tray table projects were far more expensive than what the students were used to. Hoekstra said he and Mullens made a deal with the engineering students that if they completed the inventions, "we would find a solution as to the cost."

As it turned out, the students themselves sought welders and an auto body collision center to paint the garden table. The tray table cost well over $500 in materials. Hoekstra said the Engineering Department helped fund that project.

The university's Patent Committee has accepted all three of the projects. According to Hoekstra, the patent attorney for the university is researching the patent possibilities for the projects.

Hoekstra said companies are interested in licensing the products. "We want to get the companies to put them out there for people to use them," he said. According to Mullens, the students in the course learned that the severely handicapped are real people who have a special need, to be more independent and self-sufficient.

"As engineers they have to be aware of customers' needs and how they will use the product," Mullens said.

In the meantime, students at Colonial High are using the inventions. "Their smiles tell the story," Mullens said.

Hoekstra hopes the class will begin collaborating with a laboratory or an institute with future inventions.

"We want to make the products available to the handicapped," he said. "These are extremely expensive products and such good engineering that we can provide at a very low price."

There are plans to offer the class again in the spring of 2000.
Senate listens as Hart answers students' charges on behavior

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raised with good integrity and manners. I feel that the issue is here, I can assure you I can hold my head up high and look at each of you in the eye and know I've done nothing wrong."

Halscott stated in his opening statement that it was Senate's duty to remove Hart. "An appeal was filed less than 20 minutes after the Judicial Council's decision was read on Friday," Halscott said. "The university held my appeal stating my courtroom was still valid and I was given another trial due to not receiving enough time for the hearing. That's why I'm here today."

"The law: it's cut and dry, and I suspect that Chad Hart will no longer be a justice after tonight."

Bob Willians, chair of the Legislative, Judicial, and Review (LJR) Committee, chaired the hearing and asked Halscott to question his first witness on the affidavit. The witness, David Sigel, was asked his perspective of the swearing in of Patton.

"My understanding of the practice is you never go forward with an action until the time period of appeal is concluded," Sigel said.

Even though Sigel did not witness the swearing in or know when Halscott's courtroom was turned in, he said the swearing in should have waited.

Chad Hart called Dr. Garth Jenkins, director of Judicial Programs, as a witness. Jenkins gave his recollection of the day of the swearing in.

"After the Judicial Council hearing that day, I went to the Administration Building and discussed the issue with other administrative officials, including Dr. Huddleston, the ranking officer," Jenkins said. "We decided we had no compelling reason to not swear him in as we had no contestment at that time."

Senator Torre Halscott questioned the administration's role and its authority in dealing with the issue of swearing someone in.

"Can you tell me or show me anywhere in written law that we able by that gives you and any other administrator the power to delegate authority to any justice to swear in any official?" Halscott asked.

Jenkins replied for the administration's authority comes from Florida Statutes.

"The university by Florida Statutes has the ultimate responsibility of what goes on at that university," Jenkins said. "The president specifically. I am not aware of any provision of either Golden Rule or statutes that specifically give the university the power to do the swearing in nor am I aware of any provision that says we cannot do it."

At the hearing, senators had mixed feelings about the conflict of interest issue. Hart asked Halscott if he had experienced conflicts of interest.

"Do you feel your fraternity and real brother sitting on the Senate and about to rule on this, or during the Chief Election Commissioner during the elections also constitutes a conflict of interest?" Hart asked.

Halscott replied he did not think any of that was a conflict.

Hart then asked the chair, Bob Williams, if he thought personal relationships constitute a conflict of interest when both parties have a vested interest in the outcome.

"It depends on if the conflict of interest is acted upon," Williams said. "You can very much separate yourself from a conflict. Just because someone's my fraternity brother doesn't mean I'm going to vote a certain way."

"It is a conflict of interest if you don't look at the facts, but it's not if you do look at them."

Hart then asked Williams what proof there was that he acted on a conflict on interest since, according to Hart, no one knows how he really voted. Williams would not comment about his personal belief, but did say that it is a fact that the voting record of the Council is not made public.

Halscott and Hart then gave closing remarks to the Senate.

