Discarded papers considered a theft

Nicole King
News Editor

Several hundred copies of the Central Florida Future, UCF's only newspaper, were found in dumpsters and trash bins throughout campus Friday morning. The papers were thrown out sometime between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. Aug. 20.

University officials and police are currently investigating the matter.

Dr. Garth Jenkins, associate dean of student affairs, said the university is taking the removal of the papers seriously.

"This is a violation of the law and university rules. The university will take severe disciplinary action against those responsible," Jenkins said. "It's a suspendable offense. The law needs iron clad information, I don't!"

Nighttime UCF maintenance personnel were being questioned to determine if there are any witnesses. Jenkins said he welcomes any clues in the matter.

The university attorney, Mary Beth Liberto, said the incident will be treated as a theft. Punishment will depend on the value of the papers, which could be a felony.

The Future's associate publisher, Brian Linden, said he was shocked when he heard the papers were missing.

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"Something needs to be done," he said. "This is very serious and not something we consider just an ordinary college prank."

Jenkins said he is concerned about the paper's advertisers, one of whom is the university's own bookstore which had two full-page ads in the paper.

Scott Wallin, publisher and advisor for the paper, said he looks forward to having the culprits brought to justice.

"It sickens me that people think they can suppress the press by throwing the papers in the trash," he said.

Rebecca Grilliot, production editor for the Future, said she is frustrated that her hard work was thrown away.

"I was shocked, I can't believe that anyone would do something like this," she said. "We all put so much hard work into the paper."

Jenkins said the investigation would continue until those responsible are caught.

"We take seriously the principle of removing, stealing newspapers," Jenkins said. "We'll keep investigating this until we find who is responsible."

Back to school...
More than 2,500 students moved into on-campus residence halls and Lake Claire prior to the first week of classes.

High prices? Long lines? Fed up? Try on-line bookstores

Nicole King
News Editor

UCF nursing major Jessica Gonzalez spent over an hour at the campus bookstore looking for the 13 books she needed for this semester's classes.

Not only that, when she went to pay, the bill was approximately $550.

"They charged me $15 for a little pocket thing," she said, "and $83 for this thin book on introduction to health services."

Many people can relate to Gonzalez' struggle: the long lines and rising prices at college bookstores.

"It's the ultimate convenience for students and faculty. You can save a tremendous amount of time by avoiding the long checkout lines," she said. "You can save a tremendous amount of time by avoiding the long checkout lines."

Time and money are precious commodities with anyone these days, but college students in particular value them.

Although many students have considered ordering books on-line, most have not done it, but said they would if it proved cheaper and faster.

"You don't have to go anywhere, it just seems a lot easier," he said. "I've seriously thought about it."

Sophomore Tad Dawkins has also considered the option.

"It's something new so I'm a little hesitant to do it," he said, "but it could potentially save you time and be cheaper."

To help ease that kind of hesitation, Varsitybooks.com began employing students on college campuses as representatives for the company. Nearly 2,000 students work for the company, doing everything from passing out flyers to dressing up in gorilla suits as a promotion.

In return, representatives are paid an hourly rate and a percentage bonus based on the business from the campuses they represent.

"Every campus is different," said Tim Levy, chairman and co-founder of Varsitybooks.com. "We want to tailor to each campus. We focus like a laser on our customers."

Most of the available web-sites allow you to find books by the title and author. Some ask you to specify the school you are attending and then list books geared specifically for that school.
Expo welcomes students back to campus

Shelley Wilson
STAFF WRITER

More than 3,000 students attended the 1999 Welcome Back Expo on August 18. Students learned about UCF and the activities offered on campus.

There were over 50 clubs and organizations handing out brochures and information to attract new members and let students know how they could get involved.

The Student Government Association handed out voter registration applications, Walt Disney World accepted casting applications, the campus banks, Huntington Bank and the UCF Federal Credit Union, looked for prospective customers while the Office of Student Activities raffled off tickets to the UF-UCF football game and gave away prizes.

Some of the other organizations represented were: UCF Gospel Choir, Caribbean Student Association, Golden Key National Honor Society, Career Resource Center, Army ROTC, Marine Corps, the Wesley Foundation, UCF Bookstore, Student Alumni Association, Victim Services, UCF Crew, and the UCF Police Department.

Although the heat was hard to bare, most club members thought it was a good publicity tool for incoming students. "Most all of the freshman are here and this is a chance that we get to talk to them about our organization," said Faisal Karuram, executive vice president for the American Marketing Association. "You don't have to be a marketing major to be a marketing genius!"

Fraternities such as Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Upsilon, Lambda Chi Alpha, and Sigma Chi were also present to advertise Rush events to take place the coming week.

"It's a good chance to be seen and let them feel welcome in the Greek community," said Chip Velke, president of Pi Kappa Phi.

This is the fourth consecutive Expo UCF has hosted for freshmen.

"The first time we had a 'meet your advisor' in the student union, the second time it was held in the Student Union," said Reuben Rodriguez, director of Student Activities. "Then last year, it was more club oriented and we held it on the green in front of the Student Resource Center and received more attendance than the other two combined."

Bob Snow, director for First Year Advising, helped initiate the idea of an informational festival that could be attended by all students.

"A lot of information is given to the students that they may not have been able to get through orientation or transferring here," he said. "The organizations are also being able to touch base with the students to let them know what they're all about."

"We also wanted to promote campus spirit and to get away from the idea of being a commuter school and build some loyalty and pride into UCF.

"Students also have a chance to meet and talk to other new students and hopefully make new friends."

The Orientation Team encouraged new students to attend, while at the Expo any student could dunk an O-Team member into a tub of water if they threw a ball into a bull's eye. Many of the freshmen came out because they had heard about it through orientation and were very impressed by the event.

Freshman Kathryn Rowe heard about it through her orientation group. "The Expo looks great," she said. "There's lots of people, music, and food and I'm having a great time so far."

UCF mascots Knightro and Glycercine were present at the Expo, greeting students who were returning to campus.
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Students can unload unwanted CDs at campus Sonic Boom

Tired of all your old CDs, DVDs, and video games? Well you could buy something new but don’t really have the cash? Then it’s time to check out Sonic Boom, one of the latest additions to the Student Union.

Since Boom, founded in 1999 by Kris Perdew, offers the opportunity to trade in used music for cash or store credit. According to Perdew, customers can receive up to $5 for a single CD. The amount received depends primarily on three factors: popularity of the artist, condition of the CD, and number already in stock.

However, if a customer chooses to trade instead of receiving cash back, Sonic Boom typically offers about 20 percent more in store credit (up to $6). For example, a CD that may generate $3 in cash could produce $4 in store credit.

According to Perdew, this benefits both parties.

"Trade-ins are ideal because we lose less cash and the customer not only gets more for their CD, but also goes home with something new," he said. "Your stuff is just worth more if you trade in."

Senior Viviana Hampers agreed.

"I had about 20 CDs I wanted to trade, but when I went to another store, they didn’t offer me more in store credit. At Sonic Boom, I was happy to find they encouraged trade-ins and I left with new CDs."

The store also buys back DVDs and video games. Currently, Sonic Boom sells Playstation 2 and Sega Dreamcast games by the fall semester. In addition to this, music and movie posters will be available for sale.

The store is open in the Student Union Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Perdew owns another branch of Sonic Boom at 121-40 Collegiate Way, which carries new and used records.

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**Vegetarianism growing as a lifestyle choice**

**MELONY CARPENTER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

*This is the first article in a two-part series on vegetarianism.*

The meat-eater’s forehead wrinkled up when you told them you are a vegetarian. The first question they always ask is: “What do you eat?”

You roll your eyes, since you’ve heard this question way too many times. You answer that there are many kinds of foods for vegetarians to eat, and you don’t just eat salad for every meal.

Allison Green, a vegetarian, wrote in the Washington Post: “My biggest problem as a vegetarian has not been the food—which I’ve found to be delicious and every bit as satisfying as meat—but the bewildering attitudes of my family and friends. Other vegetarians have the same complaints: the weird looks, the silly questions, and the hostile interrogations.”

“Vegetarians don’t cheat now and then. Green wrote, “Listen up: no matter how ‘good’ you insist it is, we are not going to eat it.”

Green wrote, “It seems vegetarians—12 million of us in the U.S. and growing daily—are a sadly misunderstood minority indeed.”

There are different degrees of being a vegetarian. Lacto vegetarians eat dairy products, laco-ovo vegetarians eat dairy and eggs, and vegans abstain from any animal products at all.

The vegan diet is the strictest and toughest diet to follow. Vegans typically do not wear leather and avoid any animal products.

Nevertheless, a 1994 Roper Poll estimated the number of vegans in the U.S. to be 500,000 and growing.

Greg Rivera, 19, is a UC Film major who follows the vegan diet. He is the president of the UCF Campus Action for Animals, an animal rights protester, and an activist for the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

He became an animal activist after he became a vegetarian a few years ago.

Rivera agrees with Green that meat-eaters have problems understanding vegetarianism. He said, “People always wonder ‘How can you not eat meat?’ Sometimes it’s hard to make people understand. One of my last roommates would taunt me. Among many things he did, he had a sticker on a door that read ‘I like eggs—dead ones’ and he had a picture of a cow with a nose around its neck.”

The other problems vegetarians encounter in a meat-eater’s world are “vegetarian” entrees that are suggested to them at restaurants—like seafood and chicken.

Green wrote, “Learn some biology. I’m still not sure what to do with otherwise intelligent people who think chicken is not an animal. For the record, vegetarianism means no red meat, poultry, or fish—nobody with a face.”

Vegetarians certainly have different thoughts about Thanksgiving Day. Some refuse to celebrate “turkey day” at all, since they believe it is based around the killing of animals for meat.

