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Pattion impeached; accuser now vice president

SHELLEY WILSON  STAFF WRITER
The Senate impeached Student Body President Darin Patton in a trial on July 21. This is the first time in UCF history that the Senate has impeached a student body president.

The impeachment motion passed with a vote of 18 to 6 with two abstentions. Vice President Andrew Capucha will now take over as president: Senate President Pro Tempore Jamie Halscott, the vice president.

Halscott, Patton’s only rival for the presidency in the runoff elections, made the charge to impeach him. Students elected Patton and Capucha in February.

Halscott submitted three affidavits to the Legislative, Judicial, and Rules (LJR) Committee to bring up at the trial.

The first and only affidavit heard at the trial stated: “I was informed by Dr. [Kenneth] Lawton that Darin Patton told the SG Finance Department not to process the transactions approved by Jason Murphy while he was student body president. The amount as quoted by Dr. Lawton was near $900,000. "According to a case law established by Marbury vs. Madison, presidential acts are valid until the president leaves office. Once signed, all subsequent executive officers are obliged to carry out the orders regardless."

In his opening statement made at the start of the trial, Halscott explained how he viewed the SG president’s role in administering student’s money.

“One of the primary functions of the student body president is to legally and correctly administer the Activity and Service Fee Budgets."

Halscott said: “This includes at election the assumption of office to facilitate all previous legally binding allocations made by his predecessor. Upon his swearing in, Patton willfully disregarded this mandate and proceeded to freeze over $900,000 in allocations made by the former SG President Jason Murphy when not looking any further than our own student body statutes to see the illegality of this action."

“I am confident that after tonight, everyone will see the actions of the president while legal and unprincipled have hurt the university, the student body, and the Student Government.”

Dr. Ken Lawson, the associate vice president for Student Development and Enrollment Services, was called first as a witness. He had prepared a speech to give to Senate about the affidavit.

“The allocations approved by Jason Murphy were on hold prior to Darin Patton being sworn in as president,” Lawson said. "They were on hold from approximately April 20, per my instructions to the SG Finance Office."

“Secondly, shortly after Patton was sworn in on May 7, I met with Darin and asked him if he wanted me to continue to hold the allocations. After my explanation, he said yes."

“I also met with Darin, Andy Capucha, and Ossie Palla (former SG advisor) on May 18 about the same subject. I asked Darin to give me a due cause statement in writing because by doing so he could legally, per SG Statutes, freeze the budget accounts from which the approved budget was authorized.”

Lawson went on to say that Patton added a memo on June 6 outlining his reasons for holding the expenditures.

But, according to Lawson, Patton chose not to use due cause to freeze the accounts. In the memo, Patton stated several reasons why he did not approve some of these expenditures.

“First, many requests came to the Senate floor after the approval of the addendum budget,” Patton said. “However, many clubs and organizations were turned away as Sen. Seigel stated that the state of Florida has said that SG cannot transfer funds and must allocate according to the addendum budget."

“Additionally, there is an investigation underway as to the validity of the signatures on the actual requests. Furthermore, $274,000 in line-item transfers have been proposed to cover the near $1 million in approvals. This would be subverting the purpose of the addendum budget and serve as a red flag to the auditors while opening student government to criticism from those very same auditors.”

The Senate did pass two Special Acts for the SG Finance Office to release all of Murphy’s allocations. The Senate further authorized that any additional line-item transfers that are necessary to cover these expenditures be conducted.

Every request was released by June 22, except that none of the line-item transfers could be completed. Most of the bud-

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New building home of College of Health and Public Affairs

HALIE HUDGINS  STAFF WRITER
The newest structural addition to the UCF campus is the new home of the College of Health and Public Affairs. This addition to campus follows several other recent construction projects.

When planning for the new building started eight years ago, the faculty and staff had one objective in mind.

“The most important thing we wanted to do was to create a home for our students and faculty that would enhance the quality of our lives here at UCF,” Dean Belinda McCarthy said. "We asked for lots of windows and ‘people places’ for mingling and working together.”

The goal was to create a classic design with a modern feel. The faculty and staff wanted a space with a real feel for the outdoors and a lot of light for those who work and would be taking classes at night.

The artwork of Walter Krawitz will be showcased in the center of the building.

“The artwork was very important to us. It is a visual representation of the dynamic and human quality of all that we do,” McCarthy said.

The center, or ‘heart,’ of the building, is called the Winter Park Health Foundation atrium. This will be the location of the awards ceremonies, meetings and other functions of the college. This part of the building was named in recognition of the gift of $500,000 from the Winter Park Health Foundation.

The donation has been used to acquire new equipment for the nursing and physical therapy departments, for teaching labs, graduate teaching labs, for all their programs computer labs, and towards the advising facilities. ‘It is a truly wonderful gift,” McCarthy said.

The donation also helped to get state-of-the-art multimedia facilities in the classrooms, new technology for their geographic information systems, and simulator software for the health care programs.

This state-of-the-art building is 94,000 square feet, and it cost approximately $15 million. The building is in phase one of two. Phase two is projected to have its ground breaking in the spring of 2000. It will be 61,904 square feet at an approximate cost of $8.5 million.

The new building will be the home to the Public Administration Department, the Criminal Justice and Legal Studies departments, the School of Nursing, the Physical Therapy Department, and the School of Social Work, as well as the Pre-Health advising, the administrative offices for the college and student services. About 6,000 students are scheduled to have classes in the new building this fall.

There will be several building dedication ceremonies. The faculty and staff hope to have an event sponsored by the Student Government in the fall. This will allow students and interested persons to get tours of the new facility and meet with the dean and department heads.

There will be an event for the faculty and staff on August 18, as well as one for the Winter Park Health Foundation to give thanks for its gift. At the Winter Park ceremony, the artwork will be installed. There will also be an event during homecoming week for the alumni.

“As you can imagine, we are very proud of our new home,” McCarthy said.
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Replica charges center around budget allotments, investigation

get requests that were being held were coming out of this year's addendum budget.

The same budget that many clubs and organizations were promised earlier in the year they could get funding out of.

When the addendum budget was passed in March, leaders of that SG administration said that clubs could not receive funding since that decision was made by officials in Tallahassee.

Tallahassee's memo, sent along with the approval of the budget, stated that the addendum budget was to be used to fund the items requested from it, a spring concert, lighting for the Reflecting Pond, Campus Benches, etc.

The original request, made last fall, for these items was $770,000.

The requests and approvals made by Murphy at the end of his term totaled over $900,000.

During the trial, Patton cross-examined Lawson to ask how these additional requests would be processed.

Lawson replied through transfers that Murphy was asking for from other accounts that had money left in them.

Patton asked if those auxiliary organizations were notified of money being taken from their account. Lawson was not sure, but did not believe they were.

Lawson stated that there are questions about the validity of the signatures on the documents. Lawson turned over several suspect memos at the request of Dr. Tom Huddleston, interim vice president for Student, Development and Enrollment.

Forged signatures, promised money and account transfers were some of the topics discussed during the July 21 trial.

Lawson was always taught that signing a document with someone else's name to a document with dubious signatures, I believe we should investigate this matter thoroughly.

The UCF General Counsel Office first made aware of the suspicions signatures in May. In the beginning of June, the signatures were sent to a questioned documents expert. UCF received the final report on July 16, the findings of which have not been released.

Three school days later, Senate OAF Chair David Siegel, 42, and former Student Body President Jason Murphy, 26, were suspended from all Student Government activities. Siegel is only allowed to finish his class of independent study at UCF and Murphy is allowed only in the Administration Building, according to trespass warnings given to both.

Later in the trial, senators questioned Lawson as to an ongoing investigation about the signatures and why the administration first held the funds.

"We wanted to make sure there was enough money to cover them at the end of the year," Lawson said. "There were several signatures on those requests. Some requests had no signatures on them at all.

Regardless, Jason [Murphy] approved all of them. It was appearing that only two people, Jason and another senator, were involved in the approval process of these memos.

Halscott was asked what he would have done if he was the SG president and his predecessor approved questionable documents.

"I think I would've looked at them one at a time and tried to process them one at a time," Halscott said. "They should've been reviewed one at a time and not held all at once."

Halscott mentioned the 1803 Supreme Court case Marbury vs. Madison.

Senator Fred Pecicolli explained the relevance of the case during the trial.

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Patton upset campaign opponent helps decide fate, will gain from impeachment

According to Piccolo, Marbury vs. Madison established judicial review. "This all began in March when the Patton/Capichita ticket was disqualified by the chief election commissioner who is known to have an ongoing relationship with my accuser still today," Patton said.

"That decision was overturned. The Election Commission disqualified me again, but this time, Halscott was also disqualified.

"Then Halscott pulled a last minute contestment a couple of days before we were going to be sworn in. The Judicial Council subsequently denied this twice.

"Now Halscott has resorted to putting forged signatures on a whole bunch of allocations before he left office, which he has a legal right to do," said Senator Torre Halscott, whose brother is Jaime Halscott.

"They were about to be processed, and then Patton came in and stopped it. I can't speak of why he did that, but I just know that he did it and he violated our laws for doing that.

"The issue of signatures, you can debate whether they're forgery or not, that doesn't matter. The signatures are a matter of courtesy for putting a request in," Senator Michelle Cano spoke in favor of Patton.

"Clearly President Patton knew there was legality issues going on. Any president should have done what he did by investigating it. Mr. Jaime Halscott himself said if there was a legality issue than he would've investigated it, but they would have come up with different conclusions because they're different people.

"I also feel that Patton proved a point when Senator Gonzalez stated himself that that was not his signature. If someone right here said 'Yeah, his signature was forged' then why would we not see that as a legality problem?"

"Students in the audience had mixed feelings about the decision. Many felt the system, from administration down, had failed them.

"Marcus Gould, a senior in political science, attended the hearing and expressed his views on how the decision will affect UCF.

"I think that the students lost today," he said. "I think that two good people waged a very good battle, but that battle should've been over policy instead of personality and it was not. We're going to be the butt of jokes for the rest of the year."

"If you think 'You Can't Finish' is bad, every time you go on an interview with a degree from UCF the first thing people are going to say is 'Oh, you're the people who got impeached because the president decided not to expend forged funds.' Everybody lost today."

"If the student body says that what Senate did was inappropriate, the senators won't be there very long," he said.

"Students will know that we impeached our president because he tried to protect our money. And even if he was wrong in doing what he did, his interest wasn't trying to put the money in his pocket, he tried to keep it from fraudulently being spent and that's different from anything we've heard before—a public official to be kicked off from their job for doing the right thing."

"Not for having sex in the office, not for trying to swindle us, not for buying computer stuff for their friends. He got kicked off for trying to protect us and the irony is that the administration did the same thing by holding the same funds before Patton even took office."

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Leadership summit offers solutions for school violence

Shelley Wilson

UCF hosted nearly 100 rising high school juniors and seniors from Florida to participate in the second annual Leaders Involved for Tomorrow (LIFT) Summit on July 22.

As one of the events, two students from Columbine High School spoke. Developed through the LEAD Scholars Program, the Summit was designed to strengthen the leadership skills of students, allow them to meet new people from around the state, and partake in the college experience.

The Summit offered two keynote addresses, five different workshops, and a special presentation by two Columbine High School students that lead into a workshop session on “curbing school violence,” a delegation-wide service project, and social activities for the high school students to attend.

The delegation met in groups to brainstorm on how to curb school violence.

The guest speakers, Columbine High School students Kyle Mickelson and Jon Stocking and gave their insight on the Columbine situation.

“If this could happen at our school, it could happen at any school,” Mickelson said. “If you had told us that the day before the shooting, I would have laughed at you. Be friends to everyone. Just plain kindness might have stopped this.”

Following their speech, Stocking and Mickelson were asked about how to improve the education society.

They suggested peer mediation, anger management, and involvement from parents. Those suggestions, along with others will be forwarded to Gov. Jeb Bush and state officials.

The director for this year’s summit, Ana Berger, said she was impressed with the impact that the program had and will remember it for years to come.