"During the Judicial hearing that I was in, Chad [Hart] was up for impeachment and he did not remove himself," Halscott said. "I did make it known that I was going to appeal. When I said I wanted to appeal, that means I was appealing. It's nothing against Chad [Hart], it's against the law he wrote."

Hart then gave his closing remarks.

"It's your job tonight to seek the truth," he said. "I believe I have shown and told you the truth. No one knows if I ever acted on the conflict of interest. To impeach me on the basis of assumption is a total injustice. Regardless of the outcome tonight, I have done nothing wrong."

The LJR Committee did not recommend impeachment, but senators were allowed to state their views and opinions of this impeachment during the pro-con debate before the vote.

Senator Rick Andrade explained his reason for leaning towards pro more to do with the administration.

"Chad's [Hart's] character is not an issue for me personally, but I do believe there was a problem with the natural order of succession that was going on," he said. "The presidency should have gone to the vice president and then it should have gone to the Senate pro temp. I don't believe just because university officials gave an order, so let it be written, so let it be done." Andrade then made a gesture similar to the Nazi salute.

Senator Joy Walker spoke for con and gave her reason for not wanting to impeach Hart.

"I think Hart has obeyed, followed, and protected the Golden Rule and statutes very well," Walker said. "Two out of the four pros say that conflict of interest isn't why Chad is here today, but if you look at the affidavits there are six mentions of conflict of interest, which I also want to point out Hart has experienced. I don't think any of us in this room can say we haven't had conflicts, but I do hope that everyone has dealt with them in a moral and professional manner."

There will be a Town Hall meeting held today at noon in front of the Student Union for students to ask questions, voice their concerns, or get information from SG leaders about the impeachment or any issue that concerns them.
Ticket information for summer commencement announced, bookstore open special hours

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NEWS EDITOR

UCF summer commencement ceremonies will be held on Aug. 7, at the UCF Arena. Ticket pickup on the main campus has been listed from July 26-July 31. The UCF bookstore will be open on July 31 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Ticket pickup for main campus students will be held at the Bookstore from July 26-July 30. A photo ID will be required. Doctoral candidates and platform party guests can pick up their tickets from the Constituent Relations Office in the Administration Building, Room 328.

Daytona Beach campus candidates should contact the Administrative Services Office, Room 105 for tickets. Brevard campus candidates should contact the BCC Bookstore. Otherwise, candidates will have to pick up tickets on the main campus July 26-July 30.

Please contact the Registrar's Office at 823-3100 if you have any questions.

IN OTHER NEWS:

• Alumni from UCF's College of Education will have a reunion from 4-5 p.m. on Aug. 2 at the Student Union. If you wish to make plans for the upcoming school year. For more information, call 207-2592.

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OPINION

David versus Goliath: Is it worth the fight?

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Everyone knows the story of David versus Goliath. David, a small boy, slays the mighty giant Goliath using a slingshot and a pebble. It seems as though everyone has heard the story, yet no one istioning.

Allow me to explain.

These days, Goliath takes on a slightly different form...what I'm referring to is what I like to call "modern day Goliath."

Here are a few examples (imagine yourself as David, speaking to a friend or associate about a problem): You say, "Mr. X is deciding on how we run the business and he's just supposed to be a silent financial partner, and the company is suffering for it." Your friend responds, "Mr. X's money is the largest contributor to this company, we can't afford to 'rock-the-boat"'.

Imagine a few other situations, and these would be your friends' responses: "I know he broke the rules, but he's too influential to do anything about," "rules, but he's too valuable a member to lose," and "But we've always done things this way."

That last one may be the most familiar to everyone, but these are just a few examples. Okay, I guess it's time for my point. The simple truth is that everyone SAYS that never happens, but when it actually happens, everyone turns into a conformist. Our world is corrupt with Goliaths, but the Davids are few and far between.

From government to a PTA meeting at an elementary school, no one is willing to stand for what's right.

This isn't me preaching about standing up for what you believe just to stir the pot up, but standing up for what is right. I'm starting to wonder whether society today even has a conscience anymore.

How can people believe in something all their lives, but when faced with a problem and thus a "modern day Goliath", turn their backs, literally on themselves, and ignore everything that they stand for just because there is some excuse that seems more "reasonable."

This baffles me daily.