Lakshmi Katakan, 20, is a UCF micro-molecular biology major and a laco-ovo vegetarian. She has been a vegetarian her entire life because of her religion.

She said: “We don’t celebrate Thanksgiving, not because we are vegetarian, but because we are Hindu. On Thanksgiving, we usually just invite people over and have a big family get-together.”

Other vegetarians get creative and celebrate the day “vegetarian style.”

“Last year, my mom made a tofu turkey for me—a Tofurky.” Rivera said. “She made a ton of food like sweet potatoes, vegetables and baklava. It was great.”

The day after Thanksgiving is important to vegetarians. It is National Fur Free Day. Animal rights activists, and also checking labels on everything. Animal by-products can be found in most household items. Companies will even sneak pig parts into contact-lens solutions.

Students also have to deal with grocery-store food that is labeled, “vegetarian” but will sometimes contain gelatin (ground up pig and cow hooves), eggs, lard, beef stock, or chicken broth.

Animal by-products like lard can be found in such foods as refried beans. Gelatin is used in many products including candy, dairy products and even hair conditioner.

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**Types of Vegetarianism**

**Lacto-Ovo Vegetarian**

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90 percent of North American vegetarians.

**Lacto Vegetarian**

No animal flesh, but consumes dairy products.

**Ovo Vegetarian**

No animal flesh, but eats eggs.

**Vegan**

Avoids all foods and products originating from animals.

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**Campus Crime**

**Student’s fake badge earns him an arrest**

**NICOLE KING  
NEWS EDITOR**

UCF Police arrested Durran Pluta, 18, for unlawful use of a police badge on July 23. According to reports, Officer Darcey of UCFPD stopped Pluta for driving without headlights. When Darcey was approaching the vehicle, Pluta opened his wallet and displayed what appeared to be a police badge, reports stated. Darcey then asked him for the wallet to examine the badge for authenticity.

Reports stated that after several minutes of questioning, Pluta said he was not a police officer but a police explorer with the North Palm Beach Police Department. According to police reports, the North Palm Beach PD confirmed that Pluta was an explorer and asked that the badge be confiscated and sent back to them.

Police arrested Whitney Johnson, 19, on July 24 for driving while intoxicated. According to reports, Officer Lashinsky of UCFPD observed Johnson turn his vehicle onto Greek Park. Lashinsky pulled the vehicle over after hearing the engine rev and the tires squeal. Lashinsky stated that he smelled alcohol on Johnson, according to reports, and took a roadside breathalyzer test.

Police arrested Julian Henao, 18, for possessing alcohol while under the age of 21 and driving while intoxicated on August 15. According to reports, Officer Lashinsky stopped Henao for running a stop sign and speeding, 40 mph in a 20 mph zone. Sgt. Emerit of UCFPD located a bottle of amaretto alcohol underneath the driver’s seat, reports stated.

Police arrested Julie Ann Herold, 19, for possession of cannabis under 20 grams on July 6. According to reports, Sgt. Moore stopped Herold for driving the wrong way on a one-way street. Moore asked her for permission to search her vehicle and she agreed. Police reports state that Moore found a small marijuana cigarette in a plastic bag in Herold’s purse. Reports state that the cigarette tested positive for marijuana.

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A few offer book markets for students to sell used books to each other or back to book warehous­es.
Partnering seems to be the newest advantage in the on-line textbook industry.
Efollett.com has 800 partner schools. This gives the website accurate book listings for each school and its courses.
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Varsitybooks.com has also partnered with nearly 100 schools to offer customers up-to-date booklists.
If a booklist is not available or the student is not attending a partner school, most companies will ful­fill the order from their warehouses, shipping the books anywhere from 3 to 5 days, ranging from a flat rate of something like $4.95, or charging per book.
Levy said he and his partner began their website shortly after finishing law school.
"It was the perfect e-common solution," he said. "We remembered our college days you're buy­ing the books because you have to and the purchas­ing experience is not the best in the world."
Without a doubt, the industry is exploding.
Levy said Varsitybooks.com has gone from employing just one person in July 1998 to 100 cur­rently.
That kind of dramatic jump in growth is common among textbook companies. Most have reported at least doubling sales figures each year.

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Communication open house

The UCF alumni association hosted the Nicholson School of Communication's second annual open house on July 18. The new television equipment and studio were shown off as part of the event.

News Briefs

Scholarships available

Two scholarships have been made available for stu­dents:
The Central Florida chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar is accepting applica­tions for their Frankee Heilingen Scholarship Program. Two $1,000 scholarships are avail­able. Women with a 3.0 GPA or higher and are currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program in a transportation-related Field are eligible. The deadline for appli­cations is Sept. 29, 1999. Contact Karen McAdams at (407) 823-1230.

ACS scholarship

The American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program is offering scholarships to students who have a history of cancer. The society will pay up to $2,000 per year in tuition assistance and will provide an annual $250 for textbooks. Applicants must be under the age of 21, have had a diagnosis of cancer before the age of 21, plan to attend a Florida uni­versity or community college, be a legal resident of Florida and a U.S. citizen.

Law library

A law library has been established at UCF's Daytona Beach campus. The library is housed in Building M and is open to students of all majors. Through its technological capa­bilities, the library will allow students to access numerous "legal links" including state and federal laws and court deci­sions. Two local law firms donate books for the library.

CTE fall courses

Continuing Technology in Education (CTE) at UCF has announced its fall 1999 short course schedule:
August 28—Power Point at UCF: Instructor will be Larry Chew, $115.
September 11 and October 9—Electronics I & II at University High, instructors will be Jim and Jane Nelson, $115 for each course; a stipend of $60 will be given for each work­shop.
September 25—Internet II: Internet and the classroom at UCF, instructor will be Larry Chew, $115.
October 23—GPSIII: Advanced GPS at UCF, instruc­tor will be Larry Chew, $115.
November 6—Energy 1 at University High School, instructors will be Jim and Jane Nelson, $115; a stipend of $60 will be given.
November 20—Fundamentals at UCF, instruc­tor will be Larry Chew, $115.
For more information about CTE, visit www.engr.ucf.edu/gps or call 823-5460.

Library display

The following items will be on display in the UCF Library during September 1999:
1. Visions Reunited: a group show of the Seminole County Artists, by Mindy Colton, publication director of the Office of Public Relations
2. International Student Fair, by Bassam Khoury, direc­tor of the International Student Services
4. Sexual Assault Awareness Month, by Erin Brown, Health Resource Center

Compiled by Nicole King
Escorts available to campus goers

The UCF Police Department has a Student Escort Patrol Service (SEPS) that is part of the Crime Prevention Unit. Six student assistants are trained as SEPS and provide a safe evening escort service on campus for students, staff, faculty and visitors.

SEPS wear yellow polo shirts with SEPS lettering, and they carry SEPS identification badges. SEPS provide safe escort by foot patrol, or in one of four golf carts.

SEPS are also trained crime watchers. "The SEPS are an excellent crime deterrent," said Sgt. Tom Gorbas, Crime Prevention Unit coordinator. "They carry two-way radios, and call into the UCFPD any suspicious activity for an immediate police response." SEPS can be reached by calling 823-2424. They work five nights a week from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. Gorbas said SEPS tries to accommodate the hours UCF is in operation.

The UCF Library has changed its hours to close at 1 a.m.," he said. "Therefore, the SEPS hours have been changed to provide extended service to 1:30 a.m. Gorbas said the police department will aid anyone who feels they need an escort. "The director of UCF Public Safety and the police department does not want anyone to feel fear for their safety on the UCF campus," he said. "If anyone is in fear of their safety and needs an escort when the SEPS are not on duty, a police officer will be dispatched to assist you.'

Parking decal prices

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UCFPD SPECIAL TO THE FUTURE

Considering the cost of going to college these days, some students are tempted to steal decals from others' vehicles. Anyone who steals a UCF parking decal off the exterior of a vehicle may be charged with a misdemeanor. Stealing a UCF hang tag from the interior of a car is a felony.

"Good jobs are hard enough to obtain without having a criminal arrest record," said Sgt. Tom Gorbas, coordinator of UCF's Crime Prevention Unit.

The cost for a student decal for the year is $90, a staff decal costs $150. Students often ask the UCF Police Department where the money goes. Gorbas said the cost of maintaining parking lots and building parking garages is very expensive.

"There is no state funding or grant money for parking on campus, it has to be self-generated from the university," he said. There are alternatives to having a parking decal. People can use the LYNX bus company (641-8240), buy a day pass which costs $2, carpool or ride a bicycle to campus. There are better ways than an illegal alternative. The UCFPD student assistant parking patrolers check all the cars on campus daily. They look for stolen decals, then report them to the police.

For more information call 407-823-3453.
Our future in the trash

Nicole King
NEWS EDITOR

With the events of the past week-most notably, finding the Futures in the dumpster, I felt like I should write an editorial. This act is one of criminal mischief at the very least, and possibly a third degree felony. But more importantly, it skewed my pride in my school.

When things like this happen, I'm not proud to be a Knight. I'm ashamed. Ashamed to be associated with a school whose students are so arrogant that they know better than the First Amendment.

What I find most annoying about this situation is that a handful of people think they can control the flow of information to more than 31,000 people. More importantly, it messes with the U.S. Constitution, of which I'm fond.

I've been threatened that if I continue to print free newspapers in the trash, I'll be so offensive to people. I'm sure glad I've been quoted student employees who work for the university. It was brought to my attention a few weeks later that the highest ranking of SG officials tracked those people down and threatened to fire them because they had spoken to us.

If I was invalid before, that sent me through the roof.