“This year’s LIFT Summit was better than I could have ever expected or imagined,” Berger said. “Looking back, I reminiscence of a whirlwind of events which many unforgettable friendships were built, excited delegates and staff alike learned valuable lessons in leadership and life, laughter was heard, tears were shed, but was had by all, but most of all, lasting memories were made.”

UCF student Greg Auerbach created LIFT Summit in 1998.

Next year, the conference is looking to host nearly 200 students. If you are interested in applying for any of the staff positions, including student director, applications will be available throughout campus beginning August 19.

For more information, contact Greg Auerbach at 823-2223.
SHELLEY WILSON
STAFF WRITER

UCF awarded over 1,450 degrees at the summer commencement on August 7 at the UCF Arena, including its 100,000th.

During the first ceremony, Business Administration and Engineering honored over 550 graduates.

The second ceremony, the Colleges of Education and Health & Public Affairs honored close to 550 graduates.

The last ceremony, Arts and Sciences, had 530 graduates.

It was during the Education and Health & Public Affairs ceremony that a milestone was reached for UCF. The 100,000th degree was given in Criminal Justice.

Sharp was the only student to receive a framed diploma at the ceremony. He also received a gift certificate to the university bookstore and a free membership to the UCF Alumni Association.

Sharp said he had been overwhelmed at the ceremony, with TV stations and newspapers there to interview him and take his picture.

"It's something I've never expected," he said. "I was very nervous up there getting my diploma. I was more nervous, though, about tripping over something in front of everyone. This has truly been an experience I'll never forget."

Sharp, who graduated with a 3.8 GPA, started attending school on a dare from a friend.

"I actually started college on a bet with my best friend. He swore I wouldn't put in an application and I did out of spite and the rest is history. I've been going strong ever since."

Sharp, 28, worked full time to put himself through school and took out loans to help pay for some of college expenses. He is now in the process of filling out paperwork to continue his education to obtain his doctoral degree.

He feels that UCF's growth has greatly contributed to the quality of education he has received here.

"I think it's amazing what this university has done to adapt to the growth and continue to offer the same caliber of education. That caliber is continuing to grow. UCF has done an excellent job attracting top faculty and top students and that says a lot about the university and how it's run."

The Honorable Corrine Brown, United States congresswoman, was the commencement speaker at the ceremony. She spoke of government's impact and encouraged involvement from the graduates.

"Whether you like it or not, you all are affected politically one way or another by the government," Brown said. "When you put in your car today to go home, it will be the government who determines if you have a smooth road to drive on and how fast you can drive. It is my sincere hope that you will not just stand by while others make those decisions."

"I applaud you for accepting this challenge and to understand this is a prime time to be graduating and starting your future. There are opportunities out there for anyone to take advantage of today."

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**Student Body President Andrew Cupicha, also gave a speech in that ceremony to tell the graduates to be thankful and be proud to be where they are today.**

"Today when you awoke, you suddenly realized that this is the best day of your life! There were times when you wondered if you would make it to today, but you did. And because you did, you are going to celebrate."

"Today, you are going to celebrate what an unbelievable life you have had so far-the accomplishments, the many blessings, and yes, even the hardships because they have served to make you stronger."

"Today is the day you quit worrying about what you don't have and start being grateful for all the wonderful things God has given you."

You'll remember that to worry is a waste of time. And tonight, before you go to bed, and raise your eyes to the heavens and the moon and thank God for the best day of your life.

The president of UCF, Dr. John Hitt, ended the ceremony.

"What you do reflects on this university," he said. "It helps build the school's reputation. At the same time, the honor of which your university is held is a reflection on you."

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Fall Calendar

August:
18: Welcome Back Expo for students, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Meet new people, enjoy free food and win prizes while you find out about campus organizations and the many ways to get involved throughout the year, held at the Student Resource Center Green
19-20: Greek Forum, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Fraternity information given outside Student Union
23-24: Greek Forum, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Fraternity information given outside Student Union
25: UCF Knightlife Activities Expo, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Student Union south entrance
26: Thursday Knight Jive Poetry Reading, 7:30 p.m. at the UCF Bookstore
30: Pick up petitions for Senate elections in SG office

September:
1: Volunteer UCF Expo, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Student Union; CAB Meet & Greet, 7 p.m., Cape Florida Ballroom, Student Union
6-8: Declaration of Candidacy for Senate elections to be given to Senate in SG office.
8: Auditions for Mr. UCF, 6-10 p.m., Student Union
9: NPHC Greek Expo, 7-30 p.m., Student Resource Center Auditorium
13-17: Senatorial elections for seats in 32nd Student Senate
13-14: Danny Segal (motivational speaker on volunteerism), 5:30 p.m., Communications Bldg., Room 101
15: auditions for Mr. UCF, 6-10 p.m., Student Union; Theatre Knight, "The Importance of Being Earnest," 7:45 p.m., UCF Theatre
16: auditions for Mr. UCF, 6-10 p.m., Student Union
23: Thursday Knight Jive Poetry Reading, 7:30 p.m., UCF Bookstore
28: Speaker Jane Elliott, 8 p.m., location to be announced
29: Speaker James Malinchak, "Chicken Soup for the College Soul," 8 p.m., location TBA

October:
5: Tuesday Knight Live comedian, Cary Long, 8 p.m., Locus, Student Union
7: "Creative Dating" Seminar, 8 p.m., Student Resource Center Auditorium
11: "Where’s Your Milk Mustache Promotional Tour?, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Student Union
11-15: Volunteer UCF Food & Clothes Drive, bins around campus
13: UCF Police Crime Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Student Resource Center Green; Volunteer UCF Hunger Banquet, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., Student Union, Room 218A & B.
15: Volunteer UCF World Food Day Teleconference, noon-3 p.m., Student Union Room 229
15-17: Family Weekend, invite family members to enjoy UCF activities
17-23: Diversity Week
20: Theatre Knight, "Side By Side By Sondheim," 7:45 p.m., UCF Theatre
21: Thursday Knight Jive Poetry Reading, 7:30 p.m., UCF Bookstore
24-30: HOMECOMING
24: NPHC Greek Extravaganza, 5 p.m., UCF Arena
25: Homecoming movie, 6 p.m., Reflecting Pond
26: UCF Knights at Home: A Nice Day Cafe in downtown Orlando, 7 p.m.
27: Homecoming Carnival, 2-10 p.m., UCF Arena parking lot
28: Knight Kingdom, 8 p.m., UCF Arena
29: Spirit Splash, 2-30 p.m., Reflecting Pond
30: Homecoming Parade, 11 a.m., downtown Orlando, crowning of Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of the football game; Homecoming Concert, 8 p.m., Citrus Bowl (performers TBA)

November:
9: Mr. UCF Pageant, 8 p.m., Student Resource Center Auditorium
17: Auditions for Miss UCF, 6-10 p.m., SU
18: Thursday Knight Jive Poetry Reading, 7:30 p.m., UCF Bookstore; Auditions for Miss UCF, 6-10 p.m., Student Union
19: CEL Etiquette Dinner, details TBA; auditions for Miss UCF, 6 p.m.-10 p.m., Student Union
22: Theatre Knight, "Amadeus," 7:45 p.m., UCF Theatre

December:
1-2: *Sports Illustrated* Tour, Student Resource Center

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Rush Kickoff: Tuesday, August 24, UCF Arena, 7:00 pm
Rush Parties: Wednesday, August 25 through Saturday, August 28, 1999

NPHC INFORMATION

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Compiled by Shelley Wilson
Bill Brown Scholarship awarded to graduate student

HALLIE HUGDINS
STAFF WRITER

The UCF Panhellenic Council presented Teresa Gerber with the Bill Brown scholarship worth $500 on August 4 in the Student Union.

This scholarship was named after Dr. Bill Brown, former dean of Students, in appreciation for his years of dedication.

"This is a scholarship sponsored by the students, for the students," said Greg Mason, director for Greek Affairs.

The scholarship was open to all female students working on their graduate degree.

They also had to be full time students with a 3.0 GPA. The recipient was determined by their school and community involvement.

Gerber is a doctoral student in clinical psychology under faculty advisor Dr. Jack McGuire.

Gerber once worked as a graduate supervisor for the Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST).

She was responsible for coordinating the delivery of information referrals to disabled individuals and the elderly in the central Florida community, resource development, and networking with community and statewide agencies.

Gerber is also a volunteer for The Creative School Children at UCF and an active member of the United Scherodermis Foundation, a Student representative for the Clinical Psychology Program, and a certified HIV/AIDS educator and counselor with the Department of Children and Families for the state of Florida.

Along with all this, Gerber is raising her 4-year-old daughter.
ALF steps up anti-fur campaign, promises more raids, firebombings

The animal rights activist group admits to raiding two Wisconsin mink-breeding facilities in an effort to shut down the fur trade.

Brain Hansen
Colorado Daily ( Colo.)

(U-WIRE) BOULDER, Colo. — The Animal Liberation Front last week claimed responsibility for raiding two Wisconsin mink-breeding facilities and for firebombing a third, and warned that there will be "more to come" in its guerrilla campaign to shut down the "blood-soaked" fur business.

The ALF, an underground organization dedicated to abolishing what it terms the "animal abuse industry," made the pronouncements in a series of e-mail communiqués forwarded to the Colorado Daily via an anonymous Internet remailer.

"We will not stop or be stopped until every cage is opened and every oppressed creature is free," declared an Aug. 10 communiqué. "1999 will be a crippling year for this blood-soaked industry."

The recent spate of alleged ALF actions began on Aug. 3, when approximately 3,000 mink were released from a Briatol, Wis., farm owned by Richard Krieger. On Aug. 7, the ALF claimed responsibility for the raid.

"The conditions on Krieger's death camp were the worst we had ever seen," stated the communiqué. "Throughout the farm there were open ditches full of feces and urine. In several cages, we saw the decomposing corpses of dead mink."

According to the ALF, Krieger's farm was targeted, in part, because it allegedly supplies mink pelts to retail furrier Neiman Marcus.

"It appears that Neiman Marcus is allied with Krieger and his fellow murderers of mink for the purposes of profits and greed over life and freedom," declared the ALF communiqué.

ALF activists claim they destroyed most of Krieger's breeding records, thereby significantly increasing the economic damage inflicted by the raid.

Less than a week after the raid on Krieger's farm, the ALF allegedly struck again — this time in a brazen two-pronged attack.

In the pre-dawn hours of Aug. 8, some 2,000 mink were released from a Plymouth, Wis., farm owned by Gene Myers. That same morning in nearby Greenbush, Wis., a warehouse owned by United Feeds, Inc. — which was allegedly used to manufacture and store feed for fur farms — was burned to the ground.

On Aug. 10, the ALF claimed responsibility for both actions.

"Once we had finished sweeping (Meyers') farm, we headed off to United Feeds," the communiqué stated. "We entered the building and checked from top to bottom to ensure that no living thing was inside. Four incendiaries were strategically placed throughout the building, ensuring that it would burn to the ground."

The property value of feed mill, which was completely destroyed by the blaze, easily exceeded $1.5 million, said ALF spokesman David Barbarash.

Barbarash, who spent two terms in a Canadian prison for taking part in a 1992 assault against a University of Alberta animal research laboratory, called the Wisconsin raids "highly successful actions."

"The owner of the Plymouth fur farm stated on television that he's ready to close his business," Barbarash said.

Rod Coronado, who spent nearly four years in prison for taking part in a 1992 firebombing of an animal research laboratory at Michigan State University, said the ALF's direct-action campaign forces fur farmers to spend more money on security.

More importantly, he said, banks have become wary about extending loans to anyone involved with the "high risk" fur farming industry.

"It's a sign of the effectiveness of the strategy," Coronado said.

Coronado and Barbarash both said that the actions of the ALF are widely misunderstood.

"We don't view what the ALF does as terrorism — we view what the fur farmers are doing as terrorism," Barbarash said. "Animal electrocution, neck breaking, gassing — if those aren't forms of terrorism, I don't know what is."

"The ALF believes that destruction of property is not a violent activity," he said. "The lives of animals are far more valuable than the property of animal abusers."

Last October, a group calling itself the Earth Liberation Front claimed responsibility for firebombing the Vail ski area.