I'm not asking for the world to change, or people to start preaching about Free "something", or good will towards all, or good will towards all humanity: and ignore everything that they stand for just because there is some excuse that seems more "reasonable."

So where am I in all this? I guess I'm a "modern day David", and I guess I'm alone on this one.

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Media's crime coverage should educate, offer solutions

Letter to the Editor

Crime coverage must educate in order to benefit society. It must provide them information that they can use to understand the problem and to prevent and solve it. Among the papers that have revised their policies with these issues in mind is the Miami Herald. The Herald’s reason for re-thinking its overall mission was to become more community oriented. Now all stories on violence must offer up some solutions. Offering victims a chance to tell their part of the story not only benefits the individuals who have suffered, but it serves the community by reminding them of the awful price we pay as a culture for the violence we endure and perpetuate.

The media in the United States continually treats minority victims as if they are the offenders. Crime coverage seems to incriminate entire communities for the acts of a few. The “only time reporters ever come here is when someone gets shot, then they leave as soon as they can. Most of the people who live here are decent people, who work hard to make the place safer, but nobody takes the time to talk to us about that.” This quote comes directly from a woman residing at a housing project in Chicago. (http://www.journalism.msu.edu/victemed/nashville.html)

So it seems that all minorities are indirect victims of the crimes that occur around them. This is one reason the National Institute of Justice has been mandated to conduct research in the area of violence that occurs on the “under-served population” of America; under-served can only refer to minorities, who have been under-served in this country since its beginning.

It is found that community newspapers are much more sensitive to the feelings of victims and their families than large-scale city newspapers and national television news shows. Reporters and photographers from big cities experience no concern for the community they are reporting on. But editors and staff members of the smaller scale papers and local television news are often a people exposed to the towns they cover, so the need to sensitize is not considered.

George Gerhman of the Annenburg School of Communications believes sensationalism and fear-mongering contribute to what he calls the “mean world syndrome,” where people exposed to the media’s violent crime stories develop a heightened sense of irrational fear which perpetuates the idea that crime coverage seems to incriminate entire communities for the acts of a few. The media in the United States believes the readers deserve to know all the facts, but at what cost? Providing a meaningful solution instead of story after story on human cruelty is just scratching at the problem. The way the media portray children has a profound impact on society’s attitudes toward children and childhood, which also affects the way adults behave. Images children themselves see, especially of sex and violence, influence their expectation of their role in life. In the material provided for the World Congress there is a call to the media to avoid exploiting and victimizing the children in their coverage, and to depict them in a way which maintains their dignity.

(http://www.acapa.org.za/P/media.htm)

Media professionals need to re-examine their old habits. Individuals and groups are not treated with respect and their needs and views are not properly appreciated. Re-victimizing the victims needs to stop. Altering the name of people and places is one obvious answer for newspaper journalists who are trying to protect the victims. There is no need for ethical standards to be sacrificed in defense of commercial interests.

In an Indiana University School of Journalism study in the 1980s, 88 percent of the journalists questioned said they acquired their ethical values from the newspaper itself. Journalists’ unions who have to enforce their own ethical standards through disciplinary proceedings, have found themselves attacking individual workers they exist to support, so they have had little or no success. But the future of media coverage may begin to change.

Michigan State University’s School of Journalism introduces the first effort of its kind in the nation, the Victims and the Media Program is designed to reach both journalism students and working professionals, with special emphasis on how to get the story without re-victimizing the victim. The effort also addresses victims’ concerns about media coverage, and the role of such coverage in shaping public perceptions of both victims and violence. The program was launched in 1990 by professor William Coté, a veteran reporter and now the coordinator of the Victims and the Media Program, and Dr. Frank Ochberg, an adjunct professor in journalism, psychiatry, and criminal justice, with specific expertise and interest in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

(http://www.journalism.msu.edu/victemed/victim.html)

Another step forward has been taken on an international level to change how the mass media specifically targets women victims. Journalists from the United States, Canada, Israel, Greece, France, Russia, Ukraine, Lithuania and Poland attended the fourth international conference “Women and the Mass Media.” Here women traded their own approaches to heightening the awareness of stereotyping of women in the media. (“http://www.newsw.org/”) Hopefully their goal will help to educate society that crimes against racial, ethnic, religious, and sexual minorities are hate crimes based on discrimination, and the same applies to gender-motivated crime.