In a haze of anger, I made a call to a high-ranking UCF administrator to inform him of what was going on. My response: "Well, he be having a bad day." My response: I have bad days too, and I have never displayed such ridiculous behavior in my life. Nevertheless, it is this kind of ambivalent attitude from the administration that has allowed this kind of nonsense to continue. If you are entranced with an elected position, I feel there is a certain amount of respect and dignity one must conduct oneself with on a daily basis. Any position of power requires nothing less.

A bad day. Suppose Friday could be considered my bad day.

People throw away a paper just because there's something in it they don't like. That's just insane. There are better ways to express displeasure with a publication. Write me a letter. I love email. But don't throw away a paper just because it's not even my who's being hurt, it's the student body. I've already read it, I know what's in it. The students don't.

Maybe that's the reason. Who knows? I don't care. I'm not going to waste my time trying to figure out people who have nothing to do with their time to then along behind us and throw our papers out. Get a hobby, or a gripe, for goodness sakes.

Some people have actually upheld us, "If you had not run all those articles on SG, then they wouldn't have done this." Well, I didn't realize running factual articles about the activities of an organization that controls students' money would be so offensive to people. I'm sure glad I've been told this at an institution of higher learning before I entered the real world and served a community. We are a newspaper after all, and we will conduct our operations as such.

Here's another piece of information: any public official who knows who is responsible for this has a responsibility to come forward with the information. Or, it will be treated as though he or she was also involved. As an elected official, you have a duty. You know, honor, integrity, trust—characteristics government is supposed to represent.

The lack of concern and action over trying to fix the problem is most troublesome to me. And that's the problem. No one takes any responsibility; so the patients run the asylum. When a situation has deteriorated to the point of throwing out free newspapers, I just feel like someone should step up and do something about it. I hope this time, that happens.

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Martinez's plan to cut LYNX puts mass transportation in reverse

Dear Editor-

So Orange County Chairman Mel Martinez wants to cut LYNX, and he may be outvoted by at least four of his fellow commissioners. For LYNX to have to quit serving the area's major university (UCF) as well as other parts of East Orange County would be a dramatic pullback from the positive expansions they have undergone in the 20 years since we first started pressing for its expansion into a true area-wide public transit system serving the three county metropolitan area.

It is positive that many local elected officials recognize more will still have to be done with LYNX, for after all 37 percent of the people in the state of Florida are unable to drive a car and there are many more who would either prefer not to or would like to get some of the other people off the road because they either have to or prefer to drive.

Past studies have shown that most people want to have public transit coming within approximately 1/4 mile of their homes, businesses, schools, etc.; run about every 10-15 minutes; run at reasonable hours and be reasonably priced. LYNX currently has about 200 buses that run at headways which averages about 1/2 hour; to reach the goal outlined above, LYNX will have to more than double its fleet size and run additional service.

Let's hope it will not take another 20 years for this area to attain the public transit system we need and deserve.

Likewise, the recent votes in the light rail project indicate that progress continues to be made in our community, for ultimately this system will also have to be expanded to have a presence throughout the area.

Again, we proposed a commuter/light rail system 17 years ago and finally it is beginning to take root. The citizens of the area will have to continue letting their elected officials know that all these systems will have to be created and improved and sooner rather than later.

In the meantime, congratulations are due to those officials who continue to push for expanded public and light rail transit as well as the news media for keeping the spotlight on these important issues.

-John Hedrick, Peoples Transit President

Reward offered for leads on missing woman

AMY BRADLEY is an American citizen who "vanished" while aboard a foreign vessel in international waters.

She was leisurely traveling with her mother, father and younger brother aboard the cruise ship Rhapsody of the Seas (a Norwegian Flag Ship) which is owned and operated by Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines of Miami, Fl. The cruise ship was near docking procedures into port in the island of Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, the Caribbean.

There is a $250,000 reward for information leading to Amy's safe return. There is also a $50,000 reward for information leading to her verifiable location.

My request to you is simple: visit http://www.tgg-web.com/amybradley/index.htm (a site her family has set up).

Thank you for your attention and consideration to this extremely urgent matter.

-William W. Houser, Jr.
Visual Arts Brings Diverse Exhibit
"Affinities with Architecture" to UCF

MAGGIE GUNTHER
STAFF WRITER

For an insightful and entertaining cultural experience, do not miss the "Affinities with Architecture" exhibit in the Visual Arts Building Gallery. It is free of charge and has something to offer every observer.

"Affinities with Architecture" is a traveling exhibit curated by the Ewing Gallery of Art and Architecture at the University of Tennessee. The exhibit, which spans a broad range of media, focuses on the connection between art and architecture through the works of several artists from the Southeastern United States.

Mr. Kevin Haran runs the gallery. He explained that the exhibit is unique because it showcases many kinds of media, from sculpture to photography, to blueprints and mixed media works. In addition to its many types of media, "Affinities" deals with a wide range of aspects of architecture.

Jacqueline Bishop's birdhouses explore the implications of how human shelter relates to nature, while Barry Buxkamper's paintings deal with the juxtaposition of natural and man-made structures. Mr. Haran described his work as "seamless" and suggested Buxkamper as someone who is "throwing out the rules of painting."

One work by Buxkamper entitled "Developer's Pet" illustrates an almost mechanical, surreal hummingbird suspends a "window" through which you can see building models and a pair of pliers. If you're not majoring in art or architecture, the exhibit still holds at least one point of interest. Television lovers are sure to enjoy the sitcom blueprints created by Mark Bennett, especially the apartment floor plans for the show "Frasier."

In the catalog for the exhibit, Bennett can be quoted as saying, "I created the TV sitcom floor plans because I love the families on television and I figured if I drew their houses or living environments, then they could become real and become my family."

After you observe this thoughtfully stimulating exhibit, mark your calendar to see Ms. Jacqueline Bishop lecture in our very own Visual Arts Auditorium on September 16th at 7p.m. Whether you enjoy art, architecture, or even TV there is something for you at the Visual Arts Gallery.

EXHIBITION SCHEDULE 99-00

Affinities with Architecture
1st exhibition August 16 — September 27
Reception: Thursday, August 19, 5 - 7 p.m.

Johann Eyfell, Sculptor
2nd Exhibition October 14 — November 12
Reception: Thursday, October 14, 5 - 7 p.m.

Group Faculty Exhibition
3rd Exhibition November 22 — January 7
Reception: Tuesday, November 23, 5 - 7 p.m.

Confrontational Clay: The Artist as Social Critic
4th Exhibition January 20 — March 10
Reception: Thursday, January 20, 5 - 7 p.m.

Figuration: Selected Prints from Graphicstudio
5th Exhibition March 27 — April
Reception: Thursday, March 30, 5 - 7 p.m.

Annual BFA 2000 Exhibition
6th Exhibition 2000 — Summer 2000
Reception: Thursday, April 20, 5 - 7 p.m.
Auster's "New York Trilogy" Holds Readers Spellbound

KEVIN DICKUS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The principle aim for any author is to make their story interesting to the reader. This may seem obvious, but so often the goal succumbs to the writer's desire to create something earth-shaking. Powerful themes, complex imagery and vivid metaphor suddenly take precedence. The story may contain all of these, but how effective is the story when the reader is distracted from the action either because it's not accessible or simply because they just stop caring?

"The story is not in the words; it's in the struggle," says the narrator of one of the stories in Paul Auster's "The New York Trilogy" (Penguin, $14.95). It neatly sums up a central theme in the three analogous stories in this book in which the classic mystery genre is used to investigate the phenomenon of what a story is and how through it the real can become unreal, the unreal real, the creation the creator and the creator the creation. By reading it, we get the sense that the struggle referred to not only embodies the struggles of the characters but also the struggle the author undergoes in creating something of which he is so much a part.

In "City of Glass," the first installment, Quinn is a mysterious writer who, because of an eerie phone call, assumes the identity of Paul Auster, a New York detective. Later, Auster is hired to protect an adult son from his father, both named Peter Stillman, because his theories on salvation have become so real to him that he is accused of being psychotic and dangerous.

"What interested him was how the writer had not yet ended his novel," Quinn says the narrator. "What interested him was the writer had not yet finished his story, just as a detective would examine a crucial clue. Together they not only examine the power of story, but also demonstrate this power, dramatically affecting the readers as they piece together the information to form the whole picture."

Brilliantly written, the individual stories offer an excitement not found in other crime fiction, holding us spellbound. As obsessed as Quinn/Paul Auster is to get his story out, so too does the reader feel that same obsession as he reads the trilogy's three different stories. Only by looking at one as a continuation of the other can the entirety of the message be found.
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While enjoying the slow-paced Italian lifestyle, Lennon realized that there are more important things in life than the music industry.

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“Would You Rather Have Sex with Andre the Giant or the Star of Willow?”

Kathryn Justice
DAILY MISSISSIPPI VALLEYS

I believe that the authors of this book, “Would You Rather 2,” would like their readers to make some sort of cult out of it. They take a goofy but fun concept - asking a group of your friends “Would you rather so-and-so, or would you rather so-and-so?” -and apply some rather serious (and I mean this in the kindest way possible) ridiculous philosophies to it.

For example, the creators of this book, Justin Heimberg and David Gomberg, explain, “The ringmaster/MC/overlord of the ‘Would You Rather...’ empire is ‘the deity.’ They sum up the ‘deity’ as a cross between Charles Manson and Gabe Kaplan who is nearly omnipotent, often ruthless, and obsessed with former NBA seven-footers.”

I must assume that it’s all in good fun. Alan Thicke)?

Drink up, everybody!

And to tell you the truth, I’ve had a pretty good time reading it by myself. Don’t tell “the deity,” but sometimes I just laugh and turn the page without even thinking about which one I would choose.