Coronado said that while neither the ALF nor the ELF have any central leadership or hierarchical structure, there are some commonalities between the two movements.

"The ALF and the ELF are really fighting the same enemy," he said. "Typically, the animal abusers are the same people as the environment destroyers."

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Northeastern U. may begin to inspect student's belongings

Dave Branda
Northeastern News (Northeastern U.)

Northeastern University's Department of Residential Life is currently reviewing a proposal that would allow community receptionists to inspect students' belongings that they deem "suspicious" in the search of alcohol and other illegal substances, according to Dean of Student Affairs Ron Martel.

The proposal, initiated by M.L. Langlie, director of Residential Life and chair of a committee established to look at alcohol and drugs in residence halls, aims to curb the "tremendous influx of alcohol illegally into the residence halls ... in a very secluded fashion," according to Martel.

This "sneaky fashion" Martel is referring to is the growing practice of bringing alcohol and other substances into the residence hall by smuggling them in oversized duffel bags, book bags and even suitcases.

According to Martel, the proposal and task force weren't a direct result of the alleged rape at Melvin Hall in the spring quarter, in which alcohol allegedly played a major part, but a result of "indirect issues throughout the year."

More specifically, Martel cited the increase of incidents stemming from the consumption of alcohol and drugs, namely marijuana, in freshmen residences.

"This has become a very concerning issue of us all," Martel said.

"Obviously the [alcohol and drugs in residence halls] is providing a most destructive community environment."

The plan could be put into effect as early as this fall.

Langlie and Northeastern President Richard Freeland were both unavailable for comment.

The Resident Student Association is taking a wait-and-see stance on the proposal, according to RSA President Andrew Bunnell, a middle political science major who sat on the committee.

"We can't say if we are going to take any stance on it," Bunnell said. "We have to wait and see if the proposal is successful. The goal is to prevent 60 percent [of the alcohol from going into the freshman residence halls]."

The organization expects to hear complaints from students living in the residence hall who are subject to these searches, Bunnell added. However, Bunnell believes that if the program is successful, the hassle is worth it. Should the program prove unsuccessful, he feels the RSA would have to look into the possibility of asking for changes.

If the proposal passes, community receptionists would be retrained to handle their new responsibilities, and would be told to call either the Division of Public Safety or a resident assistant should problems arise with a student, according to Bunnell.

Several students on campus are against the proposal.

"They need some basis before searching a bag," said Karyn Levens, an incoming, undecided freshman. "Not just because somebody looks funny."

Levens isn't the only student questioning the bag-checking procedures.

"I don't see how they have the right," said Dave LaPort, a senior computer science major. "It's your own personal property." A few specifics about the proposal are still up in the air. One such factor is how the new rules and regulations will be implemented in residence halls that don't have community receptionists, like the St. Stephen Street apartments or the leased properties.

Other stumbling points are the legality of searching a person's belongings and a student's right to privacy. However, Martel believes the university would have a legal right to search students' possessions if the students are notified of it at the beginning of the school year and if they sign housing agreements with this stipulation.

Lisa Sinclair, a member of the University Counsel and a member of the committee, isn't sure of the legality of the issue and the stance University Counsel will take on the proposal.

"I'm not sure whether [University Counsel] would say they are comfortable with it," she said.

The specifics of the proposal, which haven't been worked out yet, could pose possible legal issues for the school, Sinclair added.

The committee is also looking at a couple of other initiatives to help educate students of the hazards of alcohol and drugs on campus. These include the possibility of contacting students' parents or legal guardians after a first alcohol or drug offense as well as a federal program between each of the residence halls and Public Safety, with members of the department making presentations to residents.

Members of the committee represent a number of departments and groups on campus. Included on the committee are representatives from RSA, Residential Life, Public Safety, Judicial Affairs, the Community Receptionists Office and the Counseling Center.

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Credit debt plagues college students

Matthew Boedy
Independent Florida Alligator

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Offers of free T-shirts, pizza and gadgets of all kinds beckon University of Florida students to sign on the dotted line for credit cards. And many are taking the bait. According to studies, more than 65 percent of college students have credit cards and growing numbers have more than one. But the piling up of textbooks, grocery bills and tuition have forced students into debt counseling to find a way out of their credit card holes. The American Banking Association estimates the average credit card balance is $1,700.

Maureen Lendzion, director of public relations for Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Mid-Florida, said most students cannot handle their finances with credit cards and growing numbers of textbooks, grocery bills and tuition have forced students into debt counseling to find a way out of their credit card holes. The American Banking Association estimates the average credit card balance is $1,700.

"They might have enough money to pay the bill, but they don't know where their money is going," she said. "A lot of the time, the problem can be solved if students knew where the money was going." Lendzion said students who think they just pay the minimum payment do not see the bigger picture.

"Students are using credit cards but also are building up student loans. And in the end, it all adds up," she said.

Counseling services, like CCCS, offer students free advice, Lendzion said. Her group offers budget-making tips and will work with creditors to work out payment plans.

Karen Fooks, director of UF student financial aid, said groups begin counseling students with credit cards during Preview.

One of the issues Fooks deals with is the "spend now, worry later" mindset. Students are using credit cards for tuition but have no income to pay off the debt. They charge to the limit, get another card and continue until they graduate or hit credit limits, she said.

While her department cannot make decisions for students, Fooks hopes they will listen.

Francesca Duran, who graduated from Christ Hospital in Cincinnati who joined the medical center on Aug. 1. He will run the new program that uses the da Vinci robot technology for aiding surgeons during heart bypass operations.

OSU will be the first site in the United States to use the robot.

"This is a tremendous advancement in minimally invasive surgery that is aimed at improving the quality of the surgery and ultimately the quality of life for patients," Wolf said.

"Using this new robotic procedure, we have the possibility of performing standard heart operations with minimal trauma to patients," he said.

Minimal invasive surgery uses enhanced visualization and advanced robotics.

The da Vinci system and everything has worked beautiful," he said.

In the past year, the number of open-heart procedures at the medical center has increased by more than 50 percent while the death rate has decreased by two-thirds, said Dr. Robert Michler, appointed two years ago as the university's chief of cardiothoracic surgery.

"Part of my mandate coming here is to create a world-class program," Michler said. "Dr. Wolf has a national reputation as an outstanding clinical surgeon and investigator. It was clear to me that someone of his talents deserves to be in an academic environment."

Wolf said he was very excited when he came to discuss this initiative with Michler and looks forward to the challenge of continuing the excellence of the cardiovascular program.

"Our goal is to provide the patients at OSU with the most progressive (cardiovascular) procedures in the world," he said.
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The truth is out there — just not in your inbox

Andy Lurig  
Staff Writer

Ever received an email warning of a malicious virus hidden in an email? Or how about a kidney theft ring? Maybe Bill Gates is giving you an email to the Cancer Society so it can donate 5 cents to help this child get better?

Welcome to my hell. Some friends always seem to go around a variation of one of the above situations. No matter how much I tell them it’s not true, they keep coming. You’d think that people would notice that practically all the warnings look almost exactly alike, with only a few details changed.

So I decided to write this, to help educate those willing to read it, about these email/virus hoaxes.

Below are some examples, or at the very least a clarification as to how viruses work and how impossible, many things suggested in emails  REALLY are. Oh, and a few websites for kicks.

Stage 1: Some Basic Facts - A virus is a program, just like your Netscape, IE, or AOL. You have to run it to have operating systems that’s pretty much a double click) for it to work.

Emails are just text. Some include HTML (the language used to create webpages) and some are in MIME format (you might see that at the top of some messages) which is just an advanced text.

Since an email is only text, and not a program, just reading or opening an email cannot start a virus. The only way to get a virus in an email is as an attachment. This is an Urban Legend. For more information on the details, check out urbandenials.com.

Why would Bill Gates give you $1000? Why would I give you free tickets? Wouldn’t you read about it in the campus paper if it were true?

The fact is, if someone sends an email that says, "FORWARD THIS and get [insert prizes here]!" DELETE IT. The SouthPark lost episode won’t pop-up after the message is forwarded.

The way it works is you forward it because you think something will happen, and the person who receives it thinks it worked because you forwarded it. It’s a trick. Just stop to think about it.

This one got five stars from me on creativity++. If the email is in the format: ‘DO NOT OPEN an email titled [insert anything here].’ It’s a virus and will fry your hard drive [insert credible company name like IBM here] has confirmed this virus. AOL has also said that this is a dangerous virus. It’s a little lengthier, but you get the idea. This is a template virus warning that has been sent around a million times.

Emails that are set up so you send an email to a certain address, such as helping a young girl get 5 cent donation, or to raise money for world peace, are created by people who are just plain jerks. Their goal: make up some sap story so that you aren’t on AOL. Without you downloading it, you aren’t on AOL. You don’t want the hassle of worrying about your computer getting a virus.

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Stage 2: Simple Advice - First off, if the email is a Forward (abbreviated FWD) or has tons of Headers (those mini paragraphs at the top of messages with lots of email addresses), be wary. Nine times out of 10, it’s not worth your time.

If you get an email from someone with an attachment that you weren’t expecting, ask your friend why they sent it to you and what it is before you download it. A few hours wait is worth it, compared to the $5 and time spent rebuilding your hard drive after a malicious virus.

If you aren’t on AOL and just connect through school, get an email account on Hotmail that’s generic for when you upload your attachments. http://www.hotmail.com Don’t worry, it’s free.

The reason is that Hotmail offers virus scan at the click of a button of an attachment, without having to download it. If you don’t want the hassle of worrying about what to download, just click on View Anti-Virus. McAfee Virus Scan. Both allow for updating the virus protection online, and will scan your computer for viruses in emails, on disks that you share with friends, and the drives on your computer right now.

Stage 3: Some Examples - The whole kidney theft ring is a hoax. There is no black market for organs, and the procedure is MUCH more delicate and precise than these ’thieves’ could perform. This is an Urban Legend. For more information on the details, check out urbandenials.com.

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Simple: DELETE KEY - Become familiar with it. Take it to dinner, talk dirty to it, make it feel special, but never resist hitting/delete it when the time comes. I’ll appreciate it almost as much as you will. Good luck.
Letter to the Editor

Sneakers for guns trade could get guns off the streets

I remember reading an article in this paper questioning why people feel the need to ‘cure’ about societal issues. I have an answer, it is my answer mind you, but it is how I live my life on a day to day basis.

Why should I be on this planet for seven or more decades just watching the world revolve around me? I have an answer, it is my answer mind you, but it is how I live my life on a day to day basis.

Why not use my education to educate others? Why not bring to light societal issues that may not be affecting me or you, but others all around us? Though the world revolves around the mighty greenback, there are also other more important considerations.

The greatest example of an honestly charitable act occurred on Friday, July 30 at the Orlando Citrus Bowl. The Monsters of the Midday of Real Radio/WTKS 104.1 held the second annual “Kicks for Guns” where young people were encouraged to turn in guns to receive a pair of sneakers.

Orlando Police were there to receive the firearms, but it was stressed that no questions would be asked. The guns will then be melted down.

Originally Russ Rollins, the head of the Midday crew, brought up the idea of holding the event again, but was told there was “no interest”.

He asked, as did I, “How could that be?” and sure enough, the calls poured in. It seemed that because it was not a money-making event for the radio station, there was little interest in the project.

Here is a clear case where money should not be placed above the concerns of the community.

Not only did the Monsters pull off the event, but there was a greater turn out than last year! Who can argue that getting guns off the street and out of the hands of minors is not a good idea? None one is sane! Then why is it so difficult for events like “Kicks for Guns” to be held? And why don’t other cities across the county follow this example?

All the sneakers were donated by various individuals and groups who felt the need to help the community, volunteering is what ‘community’ is all about. The local news media covered the event, but not enough.

The traffic and weather seemed to carry equal importance. With our country still looking for answers about youth violence in today’s society, why is “Kicks for Guns” not considered an answer?

Not the only answer of course, but nonetheless an answer that helps the problem without negative consequences. I propose National Kicks for Guns Day, held annually during summer across the country.

Throughout the cities of this country, there are plenty of young people willing to get guns out of their homes or out of friends and relatives hands, for a pair of sneakers.