To truly bring change to our society, it must be made known that current mass media procedures do not benefit us as a nation. The violence in our society is in no way lessened by the stories reported, but instead is perpetuated by the same critics who write the stories to inform us. The media continually answers to the few that question their motives, that we citizens “want” to know the brutal truths behind the headline stories. As individuals we must be taught the real truth.

The media in the United States, and across the globe, is not about informing the citizens of injustices and wrongdoings, it is about money. Every citizen of this country is a victim of the media. If the newspaper, radio, and television reporters did their job as it should be done, Americans would be aware of each and every way the government wastes our precious earns tax dollars, amongst other illegitimates. Instead of telling the secrets of the few, high enough up on the social ladder to be unaffected by what the media does report, and making waves that would better our society, sensationalism sells, or so we are told.

The only real fix must begin at the root cause. Our nation’s Criminal Justice System must be overhauled and Restorative Justice must take its place. This comprehensive theory would redirect the focus of the current criminal justice system and replace the failing ways with innovative approaches to solving today’s crime problems. Victims need healing in ways our current system can never provide, as do the communities in which they live. This overhaul should be mandatory across the country as far as I am concerned. When a program offers only benefits and can be implemented using far less funds then the current system, the only reason I see standing in its way is the mighty dollar, and the message that sends is most disturbing of all.

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Alcohol lands student in jail

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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Michael Lincoln, 24, was arrested on June 19 and charged with possession of marijuana, driving under the influence and resisting arrest without violence. At around 2 a.m. UCFPD Officer E. Lashinsky saw Lincoln drive through a stop sign at a speed that he guessed to be about 60 mph. Lincoln was immediately pulled over. As the officer approached the vehicle, the car’s passenger opened the door and began vomiting in the street.

Lashinsky then asked the driver, Lincoln, to step out of the car and gave him a field sobriety test, which led the officer to believe Lincoln was drunk. While searching Lincoln, he found two bags with marijuana in them. As the officer went to arrest Lincoln, he began to resist.

“You are not going to put those on me,” Lincoln said, according to police reports. Lashinsky then arrested Lincoln and took him in for further testing.

IN OTHER POLICE REPORTS:

• “I’m looking for Alafaya Trail,” said Robert Jakobson, 44, when UCFPD Officer A. Darcey asked him where he was going on June 17.

Darcey had spotted Jakobson driving the wrong way down a one-way street and pulled him over. The officer then asked him where he was coming from.

“Home,” he said. According to police reports, Darcey repeated the first question: Where are you going?

“Home,” Jakobson said.

The officer then gave Jakobson a field sobriety test and arrested him on charges of driving under the influence.

On the way to the DUI testing center, Jakobson passed out in the officer’s car and did not wake up until arriving at the center.

• Louis George Elliott was arrested on June 11 and charged with trespassing after a warning.

Officer Allan Darcey received a call to the UCF Education Building to check the staff lounge for a sleeping man. When the officer entered Room 302 he found Elliott, who is not a UCF student or staff, asleep on the couch with two bags next to him. One bag, from McDonalds, contained four Maple-the-Bear Beanie Babies; the other had a cellular phone and pager.

According to police reports, Darcey then read Elliott his rights and called his name into the UCF dispatch where it was found that he had trespassed on Sept. 2, 1998, and been warned not to continue trespassing.

The officer then placed Elliott under arrest.
Student lives life to the fullest

TAYLOR SIKES
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

July 21, 1999

When UCF sophomore Anna Berger came to UCF from her Virginia home in 1997, she didn’t know anyone. Not one person. Not one friend. Not a soul.

But it is all part of her desire to live life to its fullest potential, she says.

During her junior year of high school, Berger went to a leadership workshop where she met a woman who she admired and who worked for Walt Disney World. This, and the desire to go somewhere different from her home, is what Berger says drove her to look at schools in Orlando.

“I knew that I didn’t want to go to college where I might meet people from high school, and yet got caught up in the same ‘high school atmosphere’,” Berger says.

“I wanted to truly experience college life. I applied to UCF even though I didn’t know a soul in Orlando and had never seen the campus.”