So pick up a copy of “Would You Rather 2” and revel in low-browness.
The city commission of the border town of El Centro, Texas, voted in August to establish Spanish as the city's official language and to prohibit municipal employees, under penalty of firing, from cooperating with the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service on undocumented aliens. Mayor Rafael Rodriguez has acknowledged that he entered the United States illegally many years ago (though he is now a citizen).

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Chuck Shepherd's
 NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Questionable Judgments

In July, police in Tijuana, Mexico, investigating a roadside sniper attack, jailed suspect Dennis A. Macchione, 33, before they had released the victim's two companions, whom they were holding temporarily. The companions chatted and shared food with Macchione but only because they didn't know who he was; they said if they had known, they'd have killed him. (In December, Las Vegas police inadvertently locked up a witness to a contract killing in the same holding cell with one of the two men accused of arranging the hit.)

At a pretrial hearing in Albuquerque, N.M., in March, a judge disclosed government witnesses' addresses over prosecutors' protests: among the evidence: a rap song recorded by the defendants' gang, the Sureno 13, that included a chorus, "I gonna kill me a witness." And key evidence convicting Jeffrey Myrick at his February trial in Cambridge, Mass., for pushing his girlfriend off of a roof: a poem he wrote, reading: "As we stand here / in the rain / for an unknown reason / my girlfriend took a hop / I screamed / call a cop / because I threw my girl from the top."

A 19-year-old man was hospitalized in Salt Lake City in June after personally investigating whether a .22-caliber bullet inside a straw was capable of injuring him. (Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 18737, Tampa, Fla. 33679, or Weird@com-passive.com.)

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Red Hot Chili Peppers

"Californication"

Certainly, calling "Californication" the Chili Peppers' most accomplished effort is a little like calling Marilyn Quayle the brightest member of her family.

With their obvious and moronic rapping on one hand and Anthony Kiedis' tone-deaf ballad warbling on the other, the Peppers' previous work ain't exactly too tough to top.

Those grating elements do surface on this new disc, but they're significantly less prevalent. Indeed, it seems time to give these genial if dim frat-funksters their due, as they've also eased up a bit on the shtick and replaced it with both blistering rock howlers and blissful mid-tempo melodies.

Among the former are the nasty guitar raveups "Parallel Universe" and "Easily," while the latter includes the consoling "Scar Tissue" and the anthemic "Otherside."

Throughout, the Peppers sound less like a bunch of slapdash pranksters and more like an accomplished rock outfit with something to prove. Maturity, it turns out, isn't necessarily a bad thing.

The Verve Pipe

(self-titled)

The Verve Pipe toiled in relative obscurity until breakthroughs from its last album like the sentimental pop hit "The Freshmen," which dominated the airwaves of both alternative and Top-40 stations for several months.

So after producing unnoticed albums since 1992, the group begins promotion of its self-titled album in an unaccustomed fashion — with expectations to live up to.

The Verve Pipe (RCA) has big shoes to fill after the success of 1996's Villains, which led to three quality singles and had some of the best writing of any recent album.

The new release gives fans what they have come to expect from The Verve Pipe, including solid songwriting — with everything from biting sarcasm to anguish — and a mixture of heavy guitar riffs and slow ballads.

The first single from the album, "Hero," is a little off the beaten path for the group. The song, however, is already on its way up the charts with consistent radio play and a music video already in rotation. With vibey guitar lines and the back-up vocalists singing "oooooohhhhh" nearly throughout the song, it might seem like the group lost some of the edge that was its calling card on past albums.

But the trademark acerbic wit of songwriter and lead vocalist Brian Vander Ark shines through in this song as he laments in the chorus that "I'm just a jerk/but a hero's what I wanna be."

The Verve Pipe also recorded several songs on this album that try to capitalize on the success of "The Freshmen" and appease the audience brought into the group's fold with that cross-over hit.

While "The Freshmen" reverberated with anyone who remembers being young and making a mistake, nearly anyone who's ever been in love can identify with the new album's "Half a Mind."

Vander Ark's gravelly yet powerful voice carries much of the album, and it truly makes this song come alive as he croons "Leave me behind/you would if you had half a mind."

The Verve Pipe dances back and forth between the lands of pop and modern rock, as the group also provides some songs capable of sending a crowd into a frenzy and spawning a mosh pit.

The bass-heavy licks of Villains "Photograph" are replaced by the driving bass lines and intricate guitar solos of "Supergig" and "Headlines."

The band visited a few large venues on its last tour. Now, with its repertoire of hit songs and a large array of arena-rockers from this and other albums, The Verve Pipe is ready to fill some stadiums with its fans and its sounds.

-DUSTIN GULKER
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NOTES FROM THE GRIDIRON

Collins involved in car accident

UCF running back Dwight Collins suffered a neck sprain and minor lacerations in a car accident Friday night after practice. After a short stay at the hospital on Friday evening, Collins was treated and released.

"He had a scraped neck and a few cuts due to glass, right out at UCF entrance," said Coach Mike Kruczek.

"Collins was held out of the scrimmage for precautionary reasons but was expected to resume practicing, but the team shortly after the incident.

Expect the unexpected, and plenty of shots.

Don't be surprised to see Kelvin Robinson join Vic Penn on the field sometime this season. No, not replace Vic Penn, just join Kelvin Robinson.

Over the past four seasons, Kruczek hasn't had much of a reason for gadget plays, but now, if the situation dictates it, he's got his bag of tricks ready for use. "I've got a lot of trick stuff. Two quarterbacks in a game is something we've talked about as a staff," Kruczek said. "We've got a couple of gadgets yet, trying to get into the base offense, but it's something we'll work on in the next few weeks. We may have to depend on some of that stuff to win games this year, try to fool people." One aspect of the offense that will remain the same will be UCF's use of the shotgun formation. Danny Cullip has been in the gun often this season, but with an unproven offensive line and a veteran, dependable center in junior Chris Lorenzi, the Golden Knights may use it more this year.

"More and more coaches are going to it, even gives the quarterback a little more visibility and a little bit more time," Kruczek said.

"There's a little less keenness about the snap, because of a lot of things can happen but you just have to confidence in the guys. You can get burned, it happened to us on Auburn, but for the most part it's been fairly effective in giving us a chance of throwing the ball. And you still have a fairly decent running game out of it, and play-action movement-wise. We'll be in the gun quite a bit." Richardson will coach on the field while he still can.

Senior defensive end Mark Richardson has just undergone eye surgery, but his presence hasn't been missed.

"That's because he's always there," Richardson, a former walk-on who has made himself into a productive starter, is a fixture at nearly every practice, standing on the sidelines in street clothes, watching his teammates, providing encouragement, and surveying the situation.

"I've noticed a lot of guys are growing-up," Richardson said. "They're stepping up to the plate and because of injury, some of these guys got thrown from high school to first string, so it's good to see them coming along." Richardson has particularly been impressed by UCF's talented newcomers like Don Page, Elton Patterson, Brett Bolar, and Jake McKibben. Although he's a freshman, like Don Page, Elton Patterson, Brett Bolar, and Jake McKibben. Although he's a freshman, he's got a fountain of knowledge and makes himself available to answer questions; his main concern is making sure they feel comfortable and fit in.

"I'll come by and encourage them, but mostly, I'll invite them to movies or to morning mass with me, just so they know I'm not unapproachable," Richardson said. "They need to be involved and if they need to talk, to know I'm here.

That kind of attitude is something that Mark Richardson towards coaching, something he hadn't fully pondered until recently, but it has to sit back and watch.

"They say that I'm Little Coach Hoff Jr., sometimes," says a smiling Richardson, referring to his teammates comparisons of him and defensive ends coach Charles Huff.

"I definitely wouldn't mind coaching and this has helped me to see that this is something I'd like to do in the future. But man, I want to play. If you talk to any other coaches, they'll always say that if they could play just 15 snaps, they would do it, so that's my main concern."

Some of UCF's future will wait their turn.

Because of injuries to many Golden Knight veterans this summer, UCF's freshman recruiting class has gotten an extended look.

The results have been extremely favorable.

Not only is UCF loaded in years to come defensively with guys like Page, Patterson, Bolar, Jake McKibben, Kenny Arnold, Dwight Perkins, and Asante Samuel, but offensively the Golden Knights have a few very talented players.

Senior Brian Huff and Taylor Robertson are expected to battle it out at the strong tackle and quick guard positions, respectively.

Sophomore transfer Willie Confer from Michigan State will battle with McCray for the starting spot at strong guard.

Not only has he battled injuries but by injuries thus far, Chance Hutto is the backup center.

Fountain was concerned earlier this year about the depth, but he's got now progressively better as far as getting into shape, and route-running and catching the ball.

"He's got the ability to make the moves that he makes in the classroom out here. He's still young and he'll redshirt. There's not much else to talk about, we won't play this season."

— TONY MEJA

Young offensive line raises concerns

Travis Bell

ASSOCIATE STAFF WRITER

It may not be widely known, but UCF's offensive line suffered the biggest blow due to graduation last week. "We don't have five linemen who played time playing last year, including three full-time starters, and that is a major concern for offensive coordinator and offensive line head Mike Fountain.

"Loving Ray Gillis, Cornell Green, Marcus Jenkins, and Bill Dayton was a big blow. That's a lot of experience to lose," Lounsbury said. "It's really a scary situation." Along with those four players, UCF also lost Freddie Moore and Ahmed El-Haway. Moore, a 6-foot-6, 300-pounder who was second on the depth chart at quick tackle after spring practice, transferred before fall practice began.

El-Haway was expected to be the starter at the strong guard spot, but he left the team for family reasons. These losses have left the Knights thin on experience but not on talent.