There is nothing to lose! Those donating money for sneakers, or actual pairs of sneakers, in each city will get great publicity for their genera. cties.

The police will get firearms off the street without filling the jails. The community will benefit most by the increase in peace, and the return of the ‘community feeling’ where they live.

In 1998, 100 guns were turned in to Orlando Police, and this year the count is over 150 and the event was only four hours long.

Imagine what a daylong event in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York City or Miami could bring in?

Maybe I am a realist, but my plan is totally feasible and could only benefit society!

So I ‘care’ about the social problems in this country, and I think you should too.

I feel like I am the only one sometimes, and it is more than discouraging, but I will continue to do what I can to make this country better for you and me.

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— Gina Lynne Carson

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Low toilets in Communication building ruins bathroom experience

What is with the new Communication Building?

Everything about the architecture is great. The classrooms are large and well lit. The rug has a funky look, as does the outside of the building. So what happened with the bathrooms?

I can only speak of the female bathrooms as I have yet to enter the male domain, but last I checked toilets were only placed 2 feet off the ground in elementary schools.

I can vividly remember being in middle school and going back to visit the school I attended K-5 in. The bathroom seemed to be built for midgets. But I can understand this because children are small like midgets. However, most of the people taking classes in the new Comm Building are not midgets, at least not on the outside.

Unlike the older buildings and their bathrooms, there are a good number of stalls so there never is a long wait. But unlike the older buildings’ bathrooms, which have normal adult size toilets, the toilets in the Comm Building are hung directly off the wall, and they are hung low at that.

I don’t think I’ve ever sat on a toilet and had my knees be higher than my waist. And the stalls are long and narrow. The bonus? There are plenty of hooks to hang your bookbags and purses. That is, if the door shuts.

The stalls are long and narrow. The bonus? There are plenty of hooks to hang your bookbags and purses. That is, if the door shuts.

So with this wonderful aura the new building’s architecture gives off, remember this, the toilets are too low to the ground.

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Protest over cop-killer is unwarranted

Greg Weston
THE LANTERN (OHIO STATE)

(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio —
A group calling themselves “Art and Revolution” gathered at Buckeye Lake on July 30, supposedly protest the imprisonment of convicted cop-killer Mumia Abu-Jamal Members of , supposed—ly I’m not quite sure why they did this. It can’t be that they thought their dancing and chants of “Free Mumia” could ever have any influence over the Pennsylvania judges in whose hands Jamal’s fate now rests. Why on earth would those judges care what a group of college students in Ohio think care about this case? Why would anyone?

I wonder if those gathering called for “freedom and liberation” for Jamal even know the facts of the case. It began in Philadelphia on Dec. 9, 1981, when police officer Daniel Faulkner pulled over William Cook, Jamal’s brother, and there was a physical altercation between them. Jamal happened to be in his cab near the scene, and according to four different eye-wit­nesses, he ran over to the car and shot Faulkner in the back. Faulkner turned around and shot Jamal in the stomach and then fell to the ground. Jamal then leaned over Faulkner and fired several more shots at him. Finally he fired his gun directly into Faulkner’s face from point-blank range, killing him. Wounded, Jamal staggered a few steps away from the scene and fell to the curb, where police found him less than two minutes later. Jamal made a fool of himself at his trial. He was removed from the courtroom 13 times for “loud outbursts and verbal threats.” At first, Jamal chose prominent Philadelphia lawyer Anthony Jackson to represent him but later changed his mind and asked for John Africa, the leader of a violent religious cult whose members had murdered another Philadelphia policeman a few years earlier. Africa was not a lawyer, so this was not allowed. Jamal then decided to rep­resent himself.

He only took the racially mixed jury three hours to unanimously find Jamal guilty beyond all reasonable doubt. Later, all 12 members of that same jury, without a single exception, voted against a life sentence and in favor of sending Jamal to the electric chair.

Since then he has been on death row, attempting to appeal his conviction. In every appeal he has lost. He also has become a minor celebrity, thanks in part to his new lawyer, Leonard Weinglass, whose specialty is defending cop-killers. This celebrity has allowed Jamal to attract money that Weinglass uses to spread misinformation to the gullible i.e.- college students and Hollywood actors, the same group that Scientologists target. Typical of this misinformation campaign is the claim that Faulkner was killed by a .44 caliber bullet even though Jamal’s gun was a .38. If what Weinglass claims is true, then of course Jamal could not be the killer; however, it is not true. The only source for Weinglass’ claim that the bullet was a .44 was a scrap piece of paper written by Dr. James Hoyer, the doctor who performed the autopsy. During the trial, the doctor admitted he had no formal training in ballistics and that he measured the bullet visually with a wooden ruler, which he called “a highly inaccurate instrument.” Later ballistics tests showed that it was in fact a .38 cal­iber bullet that killed Faulkner, and that the rifling on the bullet closely matched Jamal’s gun. It appeared at first to be .44 to the doc­tor because it was a special type of bullet with an expanding hollow base called P+ ammunition. Dr. Hoyer later testified that if he had known the bullet was this special type of ammunition he would have never written it was .44-caliber.

I can’t find any fault with what Weinglass is doing. He took an oath to zealously represent his clients and he is doing a very good job of it. What I don’t understand is why so many other people have allowed themselves to become the dupes of a cold-blooded murder­er and publicly defend him.

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I love scary movies. I try to see every single one when they come out, but I've found that they all share one common bond. They are not scary. Scream's observations were absolutely right. Horror films follow a very specific itinerary that rarely strays from the formula of kittens providing jumping-in-your-seat scare tactics and big breasted females running up stairs instead of out the door. And the really scary thing is that I fall for it every time. I stand in line and throw down my hard-earned cash to be lobotomized by the stupidity of the following 90 minutes.

Then there are the exceptions. Blair Witch Project is one of those exceptions. The story follows three film students that go into the remote woods in Burkittsville, Md. to shoot a documentary about the legend of the Blair Witch. They are never seen again. The movie consists of the assembled footage that a search party found a year later. Everything in this film is shot from the perspective of the person holding the camera. This claustrophobic technique works well, almost too well. You walk through these back woods with these three people, all of which reminded me of friends of mine, and you see only what they see. There are no special effects, no soundtracks featuring today's hot artists, no searing freakin cats scaring the crap out of you - just these three people and you. And because of its low budget, the story had to be great. All of the great modern conventions of horror cinema were put aside because they were too expensive. This movie is nothing short of frightening. It drives itself into your mind, burrows its shiny claws into your thoughts and pulls you kicking and screaming through the blurred setting. This is absolute horror!

This movie did to me what millions of dollars worth of special effects and hack writing have been trying to do for years: scare the living piss out of me. It gave me nightmares! Do you know how long it has been since a movie did that to me? See it. See it again, and be prepared for several nights of interrupted sleep. It's that good!
Posthumous Works Keep Authors Alive

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Ask many people who the greatest American novelist is and they will say Ernest Hemingway. Ask some people what the greatest American novel is and they will say Invisible Man, by Ralph Ellison.

By now their greatness is considered a foregone conclusion and the discussion centers instead on comparisons: Is Hemingway really better than Faulkner? Is Invisible Man as good as The Catcher in the Rye?

This summer, readers are offered an opportunity to throw some more variables into the equation. Though they have passed on, Ernest Hemingway and Ralph Ellison left behind unfinished manuscripts for the reading public to weigh with the best of their works.

Hemingway’s True at First Light (Scribner’s $26.00), is actually the fifth of his posthumous works. It is a fictional memoir about Hemingway’s 1953 Kenyan safari, introduced and edited by his son Patrick.

The story follows Hemingway on hunting expeditions with his wife Mary, a blandished love affair with a local girl named Debba, and faux-sentimental conversations with everyone.

As critics have said about prior works, Hemingway is the kind of author you wish you had as a grandfather. He lays back as if it were on an old sofa chair and with a mellifluous journalistic style, practically puts you within the yarns he spins.

But there’s not much of that here. True at First Light is a memoir that wants to be A Moveable Feast, but Hemingway is less adept in invoking the feeling of the African soil than he is, the feeling of the Parisian cobblestones.

What we do get, is a series of sometimes fun vignettes, sometimes good descriptions and a few attempts at what Hemingway once called “true sentences,” which here come out barely essential: “All a writer of fiction really is, is a congenial liar who invents from his own knowledge or that of other men” and “lunch was always an armistice of any misunderstandings.”

A more formidable offering is found in Ralph Ellison’s Juneteenth (Random House $25.00). Ellison wrote one published novel, Invisible Man (1952) and one unpublished novel (Juneteenth), in his lifetime.

He started the unpublished one in 1954 and was still working on it when he died in 1993. Juneteenth is a sort of anthology of Ellison’s 800-page manuscript-in-progress, but it reads like a powerful, if unfocused novel.

Juneteenth opens with an assassination attempt on a senator named Sunraider. Reeling from his gunshot wounds, the senator works through memories of his boyhood raised by a black revivalist preacher named Hickman and his young adult life as a film-maker.

Ellison works up the senator’s feverish tale with some delicious prose and as with Invisible Man, he treats some essential themes. What makes Ellison the greatest African-American novelist behind Toni Morrison, is his audacity to denounce the white-black bargain that Richard Wright and Frederick Douglass before him accepted—education and economic gain are inroads toward social equality.

Ellison challenged this acceptance by writing stories in which black men who ignorantly consign themselves to American systems of opportunity, find their identities shucked from them like corn husks.

Although Juneteenth is unfinished, it reads better than most finished novels. It should be regarded as an indispensable addition to the world of American literature.
Alice In Chains
Nothing Safe

Wow, a new Alice in Chains album! At least it sounded like a good idea but don't be fooled into thinking this is new material.

All Sony has done is packaged AIC's hit songs along with live versions and one new song onto a CD to preview the new box set. It's easy to point the blame in the record label and don't waste your money on this!

Alice In Chains very distinct name itself shows a change, label changes and generally sticks with easy rhymes and basic word usage.

Alice In Chains very distinct style with an occasional glimpse of what this CD-ROM game will be like.

My advice: wait for the box set and don't waste your money on this!

—PETE MENTING

L7
Slap-Happy

Since they sprung from the seedy underbelly of Los Angeles' dirty glam-slap punk scene in 1985, the members of L7 have continued to prove that they are not the type of girls to bring home to ma and pa.

Of course L7's road is one seldom traveled by mainstream America, and aside from the 1992 alternative hit "Pretend We're Dead" and their 1994 slot on the Lollapalooza tour, the group has remained in relative obscurity, despite being on a major label for much of the time.

Since their self-titled 1990 debut release on the independent punk label Epitaph, L7 has released 5 albums, including 1988's "Live: Omaha to Okla."

Their most commercially successful album was their major-label debut "Bricks Are Heavy," on Slash records.

The title of the first track on "Slap-Happy" is enough to let everyone know that L7 is as gritty as ever. "Crackpot Baby" feels as heavy and infectious as an 18-pack of Bud-heavy longnecks, but not any old 18-pack, the kind you can only get in Texas because each bottle has a picture of the state on it.

The second track, "On My Rockin Machine," has a quick down-stroke tempo with L7's signature chunky and muted guitar riffs that adds up to about a two and a half minute-long kick in the nuts. Ah, such sweet destruction.

Much of the album flows at about the tempo of a Camaro cruisin' in second gear, with an occasional shift into third for a quick corner. It's a good speed because you're sitting in a Camaro, but sometimes it becomes a bit tedious and at times even moped heads have the balls to pass you.

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White many of the tracks show little departure from L7's tried and true recipe for post-punk aggressive rock, some tracks introduce a side of L7 must probably didn't know existed. A groovy side. Yes, I said it. A groovy side.

On "Livan' Large," the name itself shows a change from past titles like "Wargasm" and "Hungry for Stink," they use no fuzz on the guitar and sing in a pretty voice that sounds like it could just as easily be Lucious Jackson as it could be L7.

But the flavor doesn't stop there. On "Freeway" it sounds like they used a Wal­mart keyboard for the drum beat and there's even a sampled girl voice that says "check, check, check it out" and a deep pop voice that inter­jects things like "peace!" and "do it do it!" followed by zany robo sounds.