Berger arrived at UCF with the same attitude that she had when she was looking at schools. She quickly became involved in school clubs, which now includes being a senator for the College of Arts and Humanities. Berger says that her family also drove her to look at UCF schools in Orlando.

Whether it is her family or her own UCF activities, Berger says that for her, it all comes back to living life to its fullest. “Living life to its fullest means taking the time to be loved, taking the time to laugh, but most of all, taking the time to do things that make you happy, not worrying what other people will say,” she says.

Berger says that her family has been important in making her the way she is today. Her parents have taught her to work hard, she says. The freedom in her decision making, which they have provided, has always left her with the confidence that her parents are behind any choice she makes. Berger’s sister has also been important in her life because of the way she has been able to pick herself up after personal trials.

“I feel that everyone you meet affects your life in some way or another,” Berger says.

Since I did not know anyone, I threw myself into extracurricular activities,” she says. “I had always been involved in high school, but this was different. It was a new territory and this was a new beginning. I figured the more involved I was, the more people I would meet and the more I would get out of my college experience.”

Berger says that her family has been important in making her the way she is today. Her parents have taught her to work hard, she says. The freedom in her decision making, which they have provided, has always left her with the confidence that her parents are behind any choice she makes. Berger’s sister has also been important in her life because of the way she has been able to pick herself up after personal trials.

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Students question Senate's stand on impeachment

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There were some senators present, including Senators Torre Halscott, Fred Piccolo, Bob Williams, Kristian Cosme, and Amy Florin. Florin was the only senator who addressed the audience on the platform stand, answering questions about the actions that Senate has taken and discussing the impeachment hearing being heard before Senate on Thursday night.

"When it comes to the impeachment charges tomorrow night, I speak very positively that each and every one of us in Business have the intentions of looking at the facts," Florin said. "We're not looking at hear-say, who said what, who likes who and what not. I expect a presentation of this is what Darin has been accused of, and this is what he did or did not do. If he crossed the line, I will vote accordingly. If he did not cross the line, I will vote accordingly."

Some students in the audience asked where Patton's accuser, Senate President Pro Tempore Jamie Halscott, was and why he was absent.

"I understand the person who brought the impeachment charges on you is part of the ticket that lost in the elections against you," senior Robert Smith said. "It's easy for me to see this as him getting back at you. Is he here so we can ask him direct questions? If not, did you invite him at all?"

Patton said Halscott was invited in light of the current situation. He was not there for unknown reasons.

What the administration has to do with the impeachment proceedings and if they are going to step in at all was also asked of Patton and Cupicha.

"It would make our lives easier if administration stepped in, but that's where the students need to step up and say this is the challenge before you and to find things out for yourself," Cupicha said. "With a $9.1 million budget, you need to know where that money goes and who represents you to allocate funds.

Senior Jessica Smith asked for clarification on some of the rumors she had heard about Patton's past term in '94-'95. Patton discussed one rumor about his term being one in office during the SG shut down in 1996.

"That couldn't be further from the truth," he said. "We were named the best SG for the third year in a row during my term. It was the following spring, eight months later, when SG was shut down for what I believe was irresponsible expenditures of student funds. I don't want that to happen again and that's one reason why I've looked very closely at funds being processed.

Senate being held accountable for their actions was also a topic up for debate during the meeting. Robert Smith said he has not seen a lot of accountability for the body at all.

"I'm a member of a number of clubs and organizations on this campus and I have yet outside of election time, to see a senator come into a club meeting and tell us they are the senator of that organization," Smith said. "I think it's a perversion of democracy not to be in touch with the people that vote on you.

Being accountable has to start from each side, said Senator Karen Talbert. Talbert said she holds herself accountable for her actions, which everybody should.

"Just coming to talk to Senate for ten minutes is not the answer," she said. "It's to find and talk to your senator. I'm not saying that it's fair that you have to go hunt for someone, but you also need to be held accountable for your actions. We all need to hold ourselves accountable for our own actions, not continue to wring one reign or one entity.

Jessica Smith closed the meeting by informing the audience about a new club called Students for a Better Student Government.