Junior center Chris Lorenzi returns to anchor the line. He has started all 22 games since taking over the starting role for the injured Dayton in 1997.

Last year he graded out at 80 percent or better in nine of the 11 games, and he is being looked upon to lead a line that lacks significant depth.

"He's a very smart, steady and smart player," Lounsbury said. "He's seen lot in his three years and because of that he has the experience to make all of the calls.

Two other starters have started previously for UCF and should provide leadership along with Lorenzi. Frank Haynes has played in 28 games, including 13 starts. The 6-7, 320-pound senior graded out at 80 percent or better seven games last year while starting all 11 games. Junior John Beauchamp has assumed the starting quick guard spot vacated by Gillis.

Beauchamp, who is 6-4 and 285 pounds, has played in games.

The final two starters are not solidified yet, but two freshmen have been running with the first team.

Redshirt freshman Garrett McCray at 6-4, 290 pounds has stepped in at the strong guard position.

But 6-6, 300-pound true freshman John Wimblerly has the eye of coaches and is expected to start at the quick tackle position. Beauchamp has been looked upon to help prepare Wimblerly.

"The big surprise has been John Wimblerly. We thought he was a possible JC player, but he really impressed us with his size and quickness," offensive line coach Scott Fountain said. "Wimblerly plays next to him (Beauchamp) on the line, and Beauchamp has done a good job of getting him up and helping them along. Beauchamp has been to battle quite a bit, and he can help keep Wimblerly on track.

If Wimblerly is not able to handle the pressure as a freshman, the only other players with experience on the line are prepared to step in.

Junior Kurt Baumann and senior David Wilson were first on the depth chart at the end of spring at the strong guard and quick guard positions, respectively, and Lounsbury knows they could do the job.

"In the quick tackle spot we have two guys who have played experience," Lounsbury said. "Baumann and Wilson are versatile and can fill several positions. Other than those two and the three starters, none of the other guys have ever suited for a game yet."
Wideout receivers deep, talented

DAVID MARSTERS STAFF WRITER

Entering the 1999-2000 college football season, UCF is faced with many question marks on the offensive side of the ball. The Golden Knights lost seven starters on offense to graduation, leaving holes to fill at a number of positions.

While the battle for the starting quarterback job has been the most intriguing part of this fall's practices, the quest to fill the holes off Siaha Burley and Mark Nonsant at the wide receiver position is experiencing similar competition. Of Duante Culpepper's 296 completions last season, 153 of them were caught by either Burley or Nonsant. With the graduation of both of these record-breaking receivers, a new crop of wideouts has to step up this year to make the job of the new quarterback a little easier.

The group of receivers looking to make an impact for the Knights this year is led by junior team captain Kenny Clark, who caught 40 passes last year, and senior Charles Lee, who caught 46 passes in 1998. Clark, who is the first junior to be elected a captain at UCF, has taken on much added responsibility for the team this year, including his own personal quest to become the strongest collegiate wide receiver in the country.

"Kenny Clark has definitely grown up, thanks to the help of Daunte Culpepper, helping him mature and being patient with himself," said wide receivers coach Sean Beckton, a former UCF receiver himself. "He's one of our team leaders, he picks up the offense, he picks the defense, and he picks up the entire team."

Clark, along with Lee, will most likely be making the start on September 4 against Purdue. Those who know UCF football, however, know that more than two receivers will be used in predominant roles this season. Names like Tyson Hinshaw, Tavirus Davis, and Britt McGriff will soon become familiar to Knight fans this year.

"I think as a whole, the group we have now has a lot more potential than last year's group," said Coach Beckton. "It's tough to replace those guys [Burley and Nonsant], but we have five guys that can do it, and we think we're going to be in pretty good shape there."

Both Hinshaw and McGriff had strong spring practices, and Hinshaw has been playing with the first team offense this fall, while McGriff has been nursing a hamstring strain. Other receivers who have been injured during fall practice include Charles Lee, with a contusion in his leg, and Tavirus Davis, with a tight hamstring. Kenny Clark has also been banged up, but nothing serious enough to keep him out of practice.

"We need those guys to be ready on September 4th," Beckton emphasized.

Lee and Davis returned to practice this past Saturday to take part in a team scrimmage, and both were impressive. Lee had 8 catches for 99 yards and made one touchdown reception. Davis caught 7 balls for 59 yards. Kenny Clark also contributed with 3 catches for 49 yards. In a scrimmage earlier in the week, Clark caught six passes for 135 yards and 2 TD's, while Tyson Hinshaw contributed with four catches for 20 yards.

No matter who the quarterback is on September 4, this year's group of receivers needs to be ready to catch the ball.

"Looking at Purdue starting out the season, if our guys execute technically, we should be in great shape," said Beckton. "They need to be able to read and understand the defense to get themselves open, and I think those guys can do that."

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Defensive backs to face tests early and often this season

JEFF CASE
STAFF WRITER

Danny Crossman's loss has been Gene Chizik's gain. At least that's how Chizik sees his new position as coach of UCF's secondary. Chizik, who is the Knights' defensive coordinator, took over for Crossman once he left to coach Georgia Tech's defensive backs.

"I've always coached a position, whether it's linebackers or secondary, so the transition [from DC to secondary coach] is nothing for me," Chizik said. "I've done it for three or four years and I enjoy the secondary." Chizik has plenty of reasons to smile when he looks at UCF's backfield. It is in one preseason All-Independent teamer in Jeff Fye and the Knights' returning tackler from last season, Damian Demps. But, within the secondary there are also some questions.

"Gene from last year's team are standouts Paul Miranda and Reginald Doster, both of whom are currently playing in the NFL. They combined for 123 tackles, three sacks, two interceptions and one touchdown. Rather than trying to replace Miranda and Doster, Chizik expects everyone to contribute to the secondary's success. "They're all going to have to play, that's the bottom line," Chizik said. "We've got to get them all ready and we're going to play 80-90 downs a game, so they've got to be ready!"

In Fye and Demps, the Knights have their starters set at both the weak corner and free safety positions, respectively. At strong safety and strong corner, the starters will likely be a matter of who UCF faces each week. Davin Bush, a junior, is the strongest returnee at strong corner, as he made 18 tackles in part-time duty and had one interception returned for a TD last year. Travis Fisher, a junior college transfer, is expected to challenge Bush for the starting role each week.

At strong safety, look for freshman Asante Samuel to make an impact, Chizik says. He has shown improvement throughout fall practice and is one of a few freshmen to make the varsity squad.

"We've got Samuel and Connor Rucker looking to contribute as a freshman," Chizik said. "Some other guys have been a nice surprise have been Riccordough and Elior Shorter."

"Albert Snyder has really made a push here at camp and he's really convinced me he's got a chance to play. So, there's some really good battles going on and hopefully they'll pick up for the other guys who graduated last year."

Whoever starts in UCF's defensive backfield will have their work cut out for them from last year's team. The Knights allowed only 179 passing yards a game in 1998 and had two of the team's seven interceptions. In UCF's first four games against Purdue, Florida, Georgia Tech and Georgia, the teams combined for 87 passing touchdowns and 45 interceptions. Chizik says UCF's depth will be needed most against Heisman Trophy-caliber quarterbacks like Purdue's Drew Brees, UF's Doug Johnson, Georgia Tech's Joe Hamilton and Georgia's Quincy Carter.

"That's why you've got to have depth back there," Chizik said. "I have a good idea of the ones who can play right now. Now I've got to get a good idea of who I think can play right now too."

"They've got to be able to prove it to me that on Saturday they're going to be accountable and can do the job."
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Three is no crowd for UCF running attack

Jeff Case
Staff Writer

In the early 1980s, the running game was handled by the trio of Elgin Davis, Aaron Sam and Rob Ector. In the 90s, its has been the duo of Willie English and Mark Giacone and Terrel Davis and Marquette Smith who have shouldered the load.

As UCF prepares for its toughest season, the Knights are again looking for safety in numbers when it comes to their running game. The Knights boast one of the most talented backfields in school history, some of whom could find themselves one day catching the aforementioned UCF greats.

The starting fullback this year is Mike Grant, who led UCF's running backs in yards gained (503). The attention shifts to a trio of runners, Eddie Mack, Oquiri Howard and junior college transfer Terrance Williams, to lead UCF's ground attack.

Last season, Mack and Howard combined for 634 yards on 155 carries and four touchdowns. The addition of Williams, the JUCO Player of the Year last season, is expected to take the Knights rushing game to new levels. Already, Williams has lived up to his hoped arrival on campus, as he led all rushers in Saturday's scrimmage with a nine carry, 66-yard performance, including a 10-yard touchdown. Coach Mike Kruczek has frequently stated that he's been the best tailback UCF has had thus far.

Running backs coach Alan Gooch concurs, saying Williams has taken the lead for the starting role against Purdue on Sept. 4, however, the starting race is still wide open.

"Today he did a good job, you can see the increase in his confidence in lining up in the passing game," Gooch said. "That's the part the tailback has to work on and all week, he's been the lead guy and right now is leading for that tailback." "It's open and we've still got the Black and Gold game, that's the final look."

While Williams has distanced himself as the early favorite to start, don't count out Howard or Mack. Mack excelled last year in a two-back rotation with Grant and had several clutch performances. He led the team rushing average last year (6.2 yards per carry) and has performed well during practice.

Howard, a sophomore, is expected to improve on his promising start from last year. He gained 58 yards on 13 carries in UCF's opener last year against Louisiana Tech, scoring the first touchdown of the season, but sustained a season-ending neck injury five games in. He has rebounded well and has returned to his fearless and punishing style of running.

So, do the excess of quality backs leave Gooch with too many options?