By the album's swan song, "Lower Down," it's obvious that despite the style changes, label changes and stints of stardom one thing remains the same - L7 is still one tough-ass rock and roll band in every sense of the word.

—JASON HARDY
Snoop Dogg
No Limit Top Dog

Since exploding out of the West Coast rap scene with his hoes-'n-weed opera Doggystyle in 1993, Snoop Dogg has basically become an institution these days—irrevocably established by a comfortable drawl that propelled him above an ocean of tired soundalikes.

In 1999, Master P’s No Limit touch and a slew of guests find Snoop adhering to the bitches-and-guns fodder he’s famous for. While there’s nothing of “Gin and Juice” caliber to be found, Snoop’s ex-mentor Dr. Dre pops up for “Just Dippin’,” a sinister pledge of loyalty to riding “till the wheels fall off,” according to Dre. But since Snoop transferred to the Dirty South, all the East Coast vs. West Coast tensions seem forgotten, leaving Snoop with only bitches and guns.

Snoop shines brightest on “Snoopafella,” a radio-friendly Cinderella rehash starring this Top Dogg—sort of a “Fantastic Voyage” summer-day-good-time materialist single where Snoop complains about not wearing Fubu or owning a car until whoosh! Snoop rocks the mic at a party and gets all the girls. Yes! We need more of this kind of stuff! But this and a couple of Dolemite skits can’t redeem Top Dogg’s closer, “I Love My Momma,” one of a few songs that are just plain dumb.

If you liked Snoop before, No Limit Top Dogg is for you. If more convincing is needed, you might as well forget about it. Sure, Dre’s contributions, however scatter-shot, are great, but the fact of the matter is that, overall, Top Dogg remains an uneven effort from one of the most recognizable voices of the last decade.

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For centuries, Norway's deep-cut fjords have made coastal fishing arduous, transportation laborious. They have turned beach volleyball into an extreme sport. In more recent decades, however, these giant fjords have become such celebrated tourist attractions that General Motors and Chrysler are now searching for places in Scandinavia to open up their own coastal enclaves.

NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL

It's hard to glean this from the name, but "Norway in a Nutshell" is a full-day train-boat-bus-train tour that whisks tourists through some spectacular scenery between Oslo and the town of Bergen on the southwest coast. At $100 a head, it's no bargain, but you'd be hard pressed to get a cheaper bargain.

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As it turns out, fjord food is even more outrageously priced than most of Norway's outrageously priced cuisine. Norwegians know this, so they almost always carry their own food, usually in the form of a sandwich, (ital) which they keep in their pockets. (end Ital) I'm not kidding. If you spend some time in Norway, you'll notice that Norwegians are always pulling sandwiches out of their pockets. But I digress.

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We spent most of our time reading and playing cards on the top-floor, all-window viewing deck. It felt like an economy-class airport lounge with better scenery and more greenhouse effect. The rugged coastline stretches forever (1,500 miles, anyway) and looks for the most.
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part like it has yet to see a single cigarette butt. Little red-and-white fishing villages down by the water were so cute they might have been constructed solely for postcards. It was all so beautiful I felt guilty that I had no urge to live in these places. I'm just not fond of the idea of swimming in ice water or a dating scene where first cousins might be considered fair game.

We stopped briefly in the painfully picturesque burghs of Alesund, Kristiansund and Molde. Mostly, we walked around these towns and tried not to look like Hurtigruten passengers, which was surprisingly easy. Perhaps the only advantage of youth on this boat was the ability to blend in ashore.

My second night on the ship, I walked into the "dance club/bar" at 11:30 p.m. It was May 16, the eve of Norway’s national day, and supposedly one of the biggest party nights of the year. There was no music playing. In fact, there was negative noise, like you might experience walking into an empty, sound-dampened reading room at the library. The 50-year-old female bartender sat in the corner having a cigarette. A 70-year-old couple were staring at each other, or at the wall just past each other. Two middle-aged guys were drinking beer. I sat down next to them and said, "This must be the raging party."

"Yes, it is," they assured me good-naturedly. These guys (one Canadian, one American) were on the full tour - 12 days from Bergen to the north cape, which had cost them $2,500 each, including the scenic train ride from Oslo to Bergen and the flight back to Oslo. What did they think of it so far?

"So-so. You can only look at mountains for so long," the Canadian admitted. We had a short chat, then I waddled off to bed.

Peter, the guy in charge of the passengers, was pretty cool. He didn’t make too many corny jokes, spoke around five languages fluently and put up with questions like: "What time is the midnight sun?" and "Do you have to go ashore to see the midnight sun?"

As far as the midnight sun was concerned, I always pictured people sleeping outside with SPF 30 sun block on. In a nutshell, though, the midnight sun looks more like the midnight sunset: more stunning, less tanning.

Harris Brings Hannibal Lecter Back Once Again

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Hannibal Lecter is back once again in Thomas Harris’s new book, Hannibal. The character known as Hannibal Lecter had escaped a mental institution and was not heard from in years. Clarice Starling, an FBI agent who was assigned Hannibal’s case before he escaped, is once again contacted by Lecter after a fallout in a strike force operation. Hannibal was known for his unusual actions and his cannibalism.

After one of his victims, known as Mason, barely escapes a run-in with Lecter, he seeks revenge. Mason hires a person who works as a police officer in Florence, Italy, where Lecter is thought to be. At the same time, Clarice Starling, after her fallout with the strike force operation and the subsequent consequences, is assigned back to Lecter’s case. The journey begins with finding Lecter.

Thomas Harris deserves applause for writing a sequel worth reading. He leaves the reader with a sense of wanting more of the suspense and more of the gory details that are put forth on these pages. The book is in the process of becoming a movie. However, reading Hannibal will give the person a taste of what is in store for the character best known as "Hannibal the Cannibal."
'Sixth Sense' stirs a chilling little ghost story

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Whoever was responsible for the ad campaign behind "The Sixth Sense" should be shot. Instead of pitching the film for what it is - an uncomfortable little spook show drama - people who see the commercials are left with the impression that there will be a lot more action than "The Sixth Sense" actually offers.

Of course, action would have been the one thing that would have killed this film faster than a sharp tent peg could put a vampire down.

"The Sixth Sense" tells the story of a boy named Cole (Osment) who sees ghosts. The ghosts are slowly driving him mad. Child psychologist Dr. Malcolm Crowe (Willis) sets out to try and help him.

Bruce Willis rarely gets credit for being a solid actor, but his performance in this film is both subtle and elegant - in short, all the things we've forgotten he can be.

The film really belongs to Osment, however, who not only brings Cole to life as a character, but causes the audience to invest a bit of themselves into him. It's rare to see a child actor with this much talent, and "The Sixth Sense" would not have worked without Osment's fantastic performance.

Writer/director M. Night Shyamalan weaves an intricate tale that deals with both the supernatural and the emotional, both personal and religious.

Much of the camerawork matches the pacing of the film, with lingering pauses and only brief flashes of the ghosts themselves.

No matter what the trailers imply, this is not a film with quick jolts of fear and terror (well, okay, there is one) but the story of a troubled youth who's ostracized because of his problems coping with his special ability.

Many people exiting the theater at the same time as me seemed completely shocked in the ending, but I found it a logical conclusion to the film.

Either cinema goers becoming more naive or less attentive, because a watchful eye won't find the ending awkward in the slightest.

"The Sixth Sense" isn't a scary film so much as it is a chilling film. It's not a film that is frightening so much as it is eerie. To be blunt, you won't wake up in the middle of the night with nightmares from this film. (Or at least, you shouldn't, and if you do, you're a wimp.)

It is, however, an excellent piece of cinema and a good sign that stories are starting to become important to movie makers again. Expand your senses.


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'MYSTERY MEN' IS NOT YOUR TYPICAL HEROES

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From their first semi-successful battle—located in a nursing home's social hall—it's pretty obvious that the heroes of "Mystery Men" are not run of the mill.

Unlike typical superheroes, the ones in this comic action film weren't born into their professions. They are commoners in superhero suits—and as they see it, if Champion City needs superheroes, they might as well do the duty.

After the first scene's fight sequence, it seems as if the city is okay on the superhero front without the three core wannabes. After all, neither Shoveler (William H. Macy), Mr. Furious (Ben Stiller), nor Blue Raja (Hank Azaria) is able to save the senate in peril even when flinging forks, wielding shovels and spouting anger. Only Captain Amazing (Greg Kinnear dressed in a Black Tie) in the OCS sends his wealthy and bespectacled alter ego to the city's asylum, where he arranges for Cassanova Frankenstein (Geoffrey Rush) to be released after years of therapy.

Surprisingly, the unformed villains outsmart Captain Amazing. It's suddenly time for the motley bunch of not-so-superheroes to save the day and defeat a not-so-scary bunch of bad guys, including a rowdy bunch of sweater-wearing frat guys and a few disco boys. To prepare for the challenge, the original bunch supplement their team with Champion City's own fill-in superhero, Invisible Boy (Janeane Garofalo) whose weapon is a bowling ball. Captain Amazing sends his wealthy and bespectacled alter ego to the city's asylum, where he arranges for Cassanova Frankenstein (Geoffrey Rush) to be released after years of therapy.

When the unreformed villain outsmarts Captain Amazing, it is suddenly time for the motley bunch of not-so-superheroes to save the day and defeat a not-so-scary but decidedly evil bunch of bad guys. But when flinging silverware, dressed in British accents, these commoners take on qualities that make them capable of something that is, well—special.

As their coach they find the mysteriously caped Sphinx (Wes Studi), who shares not-so-wise witticisms such as, "To learn my teachings, I must first teach you how to learn." The heroes-to-be adopt this maxim with gusto.

Armed with freshly sewn costumes, non-lethal weapons and newly found confidence in themselves and each other, the team sets out to defeat the evil that is threatening to overtake their world.

But when you look past this easy-to-call story line, "Mystery Men" really has a lot to show for itself.

Its heroes are likeable for the very fact that they are just normal people who want to be something special. Shoveler is a family man; Blue Raja is a family man; Mr. Furious works in a junk yard.

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Combined with a great cast and a script that pokes fun at many current events as well as the comic book genre as a whole, this movie is definitely worth a trip to the theater.
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Things Nobody Cares About

In July, Massachusetts filed a civil complaint against convicted murderer Sean Smith, 34, on behalf of three of Smith's fellow inmates who said Smith bluffed them out of $55,000 of family money in an investment scheme. And three days later, a judge in Tampa, Fla., denied tobacco-litigation lawyers Henry Valenzuela his $20 million share (out of $250 million set aside for legal fees from the state's 1997 settlement with tobacco companies) because he had been late in paying his $2,500 share of a litigation expense.

Can't Possibly Be True

Allegedly jealous husband Floyd John Weseman, 27, was arrested in Morristown, Tenn., in April and charged with domestic assault after he reportedly beat his wife and attached a small padlock to her genitals.

In July, a 48-year-old woman filed a lawsuit against Gold Coast Hospital in Southport, Australia, for about $450,000 (U.S.) because the hospital apparently misplaced part of her brain after aneurysm surgery in 1996. According to the lawsuit, doctors were to temporarily remove her right frontal lobe and replace it when swelling subsided, but then, when they went to insert the lobe, they couldn't find it. She has a temporary titanium plate but claims various symptoms including "irritability" and "a perceptible" that the lobe might have been fed to dogs.

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Ben Stein Finding New Avenues for Mournful Voice, Powerful Intellect

ELLEN GRAY
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If Ben Stein's voice were a tree, it would be a weeping willow.
If it were an animal, it would be Freek's mournful friend Eeyore, one of the smarter creatures in the Hundred Acre Wood, and certainly the most miserable.

And if Ben Stein's voice were somehow to become separated from Ben Stein's formidable brain, it would probably still be funny enough to star in its own show on Comedy Central.

But that show wouldn't be "Win Ben Stein's Money," the cable channel's acerbic antidote to fussy old "Jeopardy!" instead of a smug Canadian who seems to know everything, but at least they won't get scolded, offering a hint for those who'd like to take his money: Try to catch him toward the end of the week, or at the very beginning, when "I'm really in rocky shape."