"Its purpose is to serve as a mediation service for the student body so we can let the rest of the 30,000 students really know what's going on," Smith said.
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Newly appointed coaches brighten UCF's future

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nation's eyes to what Lynn Bria had done with the program, and Ohio University hired her as its new head coach. Gail Striegler takes over and brings with her a reputation as a top-notch recruiter. Her goal is to have UCF build a TAAC dynasty, earning NCAA bids on an annual basis.

Although she won't have Davis to lead the way, there is plenty to work with. LaToya Graham, Camille Howard, and Khaliah Guillory form a talented frontline, while TJ Williams appears to be Davis' replacement at the point. Outside threats Kelli Ely and Nancy Richter also return.

Michael Dublin took the men's and women's tennis teams on a volunteer basis last year, and both squads had terrific seasons. The men upset their way into the TAAC final and David Winberg won TAAC Player-of-the-Year honors along the way.

The women won the conference crown, with Veronica Widyadharma earning a national ranking. After a tough loss to the University of Georgia at the NCAA's, UCF hopes to go even further this season under new coach Patricia Allison.

The women's golf team were crowned TAAC champions and return with a bright cast this season under Jill Fjestul. Brian Craig's emergence as the new men's golf coach invigorates a program that was down last season.

There are a lot of stories to follow in the UCF sporting world, and the true essence of last year's progress can't be captured in one brief overview. However, it's clear that UCF heads into the next century with plenty of positives, including a short history it can be proud of.

UCF first baseman Dustin Brisson will probably come back for his senior season and an opportunity to break numerous school records.
A LOOK BACK

1998-'99 filled with many happenings that will shape UCF's future

Tony Mejia
Sports Editor

UCF Athletics continued its steady rise during the 1998-99 season, establishing itself as one of the nation's brightest up-and-coming programs.

While the year ahead offers the promise of new aspirations, last season's accomplishments are worth one final look back.

The UCF football season alone provides a plethora of memories. Mike Kruczek, after 13 seasons as an assistant, took over the head coaching duties. His 9-2 debut season grossly exceeded the impact he had. In one year, Kruczek went from being one of the nation's brightest up-and-coming programs. Nonetheless, he is the rock UCF can build on for years to come.

Davina Culpepper may have made sure that the name "UCF" was mentioned on every show that ever mentioned college football. After staking claim to nearly every passing record imaginable at UCF, Davina finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy voting and will be in Minnesota this season, as the Vikings made him the 11th overall selection of the 1999 NFL Draft.

As spectacular as the season was, it ended in heartbreak. A last minute touchdown reception by Auburn's Karsten Moore made it 29-27 as time expired for the Knights, also graduated, and should be replaced capably by returning senior Davis Granberry and Old Dominion transfer Paul Reed. UCF will open the '99-2000 season by hosting the University of Miami and should be a major player in this year's conference race.

The women's basketball team won its first regular season title and made it back to the NCAA's last year, as guard Chariya Davis earned Player-of-the-Year honors in the TAAC. UCF drew top-seeded Louisiana Tech in the first round of the NCAA Tournament and played well early before being dispatched.

Without a bowl to flourish in, Culpepper and Miranda used the inaugural Gridiron Classic as the showcase for what promises to be a bright future for UCF. Basketball of the season heading into the TAAC title game against conference champion Samford. The Bulldogs ran their Princeton-style offense to perfection and jumped out to an insurmountable lead to capture the conference crown and automatic bid.

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The men's soccer team got to the brink of the postseason last year, dropping an overtime decision to Jacksonville in the TAAC Championship. The future looks ridiculously bright however, with Coach Bob Winch returning all but one of his players from last year's roster. Included in the list of returnees in All-American forward Heikki Ritvanen, UCF's all-time leading goal scorer. The returning talent should be enough to put the Knights over the top in their bid to get to the NCAA's this season.

Kirk Spuraw hopes the same can be said for his men's basketball team, which was one win away from returning to the "Big Dance" last season. Despite dealing with more injuries than an RN at an ICU, UCF managed to capture second place in the conference, and was playing its best basketball of the season heading into the TAAC title game against conference champion Samford. The Bulldogs ran their Princeton-style offense to perfection and jumped out to an insurmountable lead to capture the conference crown and automatic bid.

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However, the success opened the