"I think each one of those guys has the ability (to reach 1,000 yards) if we give them the football and the opportunity," Gooch said. "Whether we do that or not depends on how the game goes, but each one of them is a potential 1,000-yard rusher for this team."

The starting tailback role could change each week or remain consistent throughout the season, Gooch said.

"In the past we had English and Giacone and Davis and Smith, so we've been able to roll backs there into a back or two and sometimes even a three-back set," he said. "It's something we're not afraid to do, it's nice to get one back warm."

"They'll keep rolling in, whoever's hot and whoever is keeping that consistent level of play will keep that position. If not, then if the next guy is looking good, we're going to give him the football."

The almost certain uncertainty in the Knights' backfield has given the trio equal opportunity to play and also sparked competition among the backs, Mack said.

"The competition is pretty intense. We've got four or five guys that can get in there," Mack said. "Sometimes you get into competitive situations, there's grudges and people act a certain way, but we motivate each other. Whoever is out there, we support each other.

"It gives the defense a different look and it opens the door for everybody and they have to respect us. It will make us better because no one will be complacent."

An increased role is also expected from UCF's fullbacks, who may see some time in the Knights' two-back formations. Senior Page Sessions leads the Knights' fullbacks followed by second-team fullback Dwight Collins and third-string freshman Sean Guido.

Gooch has been impressed by the fullbacks' success in fall practice and wants to see the backs grow out of their normal pass blocking role.

I think Coach Kruczek is able to see we're moving the ball very well in a two-back offense. Obviously we want to work the other set, but we're able to move the ball. We've got three fullbacks that are very good with the ball in their hands as well as blocking.
Linebackers hope to plug holes in lineup

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SPORT WRITER

Bill DoIttavio was hired to oversee UCF’s linebacking corps, but found a couple of pieces missing upon his arrival.

Mainly, Mike Palmer and Dean Forte, UCF’s defensive captain and its vocal leader, who took 133 tackles with them when they graduated.

DoIttavio’s task is to try to help shut down four Top-25 teams in the first four games of the season and the losses, he feels pretty confident about what he has to work with.

“There is no question that he is a talented kid, but injuries have slowed him significantly. He missed two starts last year, and a shoulder injury kept him out until the final season he can string together a week to week high level of performance. We have high expectations for him, that’s for sure,” DoIttavio said.

For his first two seasons and recorded nine tackles. Hardman played a lot of special teams and situations (and

Three players are battling for the starting job at drop linebacker, and two are vying for a starting role at the other position. Backing up DoIttavio are seniors Chris Cunn and Earnell Kelley. Senior Edwin Ferguson has been working with the first team at the drop back spot, but sophomore Tito Rodriguez is right behind him. Senior Mike Spencer is the third player in the hunt.

Rodriguez saw the most action last year, recording 23 tackles as a redshirt freshman. Ferguson, who transferred from Georgia Tech, tallied seven tackles in his first season at UCF last year, while Spencer has recorded 21 tackles over the past three years.

“You never get through a season with just the three starters,” DoIttavio said. “It’s a collision position and the physicalness of the game takes its toll.”

“So we’re gonna need a corps of guys to step up and get the job done. So far I’ve been very pleased with the progress we’ve made in camp.”

The other starting spot is a competition between junior Willie Davis and sophomore Tony Hardman. Davis played sparingly during his first two seasons and recorded nine tackles. Hardman played a lot on special teams last year, but started three games, finishing with 30 tackles.

“I like my group of guys because they work hard and they’re good kids,” DoIttavio said. “They’re fun to coach and they’re easy to coach because they want to be good.”

“They have a lot pride in themselves and in this program. They understand the task at hand and that makes them a good group.”

This task is a daunting one because the first four teams are not only Top 25 teams, but also large offensive teams with reputations of lighting up scoreboards.

Along with the front four, the linebackers are a key component in the defensive scheme to try to stop these explosive offenses. DoIttavio hopes they understand their role and can stay within it.

“The whole key is a level of production good enough to win,” DoIttavio said. “When you play defense it takes 11 guys and everyone needs to do their role, get their job done, and rally together as a group.

“All we can ask for from the linebackers is to be the best they can be, do their job, and execute their assignments.”
Healing is top priority for defensive line

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Entering summer workouts, UCF's defensive line was one of the few areas of the team that did not have many concerns.

All the starters and reserves returned injury free and ready to go.

Unfortunately, the run of good health has ended.

"Right now we're not very deep. We're hurting pretty bad," defensive line coach Andy Cox said. "Jeff Mauldin has a knee problem, Justin (Moore) has a shoulder problem. Josh McKibben has a hamstring problem."

"I haven't had a guy miss a game in 33 games (3 years) that I've been here and we've got guys out right now that I'm really worried about."

One of those guys, senior Justin Moore, returns for his fourth season as a starter at defensive tackle. Moore earned UCF's Outstanding Defensive Lineman award last season, leading the team in sacks (8), and tackles for loss (12).

Unfortunately, a recurring shoulder injury sidelined him from last spring's Black and Gold game and prevented him from lifting or doing much conditioning during the offseason. Still, Cox knows he can count on Moore when the season begins.

"Everybody makes fun of Justin because he doesn't look like much and he doesn't work hard, but he's been around a white and he just makes plays," Cox says, half-jokingly. "He's a football player. He's an All-American, and no one can take that away from him."

Moore will be backed up by senior Scott Dedelow to give the Golden Knights a veteran tandem at nose guard, while junior Jeff Mauldin and sophomore Josh McKibben will line up at strong tackle.

Cox said freshman Jake McKibben, Josh's brother, will probably be used as the change-up guy. Jake McKibben came to camp as a preferred walk-on and impressed from the start of camp, most recently recording three sacks in UCF's third scrimmage of the summer.

"Jake McKibben really came on after being out for a while," Cox said. "He's probably going to travel, and he might play some in the games, which I'd hate to do because I'd like to redshirt him if I can, but we've just got to get them healthy. We have two weeks."

That's pretty much the deadline for this veteran line to get healthy. One of the players attempting to meet that deadline is senior defensive end Marv Richardson, who had surgery to remove a mass behind his left eye. Although doctors don't see that sudden of a return being possible, Richardson is aiming to be on the field Sept. 4.

"Whatever that takes, I'll do, whenever I can get back to the field, whatever it takes to be a team player, I'll do," Richardson said. "The layoff has been frustrating, but it really has given me a light on just how much I appreciate the sport that God gave me the ability to play, so when I get back out there I'm just going to rant and rave and have fun."

He'll have some younger players to rant and rave with, but a familiar face will still line up opposite him.

Fred Harley, a junior who has started from the day he walked on campus, is UCF's most vocal defensive player, and has managed to stay relatively healthy thus far this summer, although he missed the latest scrimmage with neck problems. Also expected to contribute is senior Raheem Pointfield, who had two sacks and ten tackles in limited action in 1998, but has shown flashes of brilliance in practice and will be counted on heavily this year.

Sophomore Mike Huliansan will also be in the rotation, while freshman Don Page is expected to make an immediate impact. Page originally committed to Auburn, but didn't qualify and decided to transfer when Terry Bowden resigned. His play this spring has been exceptional.

In fact, the future looks incredibly bright if the play of redshirt freshman Thomas Andrews and true freshman Elton Patterson, Brett Bolar, and Ryan Huffman is any indication. Throw in the McKibben brothers and we get to October having pulled one or two upsets off and has shown flashes of brilliance in park and will be counted on heavily this year.

Senior defensive lineman Justin Moore has gained many accolades during his four seasons at UCF, and is a sound anchor for a veteran line.

Cox expects his veterans to step up to the challenge of September, as the line attempts to pressure four consecutive Heisman Trophy candidates - quarterbacks Drew Brees (Purdue), Doug Johnson (Florida), Joe Hamilton (Georgia Tech), and Quincy Carter (Georgia).

"We've got to play perfect the first four games for it to even be close and people don't realize that," Cox said. "We're on un-manned. We lost more than just Dusante. We lost a lot of good football players, but we just need our guys to play hard, and I think they will.

"There's a good chance we could play 108 plays on defense against one of those first four and you can play 95 of them perfect and give up 35 points on the other five, so that's not too good, but if you look at our schedule, I'd rather have it (the tough slate) early like it is, because if we get to October having pulled one or two upsets off and being healthy we'll respond to play. I've got good kids that work hard. That's all I can ask for.
Fitzgerald prepares to return UCF volleyball back to prominence

JEFF CASE STAFF WRITER

In the time since UCF’s last TAAC volleyball title in 1997, the Knights have gone through two coaches, saw their TAAC win streak snapped and failed to win the TAAC title from that. They get what I experienced, they just probably don’t know it’s Fitzgerald.

As a player at the University of Florida, Fitzgerald played in two Final Fours and was an All-SEC standout. She still uses the techniques she learned as a standard at UF and hopes to pass them along to her new school, in her new position.

“I got to watch and play with some of the best players in the country,” Fitzgerald said.

“That to me is when envision when I’m breaking down a skill, I break down the skills of those players and I teach it from that. They get what I experienced, they just probably don’t know.”

Fitzgerald coached at Rollins last season, before becoming UF’s head in January, replacing Miriam Ochoa.

She inherits a team with only two players, seniors Stephanie Noceux and Lisa Lillienquist, who played on UF’s last TAAC team.

“We’re a really young team. Outside of Lisa and Stephanie, we’re mostly sophomores and freshmen,” Fitzgerald said. “We look to our seniors to take us to where we’ve been.”

Where the team has been includes a 65-game TAAC win streak that was snapped last season against Florida Atlantic. UCF has also been the annual favorite to win the TAAC title the last few seasons. This year it finds itself third in the preseason Coaches poll.