In addition, he said, "I'm very often sick because it's so stressful. I catch every cold that goes through." You might think with aggravation like that, Stein would be looking to cut back. Not exactly.

In October, Comedy Central will introduce a Stein talk show. Tentatively titled "Turn Ben Stein On," it actually represents an effort to reduce the stress in his life.

Although he'll continue to do "Win Ben Stein's Money," "I want to segue little by little into doing shows that don't involve so much tension, don't have so much at stake," he said.

When he talks about the stakes, he's not talking about the odd five grand he might have to ante up to a winner. "It's the prestige, and the embarrassment of making a mistake" that bother him, he said.

"The way the game ... is set up, and considering the effect of taxes, if I win or lose doesn't make all that much difference to me. But I'm terribly embarrassed and upset if I get some easy thing wrong. If it's a ridiculously hard thing and I had no chance of getting it, I don't feel so bad, but miss an easy thing and I feel terrible."

The talk show he describes, which Comedy Central is promoting as a showcase for "Stein's natural ability as an engaging and humorous conversationalist," certainly sounds a long way from the isolation booth on "Win Ben Stein's Money."

"My favorite interview, by far, is Brian Lamb (of C-SPAN). So if you imagine Brian Lamb ... interviewing funny people, trying to get them to say funny things, you've pretty much got it," he said.

"It'll be topics like, Is it better to be beautiful or rich? Is it better to be in Hollywood or in Washington, D.C.?"

"We're going to ask people things like, 'Is it better to be a hard-working honest person or a rich wimp?"' he said.

"We'll get an investment banker for the rich wimp and we'll get a guy who loads trucks at the Wal-Mart for the honest citizen," he said.

"The point of it is, we're going to ask people questions designed to make them tell us about their lives. And then we're going to ask them about the paradigm that they think underlies their lives. And then we're going to try to contrast their way their lives are actually lived with the schematic of how they think their lives are being lived. We'll try to point out the contradictions between their imagination of what motivates them and moves their lives compared with what their lives are really like," he said.

"For example, we interviewed a Hollywood detective, a matrimonial detective, and we got him, after much questioning, to confess that he probably ruins people's lives for no particular reason and for not even getting paid much money."

Stein paused. "I said a smart thing to you," he said, actually sounding pleased for a moment, apparently taken with the idea of people examining the "paradigm of their life relative to the way they actually live.

"I'm going to have to remember that," he said. As for what it will take to make all that funny, "it will depend on my voice, and my wit, and it'll be a way for me to express my wit," he said, and to express it in a way different from his game show.

"I don't have to sit in a ... booth and ask some psychopath who reads the Encyclopedia Brittanica while sitting on the toilet all day to humble me and torture me and wreck my sleep."

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**Ben Stein**

**Finding New Avenues for Mournful Voice, Powerful Intellect**

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Winch's men's soccer squad hope intent on taking program to new heights

TRAVIS BELL  
STAFF WRITER

1998-99 was a record-setting season for UCF men's soccer, but in the minds of Coach Bob Winch and his players, it is not worth talking about.

"I haven't mentioned too much about last year, Winch said. They're all smart guys, and they realize that we had a good season but not a great season. We won a lot of games, but at the end of the year we weren't the winners. UCF set a school record with 13 wins last year, but lost in the Trans America Athletic Conference championship game against Jacksonville, falling one win short of its first NCAA Tournament appearance.

With nine starters returning, UCF is ready to make another run at that elusive 'great season'.

"I feel good about the team because we do have the core of it returning, Winch said. We have a strong nucleus, and then with the addition of a couple players I think we look pretty good.

The 1998 team gained experience playing against five nationally-ranked teams, including eventual national champions Indiana. This year's schedule is just as strong. UCF will play in three tournaments to begin the season, including its annual UCF Soccer Classic beginning September 3 against Long Island. The Knights also have a matchup against NCAA participant South Florida in between games at Oakland University in Michigan and the University of Wisconsin.

The TAAC schedule begins with a rematch against Jacksonville on September 26, starting a stretch in which UCF plays six of seven contests at home, including a match against perennial national power Florida International on October 5. The Knights conclude their regular season schedule with five road games, participating in the Florida Atlantic Tournament before playing at North Carolina-Charlotte.

This is a tough conference considering that Jacksonville beat Duke in the NCAAs. FAU is always strong, and I've heard that Stetson has improved," Winch said. IfIU and South Florida will be very good, and the other out of region teams will be strong.

Winch should have the firepower to deal with the difficult slate, returning UCF's all-time leading scorer, senior forward Heikki Ritvanen.

Ritvanen, however, is recovering from shoulder surgery on August 2, but returned to practice and hopes to start for the Golden Knights in the season opener. He underwent arthroscopy Aug. 1, to repair his right rotator cuff.

"He was out there hitting balls this morning and told me he feels pretty good," Winch said. Winch added that Ritvanen's mobility is slowly coming along and he is doing well in drills.

He has scored 71 goals and tallied 150 points in only 51 career games.

"Heikki has been great, and if you had 22 of him then it would be outstanding," Winch said. He deserves everything that he gets. There's no doubt that he'll be a leader on this team just through his work rate.

Ritvanen has earned First Team All-TAAC honors each of his three seasons, but he is not the only scoring threat UCF possesses.

Senior Ari Nurmi scored 17 goals last season and totaled 49 points as a potent scorer opposite Ritvanen. Fellow senior Arno Nurminen had 30 points as a topomore but moved to midfield last year to help the team.

Sophomore Remi Hariz was an instant impact in his first year, scoring eight goals and adding seven assists. Ahded Edwards and Thomas Zuehlke also return at forward.

The midfield suffered the biggest loss with four members removed from last year's team, but captain Rami Vehmih returns at the anchor. He started all 20 games last year, and is one of the school's leaders in career assists with 23.

Senior Rich O'Sullivan and sophomore Kaare Christiansen saw playing time last year and will step in to starting roles this year to fill the void left by the graduation of three starters. Senior Matt Schmidt and sophomore

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Senior Stephanie Noiseux, playing for her third head coach in three years, will be looked upon to provide leadership and ability for UCF.

Knights picked third in TAAC Volleyball Coaches Poll

The University of Central Florida volleyball team was selected to finish third in the 1999 Trans America Athletic Conference Preseason Volleyball Coaches Poll. The Golden Knights, who had won the conference championship the previous six years, finished 7-15 in 1998 and were beaten in the semifinals of the TAAC Tournament by eventual champion Florida Atlantic.

FAU received the nod from the coaches to finish first in the 1999 regular-season standings, followed by Georgia State. However, the coaches were split as to who would win the 1999 TAAC Championship. With four votes each, FAU and Georgia State are expected to battle in the title match.

FAU, who won their first title in 1995, finished 1999 atop the East Division with a 4-0 conference record and 16-6 overall. The Lady Owls will be led in 1999 by senior First Team All-TAAC and All-Tournament setter Heather Chandler.

GSU, runners-up in 1998, went 5-0 in the West last season while compiling a 26-9 overall record. The Lady Panthers return four starters from last year’s team, including All-TAAC First team and All-Newcomer performer Sasa Jurancic and Oksana (Nachnova)Greydinger.

Rounding out the top five of the 1999 TAAC Preseason Volleyball Poll are UCF (3rd in TAAC East in 1998), Campbell (25-8, 2-2-2nd in East) and Jacksonville (12-16, 1-3) respectively. Troy State is sixth in the 1999 TAAC Preseason Volleyball poll after claiming the third spot in the west division last season.

Jacksonville State is predicted to finish seventh, followed by Stetson (12-15, 1-3), Samford (8-16, 1-4) and Mercer (3-23, 0-5). UCF, which begins the 1999 season under the tutelage of new head coach Meg Fitzgerald, returns nine players from last year’s team including Stephanie Noiseux (Winter Springs), the team leaders in kills, Lisa Liljenquist Rieman (Chuluota), the leader in service aces and digs, and Piper Morgan (Loveland, Ohio), the leader in blocks.

The conference drops divisional play and goes to a full nine-game round robin conference schedule this season. The top six teams, based on winning percentage, will advance to the 1999 TAAC Tournament at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, November 19-20. The TAAC Champion will then advance to the NCAA Tournament via the TAAC’s automatic bid.
Newcomers to soccer team could help UCF seniors attain elusive goal

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As for keeper, junior Antti Laitinen was a mainstay in net last year, earning First Team All-TAAC honors. He played all 1,802 minutes last year and recorded a 1.50 goals against average. He also totaled 76 saves and has five career shutouts.

The Knights have added 12 newcomers. Cooper Walker and Rory Scovel were signed as forwards, and the addition of seven midfielders will help. Camilo Cortes, Adam Hirsh, Christian Lundahl, Ornulf Olsen, J.D. Pomposelli, Ahmad Taylor, and Oyvind Thorin are all listed as midfielders but could be moved around.

Niclas Eek and Jorgen Midttveit were added to the backfield along with keeper Rob Truckenmiller.

Jorgen Midttveit, Oyvind Thorin, and Ornulf Olsen will help us in the midfield, Winch said. Joey Pittman, who was a freshman last year, might see some time.

UCF's senior class has propelled the Knights to a higher standard since coming to Orlando three years ago, but they have still failed to reach their ultimate goal of winning a TAAC championship.

Just on their talents and their work rate they deserve one (championship), but it's not gonna be given to them, Winch said. They know that it's not gonna come easy, but I would love to see them win it.

But it's not as though they've done nothing in three years, but that is soccer and that won't be indicative of what they've meant to the program. They've really elevated this program.

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UCF cashes in with new tennis coach

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University of Central Florida Athletics Director Steve Sloan announced Wednesday the hiring of Bobby Cashman as men’s tennis coach. Cashman, 34, who spent the previous two years as an assistant coach at the University of Kansas, replaces acting coach Michael Dublin who coached the Golden Knights for one season.

A 1989 graduate of Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla., Cashman played college tennis for four years at Barry and Miami Dade Community College. He continued at Barry to earn a master of science degree in human resource development and leadership.

"Coach Cashman has the qualities we want in a coach. I think he will do an outstanding job," Sloan said.

In his two years at Kansas, he developed a pair of Region V Rookies of the Year: Ed Dus in 1998 and Quentin Blakeney in 1999. Last season, Kansas men’s tennis team garnered the Ice Volleys championship, defeated three top 25 teams and finished 12-9. The Jayhawks upset 22nd-ranked Texas A&M in College Station at the Big 12 Championships.

"This is an excellent career opportunity for me, to head my own program," Cashman said. "Kansas was a great experience for me and my family. We will miss Lawrence, Kansas."

Cashman served as associate coach at his alma mater the previous five years and coached Laurent Lamothe, the first All-America in Barry history, at the NCAA Division II men’s singles championships in 1993. Cashman helped coach both the men’s and women’s tennis teams at Barry to the national championship semi-finals in 1997.

A member of the United States Professional Tennis Association and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Cashman also volunteered at a series of free clinics for inner city children.

UCF Ticket Office announces distribution of student tickets for UCF-Florida game

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The University of Central Florida athletic ticket office announced the procedures for UCF students to receive tickets for the September 11, football game between UCF and the University of Florida at Gainesville. With a limited number of tickets, just 700, students are encouraged to mark the week of August 23 on their calendar. Tickets cost $22.00 each.

Distribution of the UCF student tickets will be by lottery. UCF students must have a valid All-Campus Card to participate in the lottery. Old UCF student I.D. cards will not be honored. Numbered vouchers will be distributed the week of August 23, 1999, starting at 9 a.m. on Monday and going through 5 p.m. on Thursday. The ticket office, located at the Wayne Densch Sports Center, will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day that week. Each student must present his/her own All-Campus Card and will be able to pick up only one voucher.

At the end of the week, one voucher number will be drawn. Beginning with that number, the next 350 voucher numbers will be eligible to purchase tickets. Students holding the winning sequence of numbers will be able to purchase their tickets the week of the game: Monday, September 6 through Thursday, September 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the UCF Ticket Office. The winning sequence of numbers will be listed in the September 1 issue of the Central Florida Future.