The team’s win streak, which began in 1992, was a source of pride and team unity over the last seven seasons. While Fitzgerald is anxious to start a new win streak for the team, she has other goals in mind.

“This year, we’re sort of in an underdog situation. We’re fighting to get our way back up there and I think we’re in a pretty good situation this year,” Fitzgerald said. “The streak is a big number and it’ll be a definite challenge for us. There are some good teams in this conference that we’re going to have to battle for it.”

“The streak is not my number one priority. Our goal is to win the TAAC but if we don’t get it, it won’t be a terrible season.”

Fitzgerald must also replace departed setter Amanda Fielding, who the Knights lost to graduation.

Fielding was an All-TAAC First Team member in 1997, playing a huge role in UF’s victory against Clemson in the 1997 NCAA Tournament.

The Knights also have holes to fill at the middle blocker and defensive specialist positions as seniors Down Hoffman and Analail Marcos have graduated. Sophomore Piper Morgan will be looked upon to head up the blocking, but not much else is known.

“I couldn’t give you a starting six right now if I had to,” Fitzgerald said. “I expect the players to challenge for starting positions. We’ve definitely taken strides and movement as a team and as individuals. This is a young team and the learning curve is huge.”

Becca Meckiehicks and Michelle Dayton, a defensive specialist, are expected to fill Fielding’s former post.

The Knights’ schedule includes games against LSU, Montana, Tulane, St. John’s, Rice and USF.

Home games include McNesse Statt, UNC-Asheville and BCC, with UCF’s TAAC opener at home against DAU.

Kicking game yet to find solid footing

DAVID MARSTERS STAFF WRITER

In 1998, one of UCF’s few weaknesses on offense was the kicking game.

Golden Knight kickers Fred Waczewski and Chad Downey had only nine of 18 field goal attempts, and didn’t make a field goal longer than 39 yards. They also missed a combined seven extra point attempts.

Though there are a lot more questions this year on the kicking game remains one of the team’s biggest concerns for the season.

Sophomore Javier Beorlegui and freshman Gabe Leavitt are competing for the place-kicking duties.

Beorlegui is UCF’s punter and did the kicking off for the Knights last year, but did not attempt a field goal or extra point.

Ideally, the situation will stay that way, as long as Leavitt can handle the place-kicking.

Leavitt, an All-American at Jacksonville-Mandarin High School last year, has proven he can handle pressure.

In the North-South Shrine Game, a high school all-star game, Leavitt kicked a 48 yard field goal as time expired to lead the North to a 22-21 victory.

And though Leavitt comes in with gaudy credentials, high school accomplishments don’t equal a collegiate starting job.

Leavitt had been shaky thus far, and at this point in fall practice, special teams coach Matt Rock has yet to name his starter.

“Right now, my main concern is that we’re just not any­where near where we need to be for the ball game in two weeks with extra points and field goals,” said Rock.

“We’ve got two guys out there [Beorlegui and Leavitt] who are working on it, but neither of them has been consistent. We’ll just have to keep working hard and see who comes in the forefront, and that’s the direction we’ll go.”

Rock said that Beorlegui will continue to be the punt and kick off for the Knights, as his game experience at those positions dictate he can handle those responsibilities.

Beorlegui punted 11 times last season for an average of 39.9 yards per punt, and also kicked off 22 times.

“That kind of experience is invaluable,” said Rock. “We’re making good progress with the punting and the kickoffs.”

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Vic Penn knows it's never easy to follow a legend. That's one of the reasons he turned down numerous Big 12 schools to come to Central Florida.

That's right. Penn welcomed the challenge of being known as the quarterback who followed Daunte Culpepper.

"Confidence is the main part of playing quarterback," Penn said. "I'm from Miami, so UCF was close to home. The receivers, the schedule, Daunte Culpepper. This is the perfect situation for me, so I came."

"I think that there was so much of an expectation for the job that was positive. Everybody's game steps up because of that's what you're here for, whether its handling off, or throwing an out."

"Quarterbacks have more responsibility than anybody else, but he has some weapons, and a lot of them like (Terreys) Davis and (Charles) Lee are getting healthy now. He's still young and he just needs to get the reps to understand what we're doing."

Penn impressed during this summer's timing and testing by running a 4.6 40-yard dash, a good speed for a tailback. A great one for a quarterback. The speed should help Penn when things break down in the pocket.

"I think I can make things happen if something breaks down. I know I can scramble, and I can stand in the pocket and take the hit. I'm accurate under pressure. I've improved since South Carolina."

Penn spent last season at Garden City Community College in Kansas, completing 60 percent of his passes for 2,070 yards and 15 touchdowns. He was a Blue-Chip Illustrated Top-10 prospect in the Southeast out of Miami Senior High School.

When word got to Kruczek that Penn was looking to transfer he placed a call to make sure the Golden Knights weren't an option.

"I had a lot of respect for Coach Kruczek. It was an honor for him to call me and say 'we'd like for you to come here.' Everything he's accomplished in his career has been a success. He knows quarterbacks."

Kruczek's extensive experience at quarterback make him an invaluable mentor to all his signal callers.

"I've been through what they're going through. I understand when you've been pounded and pressured all day, you're attention is going to be on the front line rather than where it needs to be," Kruczek said.

"(Penn) just has to have a lot of confidence in those five guys in front of him. Picking up things you don't have that, and I've been there, you start looking at things you shouldn't be looking at. You start feeling things that aren't there."

"There are bad habits that I can spot from experience, so I guess its a benefit. I don't want to go into all the details, but yeah, I guess it is a benefit."

Another benefit of Kruczek's expertise lies in the type of offense he runs. Culpepper set an NCAA record for completion percentage last season, and it wasn't just because of his considerable talent, but also a direct result of the offense.

"It's like perfection. He wants to move the ball. We're not going to throw the ball downfield very much, but we'll take our shots here and there," said Penn, who spent a lot of time in the film room studying tape in order to familiarize himself with the offense. "It's mostly a controlled passing game though, an NFL type offense, and it's going to be a lot of fun to run."

Granted, UCF's offense does change because the quarterback no longer wears the number eight, but that's

Women's soccer looks to defend TAAC title

DAVID MARSTERS
STAFF WRITER

Rodney Dangerfield made a career on his complaint that "I don't get no respect." The UCF Women's Soccer Team in finding out how he feels. Despite winning four of the last five TAAC Championships, the pre-season TAAC poll has Jacksonville University ranked in the top spot, followed by UCF, Georgia State, Mercer University, and Jacksonville State.

The fall from the top of the rankings for UCF is due in large part to graduation, to which the Knights lost goalkeeper Alyssa O'Brien and forward Danya Harris, both All-Southeast Region selections and four-time All-TAAC honors.

UCF also begins their 1999 campaign with a new coach. Karen Richter, who spent six years as the Knights head coach after a distinguished playing career, left in April to fill the vacant coaching job at Auburn University. Replacing her is former University of Maryland-Baltimore County fieldhorn Amanda Cromwell.

Cromwell, who has been a member of the U.S. National Team since 1991, was surprised at the job offer when she thought she wanted to remain at the collegiate level.

"I really didn't think UCF would be an option because Richter had been there so long. It was a little bit of a surprise," said Cromwell.

Cromwell has already brought another high profile name to UCF by bringing in World Cup hero and former UCF player Michelle Akers as a part-time assistant coach.

Key returning players for the Knights include Cally Howell, a junior midfielder who scored 4 goals and had 5 assists last year, Claire Kohake, another junior midfielder who scored one goal and had six assists while starting in all 20 games last season, and senior defender Margarette Auffant, who was first team All-TAAC last year. Other key returning players include sophomore forward Michelle Anderson, Monica Hodschauer, a senior midfielder, and All-TAAC Tournament midfielder Wendy Wilterase.

Part of the strength of this year's team comes from its top notch recruiting class, which has been ranked 10th best in the southeast, putting UCF in the same group with such national powers as Florida and North Carolina. Heading the class are Amanda King (Austin, Texas), Nicole Cieslak (Orlando), Sara McDonald (Brighton, Mich.) and Jessica Kubman (St. Charles, Mo.). King, who was All-Region in high school twice, is expected to help the team immensely at the forward-position. Kubman will be one of the four players running for the starting goalkeeper job left vacant by the graduation of Alyssa O'Brien.

The Golden Knights play a touch schedule this season, including a match at 1998 National Champion University of Florida in the second game of the year."

"Those are the games I love. It gives them a goal to really go after it. We have nothing to lose. We do have expectations which is fine. I like a challenge. I'm just ready to go and play some games."

The team spends much of the season on the road, and will need immediate help from the newcomers, and someone to step up at goalkeeper. The season starts August 27 at 4:00 p.m. when the Knights take on Howard University at the UCF Soccer Field.

Senior midfielder Wendy Wilterase and her UCF teammates hope to dribble their way to another conference championship.
Changing of the Guard

In a whirlwind of events, the new Student Body President and Vice President, Andrew Cupicha and Jaime Halscott take office.

by Brian McMahon

This summer has been an interesting and exciting time for Student Government here at the University of Central Florida. In February, Darin Patton and Andrew Cupicha were elected by the student body as Student Body President and Vice President. They defeated Jaime Halscott and Charlie Lee in a runoff election.

A few weeks following the election, after a tirade of disqualifications, appeals, and decisions, Patton and Cupicha were finally sworn in.

Shortly after the swearing in, Senate pro tempore, Jaime Halscott submitted three affidavits for impeachment to the Senate Legislative, Judicial, and Rules Committee and on July 21, Darin Patton was impeached by the Senate. The first and only affidavit heard dealt with Patton’s freezing the addendum budget. It stated, “I was informed by Dr. [Ken] Lawson 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. Lawson 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.”