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Thames trying to find wideout niche

Sophomore settles into wide-receiver slot at camp

Tony Mejia
SPORTS EDITOR

One thing Blake Thames has going for him is perseverance. He's determined to make his mark on UCF football—somewhere.

Anywhere.

Thames, a 6-foot-3 redshirt sophomore, came to UCF as a quarterback/receiver at a time when the Golden Knights had their quota of both filled. The coaching staff felt Thames could make more of an impact at tight end, convincing him to give it a shot.

Thames was decent at that position, catching a pair of touchdown passes there last season, but his low weight—215 pounds—made him a liability as a blocker.

Wide receivers don't make very good tight ends.

Thames enters camp back at wide receiver and appears to have finally settled into a slot. He excelled as UCF's opening scrimmage, catching five passes for 114 yards, including a pair of long receptions in which he got behind the secondary. That's monumental for Thames, as the only knock on him is that he may be a bit too slow to be a consistent threat.

"He's a big receiver. He's just like (Charles) Lee; he's just like (Kenny) Clark," Coach Mike Krzyzew said. "He's the type of guy I like. He's not real fast, though, which could be a problem."

It's not just Saturday, and according to Thames, it won't be during the season.

"It's all about running the route and recognizing the defense they're in," Thames said. "When we do one-one-ons and stuff, I try to use my body and size against the DB's, but I didn't have to do that today, so it'll be better."

"If there haven't used my advantage because that's my strength and my size but I really haven't used that yet. I just tried to run my routes and get open."

Thames was open all day during the scrimmage and credits his tight end background as a reason he is so confident going over the middle.

"Last year's experience as a tight end has helped me become a real physical receiver. I'm not scared to go across the middle. I like going across the middle as long as they throw me the ball. I'll catch it, do what I can do, and don't mind being hit."

UCF junior co-captain Kenny Clark, who wants to be America's strongest receiver, believes that Thames and other new receivers will pick up the slack left by the graduation of Siaha Burley and Mark Nonsant, UCF's most prolific receiving duo ever.

"We're loaded at receiver. We are loaded," Clark said. "You lose Siaha (Burley) and Mark (Nonsant), who are great receivers, and nobody is even sweating it, because of what we have back.

Thames agrees, not worried about the offensive unit's struggles thus far this summer.

"Our other receivers are still going to really step up. This is going to be a great season," Thames said. "The fact that we have a lot of tall receivers is going to be a big factor. You'll see it in a couple of weeks after we get everything together and our legs stop being tired. We've been out here in two-a-days so you know our legs aren't tired. We've been out here in two-a-days so you know our legs aren't tired."

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After all Thames has been through trying to find a niche, his future appears to be at receiver, with all that running? "No way", he replies, smiling.

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UCF training camp notes

Captain Kenny and Cover Guy Fye

With Daunte Culpepper and Mike Palmer graduated, UCF got a pair of new captains this summer. And for the first time in Golden Knight history, one of them will still have the eligibility to be around next year.

Junior Kenny Clark became the first non-senior to be voted team captain. After struggling in his first two seasons at UCF, one as a redshirt and the other as a non-factor, Clark is relishing in his role, cherishing his turnaround.

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"We feel like we've gotten better," Clark said. "We lost 20 seniors and we feel like we've gotten better. That's the kind of confidence we have."

His fellow captain is a conventional senior, but he too has taken the long road and beat the odds.

Jeff Fye, often the smallest person on the football field, is a marvel, the kind of player you wouldn't look twice at if he was a Northern Illinois wide receiver unconscious.

Fye measures in at a whopping 5-feet-8 inches and weighs every ounce of 150 pounds. His mentalty makes him 10 feet tall, however, and its cruel considering he was formerly a member of the offense.

"I don't miss it really, I just amying knocking the other receivers out," Fye said. "Coming over from Kansas State, I kind of expected to play on the other side of the ball, but when I was switched to defense I just decided to go with it."

Fye has gotten all he can out of the switch, and is now a prominent member of the Golden Knights. In fact, Fye graces the cover of both the Into the Knights Football Yearbook and the the UCF Media Guide.

"I just waited my turn, so I'm trying to do whatever I can to help the team. I wasn't expecting all this!

His leadership ability stems from his attitude, which will come in handy this September, when the Golden Knights play four Top-25 teams.

"It's motivating that these guys are supposed to be better than you because you weren't talented enough to go to that school. All you want to do is prove everyone wrong. That's the attitude I take in."

Competitions abound

Besides laying the foundation for a successful season and teaching the numerous schemes and game plans, there are still a number of jobs to be determined before the season begins.

The quarterback battle is the most high-profile competition taking place, with transfer Vic Penn, seniors Kelvin Robinson and Chris Ryan, and true freshman Brian Miller all looking to become Daunte Culpepper's successor.

Many may think Penn's resume separates him from the pack, but he's not in that category. "It really can't say anything separates me from them," Penn said. "I've had the opportunity to play against some good teams at the University of South Carolina, but that's the past. Experience is a big factor, but it can be done without it. It's anybody's job. You can't take anything away from these other quarterbacks."

"Miller has been the biggest surprise, showing tremendous ability and a sound work ethic," Coach Mike Kruczek has already stated that he in the three-deep rotation and won't be redshirted.

"He competes when he's in there all the time. That's the big thing. He doesn't take a down off, he doesn't take anything for granted. He's out there to play football," Kruczek said.

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"Robinson has had his moments, while Ryan has had his reps diminished, leaving him little time to show what he can do. Still, all four compete vigorously, am attitude Kruczek admires and wants to keep seeing.

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"Defensive coordinator Gene Chizik is still waiting to see someone step up at free safety, one of the few positions that has him concerned.

"I still haven't had a guy step up and say I'm the man for the safety. Nobody has done that," Chizik said. "We started out with Tommy Shavers being the number one guy, I don't know that he's necessarily stepped up and proved that, so we have an ongoing battle going on there with him, Ricot Joseph, and a freshman, Annane Samuel."

Joseph is a former walk-on who is fast and continues to improve, much like Samuel.

"He gets better and better each day," Chizik said. "He's just kind of learning everything right now and I think he'll be a very good player in the future. If he can help us this year he will."

Culpepper struggles in NFL debut

Former UCF standout Daunte Culpepper struggled in his pre-season debut with the Minnesota Vikings. Entering at quarterback in the second half of a nationally televised contest, Kruczek said Culpepper appeared nervous.

"You have to imagine, he's a first-round pick, all the hype's been written about him and here he's at home in the opener and he has the whole second half," Kruczek said. "I'd be a little nervous looking at that defensive front, the best front in football, I imagine (Guants defensive coordinator) John Fox got upset that they scored in the second quarter so here comes the heat the whole third quarter?"

"Culpepper didn't handle it well, finishing 2-of-6 for 15 yards, and being..."

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Knights picked second in women's soccer-poll

SPECIAL TO THE FUTURE

The University of Central Florida women's soccer team, set to kick off their first full week of practice Monday, August 16, will have to battle Jacksonville University to retain its top slot in the TAAC this year according to a coaches poll released by the TAAC Thursday.

The Golden Knights, who have won four of the last five TAAC championships, slid to the number two position in the pre-season rankings. The loss of star goalkeeper Alyssa O'Brien and power forward Danya Harris, both All-Southeast Region selectees in 1998 and four-time All-UCF honorees, helped account for the drop. Compounding this was as the return of JU's Marti Foss who led the nation in assists last year, Trine Riis Groven, 25th in assists and 26th in scoring, and Stine Kloster, 14th in goals and 11th in points.

Even though the UCF women lost their number one slot in one poll, they are not down for the count. Another poll released this week by Soccerbuzz magazine named the 1999 UCF recruitment class the 10th best in the southeast, which thrusts UCF in the same group as such acclaimed teams as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of Florida and Duke. The ranking also places them first in the TAAC.

Heading the elite eight are Amanda King (Austin, Texas), Nicole Cieslak (Orlando), Sara McDonald (Brighton, Mich.) and Jessica Kuhlman (St. Charles, Ill.). King, a two-time All-Conference and All-Metro honoree, helped score the drop. Cieslak is another freshman forward looking to continue the legacy handed down by Harris. Cieslak was named "Player of the Year" by the Orlando Sentinel last year and has earned first team All-State honors for the past three years. Defender Sara McDonald was a three-time All-Conference honoree and a two-time All-State honoree. She was integral part of her club team's six state cup championship titles.

Kuhlman round outs the head of the incoming class. The freshman goalkeeper will be one of four girls battling for the spot left vacant by O'Brien. Kuhlman was a two-time All-Conference and All-Metro honoree. She took her club team to regional titles in 1995, 1996 and 1998, including a trip to national championship playoffs in 1996.

The recruits join seven returning starters and a new coaching staff. The new head coach, former U.S. National Team member Amanda Crowell, comes to UCF from the head coach post at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County with a 26-15-1 record.

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Auburn QB race
‘wide open’

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(U-WIRE) AUBURN, Ala. —

Is the quarterback position for Auburn a question mark?

Noel Mazzone, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the Tigers, said, “I think it’s a wide open ball game. Everyone’s got a shot.”

Only two quarterbacks are returning from last year’s team, sophomores Gabe Gross and junior Ben Leard.

Joining the team this season are freshmen Jacob Allen, Phillip Gargis, Jeff Klein, Jim Bob Striplin, and Allen Tillman.

Sophomore Mattson Kent, a center fielder for the Auburn baseball team, has also joined the team.

This gives the Tigers eight quarterbacks. Mazzone focused on three: Gross, Leard and Tillman.

“All three of the kids have worked hard all summer,” Mazzone said. “Gabe is getting over his shoulder injury that he suffered last spring.”

When asked about Allen, Mazzone said, “Jacob Allen set all the high school state records in Texas.

“When the tough thing is, when you have new quarterbacks learning a new system, it’s hard to get four of five guys getting the same thrust them to the helm of the Tiger’s offense.”

Gross started six games for the Tigers last year. He played in nine. For the season, Gross completed 88 of 197 passes (44.7 percent) for 1,222 yards. He threw seven touchdowns and 12 interceptions.

In the Homecoming game against Central Florida, Gross threw the 58-yard, game-winning pass to Karsten Bailey with less than a minute to play.

Gabe Gross

Gross attended Northview High School in Dothan. As a senior he passed for 1,116 yards and nine touchdowns. He completed 50 percent of his passes, 78 of 156.

Gross also rushed for 485 yards and 11 touchdowns on 93 carries.

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Ben Leard

Leard played for Hart County High in Hartwell, Ga.

As a senior he completed 168 of 270 passes (62.2 percent) for 2,530 yards and 25 touchdowns.

Last year he played six games and started five. He completed 55 of 114 passes (47.4 percent) for 703 yards.

He also threw four touchdowns and seven interceptions.

Leard’s best game of the season was against Louisiana State.

Leard completed 21 passes for 263 yards. This marked Auburn’s top passing output of the season.

Allen Tillman

Allen Tillman is an All-state selection from Newton High School in Newton, Miss. As a senior he completed 80 of 160 passes (50 percent) for 1,393 yards. He also rushed for 618 yards and 10 touchdowns on 54 carries (11.4 yards per carry).

He was rated as one of the top 15 quarterbacks in the Southeast Region by Prep Star magazine.

He was also two-time Division 7-2A Best Offensive Back and two-time Meridian Star South Area Player of the Year.

Jacob Allen

Allen, a walk-on, played for Bridgeport High School in Bridgeport, Texas. As a senior he completed 245 of 384 passes (63.8 percent) for 3,389 yards.

He also threw 35 touchdowns with nine interceptions.

Allen set the Texas 3A records for career passing yards, 5,844 in 22 games; season passing yards, 3,869; game passing yards, 488; season touchdown passes, 35; career pass completions, 388; and season pass completions, 345.

Allen was also Texas 3A Player of the Year.

Mazzone wouldn’t say anything about who will be the starting quarterback for the season opener against Appalachian State. He said a lot will be learned at two-a-day practices.

Mazzone concluded, “In about two weeks we’ll see what we’ve got.”

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Williams eyes No. 1 spot in UCF's backfield

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...tion for the No. 1 spot in UCF's backfield. He's definitely raised the eyebrows of one important judge of talent.

"I'm really pleased with Terrance. He does it every day," Coach Mike Kruczek said. "He's the most productive tailback we've got right now. It's not even close. Terrance will block, Terrance will catch. He just has to understand the offense a little bit better mentally."

Williams will do his part to see that the trio produces, hoping one of them will become the first 1,000-yard rusher since 1995.

"(The three-back rotation) is not something I'm comfortable with, but I'm not a selfish person," Williams said. "However we can win a ballgame, I'm here to do it. If they feel they need me to run out of the backfield and catch the ball, I'll do that too."

"That's something I need to work on, too. Coming out of high school and in junior college, I was a running back. It's a preparation for the next level, if I make it."

Williams' future in the NFL remains uncertain, but his work ethic could get him there, Groch said.

Williams is no stranger to accomplishing things that shouldn't happen. 

JU's Foss returns after leading Division one in assists

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Jacksonville, finishing second last year to UCF, posted a 14-5-1 (7-2-1) record in 1998. The Dolphins have junior Marit Foss returning after she finished the 1998 season leading Division I in assists (20) while placing fifth in points (52) and 29th in goals (16). Also returning for JU in 1999 is sophomore Trine Riis Groven and junior Stine Kloster. Groven was listed tied for 25th nationally in assists (11) and 26th in points (39), while Kloster completed the 1998 season 14th in goals (14) and 11th in points (35).

TAAC Head Coaches predict Georgia State University will finish third in the 1999 regular-season standings as the Panthers look to return to the title match after winning the TAAC Championship in 1997.

GSU juniors Sarah Crawford and Chandra Yorgason return to lead GSU in 1999 after Crawford finished last season listed 21st in goals allowed average (0.79) and Yorgason finished 19th in goals (15).

Mercer University is predicted fourth in the preseason poll as two-time TAAC Player-of-the-Year Mirela Nemic returns after placing 12th in goals (18) and 23rd in points (40) last season.

Jacksonville State University, Campbell University, Stetson University, and Stetson University are picked fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth respectively while Florida Atlantic University and Troy State University round out the 1999 TAAC Preseason Poll.

The 1999 TAAC Women's Soccer Regular Season consists of single round-robin play with the top six teams advancing to the TAAC Championship, November 4-6 (Thursday-Saturday) at Orlando, Florida (UCF, host). The 1999 TAAC Champion advances to the NCAA Tournament via the Conferences automatic bid.
What they're saying about Brian Miller:

MIKE KRUCZEK

"Brian is in the three-deep and he's not going to redshirt. I think Brian Miller has a tremendous upside. He's a tremendously motivated kid with a lot of physical attributes. He's strong, has a big arm, and he's smart so it's a day to day thing with him, to see how fast he progresses. He may end up starting, I can't say he won't."

"I was pleasantly pleased about his athleticism in the pocket, being able to move and avoid tackles and being big enough to throw a tackle off. That's something I didn't think he had and I'm very pleased to see he does have."

"He competes when he's in there all the time. That's the big thing. He doesn't take a down off, he doesn't take anything for granted. He's out there to play football. He's got a big-time arm. To some degree he's like Daunte (Culpepper) in his belief that he can do things. I don't think he's quite at that level of confidence, but he will get that. He will get it."

"He can flat throw the ball. He moves around pretty well, too. I thought initially we'd redshirt him, but I don't know right now. He's out there to play football. He's got a big-time arm. To some degree he's like Daunte (Culpepper) in his belief that he can do things. I don't think he's quite at that level of confidence, but he will get that. He will get it."

Kenny Clark

"Brian Miller is going to be a sight for sore eyes once he gets one year under his belt with Coach Kruczek."

BLAKE THAMES

"He lays the ball in there. We hooked up for a lot of yards because he puts the ball in the right place. He puts it in position."

compiled by Tony Mejia
Kruczek says youth, inexperience responsible for team's inconsistencies

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little tired. You get them in a competitive situation and their brain locks. That's scary, because we're fixing for a game in three weeks. We've got a long way to go.

"There is no consistency on either side of the ball. Not one time does the offense have two great practices, or the defense. We're up and down, up and down, up and down, and that's a sign of youth and inexperience. They don't understand the mindset for each practice that you have to have when you come out. They're not there yet, and hopefully by the end of the summer practices they'll have the idea."

Despite the defense's play, Chizik wasn't completely pleased. His displeasure stemmed from the goal-line segment that followed the 100-play scrimmage. The drill gives the offense a first down and goal from the five-yard line, and the unit made up for its lack of scoring in the scrimmage by putting up touchdowns on nine of 11 possessions.

Williams made his presence felt in the goal-line drill, scoring three times. "I told the defense after we scored about six straight times, I called them out and said 'You just beat the offense's butt for two hours and you're gonna let these guys come down here on goal-line and own you. What's that all about? What is that all about? We put you in a stressful situation, first and goal on the five, you are supposed to hold them out. That's your job!' Heck, I even told them what they were gonna run and they still couldn't stop them."

That kind of inconsistency is something Chizik feels his defense must correct prior to the season opener against Purdue.

"We stop them all day and when we have to make plays right at the end of the day and we couldn't come up again. The inconsistencies creep their ugly head up again right at the end of everything so that was disappointing. Other than that I felt that they tried to execute what we had."

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Home games played at the Florida Citrus Bowl
Williams bursts on scene

JEFF CASE
STAFF WRITER

It should never have happened, UCF running backs coach Alan Gooch says. Watching Knights running back Terrance Williams in a high school game, Gooch saw what should have been a busted play for Williams.

"It was a running play to the right side of the field and it looked like there was no place to go," Gooch said. "Then, all of a sudden, Terrance made two or three guys miss their tackle and he takes off and scores a touchdown. That shouldn't have happened, but he came out of it untouched. He's done it a few times and he's done it here now, too."

In high school, Williams left would-be defenders wondering where he went, but in selecting UCF after winning JUCO Player-of-the-Year honors, he left would-be coaches wondering why he went where he did. Williams, a junior college transfer from Hinds CC in Hinds, Miss., said becoming a Golden Knight is something that just happened.

"Coach Gooch came down to Hinds to recruit a teammate of mine, (quarterback) T.T. Toliver, and it was just coincidence I was in the room while he was watching film with him," Williams said. "Coach Gooch asked me where I was from and I told him I was from Clearwater. He's from Clearwater too and so I kind of felt the vibe between us."

Williams' arrival this fall is a journey that began when Gooch recruited Williams as senior out of Clearwater High School. He rushed for 1,610 yards and 19 touchdowns that year and collected more than 3,800 yards in his CHS career. Despite his glittering numbers, Williams shortcomings in the classroom prevented him from playing in Division I.

Williams failed to complete the necessary core classes to become eligible and instead chose to play at HCC. Gooch, who suggested HCC to Williams, said Mississippi-based community colleges are a favorite of UCF coaches.

"We feel the Mississippi JUCO league is the premiere JUCO league in the country. It puts more players in the NFL than any other league," Gooch said. "We worked with Terrance because I knew he was a Division I player out of high school physically, but he wasn't a D-I player yet academically."

He wasted little time making his mark at HCC, becoming the first athlete to garner All-American status in track and football. As a sophomore, Williams rushed for 1,436 yards and 16 touchdowns in seven games, earning him offers from SEC teams South Carolina, Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Auburn.

However, his choice to play at UCF was a no-brainer. "There ain't no place like home," Williams said. "It was my decision to make, but by Gooch being such a nice guy, I figured I owed it to him. He figured he could help me get the books and tutors I need at the university.

"He was talking a lot of good stuff, so you wouldn't want to turn away from someone like that because you never know what's behind door No. 2. It could be somebody ugly."

The Knight's have often helped other potential recruits get into UCF, only to see them turn their backs on it for another school. "We've had a lot of players we've helped along that went on to sign with other schools," he said. "You do take a bit of a risk. But we've also had players like [current NFL quarterback] Daunte Culpepper who were loyal to us even when other programs started coming around again." Williams now finds himself as a major player in UCF's running back rotation. With no clear cut starter having been determined, Williams, along with returnees Eddie Mack and Omari Howard, will spend most of the fall battling it out for the starting tailback spot.

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Defense blanks offense in UCF's opening scrimmage

UCF's defense dominated the first scrimmage of the summer, shutting out the Golden Knight offense while registering 10 sacks and intercepting three passes last Saturday.

"Defense should be ahead. They've got more people back," Coach Mike Kruczek said.

Loud and exciting, Defensive Coordinator Gene Chiark's unit emerged victorious, allowing no points from the third-string unit, which reached the 28-yard line late in the scrimmage before turning it over on downs.

"I don't think the defense really came out to play today," junior quarterback Vic Penn said. "We had a lot of work to do. You have to give the defense credit. They did a heck of a job in doing some things to confuse us. It didn't show today but we had a very good week as an offensive unit."

Kruczek has yet to name a starter officially, but Penn took the reps with the first team offense, completing 13-of-22 for 49 yards with one interception.

"Vic (Penn) completed a few passes, missed a few, had a lot of heat on him, as did the other quarterbacks, and it wasn't what I had hoped it would've been today."

Junior tailback Terrance Williams, the 1998 JuCo Player of the Year, was one of the few bright spots on offense, carrying 10 times for 45 yards, often generating yards out of nowhere by squirming in between would-be tacklers.

Another solid performance was posted by redshirt sophomore Blake Thoms, who has converted from tight end to wide receiver. Thoms led all receivers with five catches for 114 yards, 100 of them coming from the arm of 6-foot-5-star freshman Brian Miller. Miller, whom Kruczek said will probably not be redshirted, completed 7-of-13 passes for 115 yards while playing mostly with the third-string unit.

"I was pleasantly pleased about his athleticism in the pocket, being able to move and avoid tackles and being big enough to throw a tackle off," Kruczek said. "That's something I didn't think he had and I've very pleased to see he does have."

Defensively, there were plenty of bright spots, including the play of freshman Don Page. Page, a defensive end, was a disruptive force, registering a sack and a couple of hurries before limping off the field late in the scrimmage.

Bergman Field project back on track

TRAVIS BELL

Jay Bergman Field looks to finally be on its way to construction, and its namesake couldn't be happier.

"Every coach dreams of having this kind of facility," Bergman said. "I can't really explain it in words, but it gets you excited and makes you feel good about yourself."

The project to build the new stadium hoped to begin construction and be ready for the 1999 season, but the $2 million of state funds was determined to not be enough for completion of the project, forcing UCF to play its home games at Tinker Field.

Fortunately, the Knights have received an additional $1.6 million in funds generated through the athletic department and private donations.

Bridgport Construction of Tampa is expected to take on the project and has set February 1, 2000 as its target date for completion.

"Hopefully the facility will encourage more players to come to UCF," Bergman said. "But overall I'm happy for the players and the fans."

UCF posted 39 wins last season, but Tinker Field did not provide much of a home-field advantage since it had to take nearly hour-long bus rides to and from every game.

"Last year was tough on everyone, but the players handled it well," Bergman said.

The stadium will be built behind the UCF Arena, and will be the first of many athletic facilities making the move to that side of campus. It will be built in phases, and Phase I of the project will allow seating for 900 fans.

An electronic marquee will be positioned at the entrance of the stadium, allowing upcoming events to be advertised. Office space for the baseball and track and field coaches will be part of the stadium, while other amenities include locker rooms, ground-level dugouts, a scoreboard with electronic message board, indoor batting cages, a gated entrance, concession stands, training room, laundry room, and ticket booth.

While many other schools may be building larger and more elaborate facilities, Bergman is happy with what UCF is getting.

"It's gonna be ours, so I don't want to compare it to anything else," Bergman said.

Bergman took over the UCF program in 1983 and has won 661 games, including an losing seasons and 10 40-win campaigns. The winningest coach in school history, he has led the Knights to five NCAA Regional appearances and four Trans America Athletic Conference championships.

Entering his 18th season, Bergman is pleased with the progress of the program. UCF has been able to recruit quality players, but a top-notch facility can only improve its chances on and off the field.

"I'm happy it's over because it has been a long process," Bergman said. "Now I'm just ready to get it started and play next season at home."