This affidavit passed on an 18-6 vote with 2 abstentions charging Student Body President Darin Patton with malfeasance (the wrongful performance of a lawful act), nonfeasance (the omission of an act that should have been performed), and misfeasance (performing an act that is contrary to the law).

According to Patton, he froze the funds because, “First, many requests came to the Senate floor after the approval of the addendum budget. However, many clubs and organizations were turned away as Sen. Siegel 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 appropriations. 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 investigation Patton alluded to ended in the suspension from UCF of OAF Chair David Siegel and the suspension of Jason Murphy from all SGA activities. Murphy is allowed only in the Administration Building.

With the President impeached, Vice President Cupicha ascended to the presidency and Senate Pro Tempore Jaime Halscott, Patton’s accuser, ascended to the vice presidency.

After the swearing in, Cupicha said, “Regardless of what has happened or what may happen, my focus will remain on the welfare of the students.”

Patton has submitted an appeal to the Administration based on what he feels was a violation of due process as well as other irregularities and inconsistencies.

Letter From the President

Dear Fellow Knights,

It is a great honor to be serving as your student body president as we enter the new millennium. I am excited to serve you throughout the university community ensuring that your college experience here at the University of Central Florida is both memorable and successful. I plan on working hand in hand with the Senate and Judicial branch of Student Government to address student concerns and act on them, making the university a better place.

Above all else, I would encourage you to get involved. Without student involvement, SGA would have no purpose. Without the voice of the students, Student Government would not know what issues to tackle.

There are many avenues in which you can voice your opinion. Whether it’s through Senate, cabinet, election commission, or Judicial Council, there are opportunities for everyone.

Feel free to stop by the Student Government office located in room 214 in the Student Union to find out more information on how to get involved.

As always, I am here to represent you, so do not hesitate in voicing your concerns. My office is open to you, the students.

With your help, we can truly make the University of Central Florida the premier university it was destined to be.

Thank you,

Andrew Cupicha
Student Body President

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Get Involved with Student Government!

by Amy Florin, Senate Pro Tempore

Getting involved is one of the best things a student can do. Outlets from the rigors of studying foster a greater feeling of school spirit and belonging to your college. While UCF offers a wide variety of organizations to get involved with, I would recommend Student Government. There are many positions available in the three branches of Student Government. The Executive branch consists of the Student Body President, Vice President, Attorney General, Comptroller, Governmental Affairs, Judicial Advisor, and several other cabinet positions (appointed by the Student Body President). Past cabinets have included positions for Promotions, Public Relations, Alumni Affairs, and many more. The Legislative branch is composed of 50 Senators (elected in the fall), and the Judicial branch has 12 Justices and 2 alternatives (appointed by the Student Body President).

Many people ask why Student Government? There is much controversy that seems to perpetually surround it. I believe that it goes with the territory. Student Government needs people that are willing to speak their minds. A difference of opinion is what makes government what it is: people representing their respective college and debating for what is in the best interest of the students throughout the university. There is no such thing as making everyone happy. There will always be someone who will disagree with you and what you believe to be in the best interest of the students. However, that is what it is all about; standing up for what you believe in and fighting for it. Just when you think that you cannot take any more of the politics and you question yourself, “Why am I doing this?” you have to remind yourself of why you got involved in the first place; TO SERVE THE STUDENTS. It is the incredible sense of accomplishment upon serving the students that, by far, supersedes any and all political games.

You will find that there is no such thing as going through Student Government just for fun. In the past, it has been at times very un-fun. It was tiring, ridiculously nerve wracking, and seemingly impossible. However, that was the past and what we have in front of us is the future. Although there will still be a difference of opinions at times, it does not mean it can’t be fun. We are students at the country’s best university and these are exciting times ahead of us. Be a part of your future. OUR future, Get Involved!

SGA is now hiring for various positions!

We are looking for dependable, innovative, motivated, and dedicated individuals, who are willing to become a part of the SGA family. You will be overworked and underpaid, but you will also gain immeasurable experience serving the student body. These positions are demanding and often frustrating but always satisfying and exciting. To pick up your application or for more information, stop by the SGA office, Student Union, Room 214, or call 823-2191.

Attention Clubs and Organizations:

The Quest will be published on a bi-weekly basis. If you would like to advertise your club or organization, contact Brian McMahon at 823-2191 or email him at DUTuna@hotmail.com.

So you want to be a Senator...

But you don’t know the first step. Well, read on and find out how to get involved in the student Senate.

by Eddy Ruiz

Welcome new and returning students to the University of Central Florida! With new and exciting plans for the 1999-2000 school year, the Student Government Association would like to extend an invitation to everyone who is ready to get involved in their campus.

SGA is an organization of student leaders working together to represent and empower the student voice. Our SGA closely models the U.S. national government in that there are three branches: Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. Through these branches, SGA is responsible for the $9 million Student Activity and Service Fee budget. With all the services and opportunities SGA provides, there is definitely something for everyone.

The 31st Student Government Senate is currently looking for students who are willing to step up to the plate and take charge. Comprised of 50 senators from the five different colleges, the Senate acts as the Legislative Branch providing funding for the schools various clubs and organizations.

Perhaps you are a freshman who is looking to make new friends and gain valuable leadership experience, a transfer student who was very involved in their college and would like the same opportunity at UCF, or maybe just a student wanting to get involved and make UCF a better school.

Whatever the reason, this is the time to join Student Government. This Fall there will be general elections for the Senate which is open to all students. Following is a brief list of what you need to do to become a part of the 32nd Student Government Senate. If you have any further questions or concerns, you can visit the Student Government office at 823-2191 or stop by in the Student Union, Room 214. It may be a long process, but it is well worth it.

1. 2-3 weeks after school starts, you will need to pick up a petition and other materials from the Student Government office, Room 214 in the Student Union.
2. You will need to get 50 signatures of students in your respective college and attend various meetings. The required signatures on your petition allow you to be on the ballot.
3. There are many statutes outlining how and when you are allowed to campaign.
4. Elections are held and if you are elected by a majority, you will then be sworn in and become an official senator.
LIFT Summit a Huge Success!
by Greg Auerbach

On Thursday, July 22, the University of Central Florida welcomed nearly 100 high school students to our campus to take part in the second Annual Leaders Involved For Tomorrow (LIFT) Summit. Entirely student-organized and executed, members of the team drew on past leadership conference experiences, as well as comments from last year’s delegates, to make this the premier adventure for each delegate.

Developed through the LEAD scholars program, each delegate attended workshops, keynote addresses, and other special presentations over the four day, three night conference. The theme for the conference was “Lighting the Way.” Utilizing this theme, the delegates were broken up into groups of six or seven and assigned a student facilitator. Before arriving at UCF each delegate received a phone call and letter from their respective facilitator so they would be familiar with each other when meeting for the first time. Among other things, groups were responsible for a skit describing an original constellation and how it became one, as well as a mural depicting their time at the LIFT Summit.

During a portion of the conference, the entire delegation met in break-out groups to brainstorm ideas to curb school violence. They were charged to develop and implement plans for students, parents, and faculty to solve this problem. Special guest speakers, Kyle Mickelson and Jon Stocking, visited UCF for this workshop and presented their views on the Columbine High School situation as they were firsthand witnesses to the shootings.

As a result of assistance by various campus groups including Student Government Association and by generous donations by local companies, delegates were treated to formal banquets, a comedy night, a dance, a movie, a luau, as well as several LIFT and UCF mementos. Delegates ranged from 16-18 years of age, and compliments and accolades were abundant. One delegate wrote, “I thought the conference was quite enjoyable and would willingly recommend it to other students. The Facilitators were really funny and considerate. I had a great time. I’ll definitely take what I learned back home with me.” Another commented, “Great Summit — very well done, everything I could hope for and more.” And finally, “Overall, I had a life changing experience and it will help me down the road. Thank you!”

Directed in 1999 by UCF student, Anna Berger, and created in 1998 by UCF student, Greg Auerbach, both graduates of the LEAD Scholars Program, the Summit’s future is bright. Next year, the conference is looking to host nearly 200 students, while again expanding programming. In addition, a number of staff positions, including Student Director, are now open to all UCF students. Applications will be available throughout campus beginning the week of August 19.

If you have any questions regarding the LIFT Summit, Greg Auerbach is available in the LEAD Scholars office (823-2223) or by email gca45764@ucf.edu.

Office of Student Activities Announcements

Welcome Back Expo
August 18, 10am-2pm
The Green
For all new students, come out to the Student Resource Green for information on all the UCF clubs and organizations. Free Food and prizes. Call 823-6471 for more information or stop by the Office of Student Activities in the Student Union.

Interest Session
August 23, 11:30, 1pm, or 2:15pm
Charlotte Harbor, Student Union
Find out more about Campus Activities Board, Volunteer UCF, Consultants for Effective Leadership, and the Diversity Dialogue Consultants. For more information call 823-6471 or stop by the Office of Student Activities in the Student Union.

Volunteer Expo
September 1, 10am-1pm
Student Union
Find out about volunteer opportunities with UCF and the community. For more information, call 823-6471 or stop by the Office of Student Activities in the Student Union.

Good Luck
Kelli Meierhenry
As you represent UCF and the State of Florida in the Miss America Scholarship Pageant.
Beat those Back-to-School Blues!

Does school seem to drag on and on pushing Christmas break further and further away? Do you often find yourself daydreaming of elementary school where they used to let us run around on the playground for an hour in the middle of school during lectures? Then Recreational Services has what you need! Offering several team and individual intramural sports, several aerobics programs, and a free gym, you can turn your daydreams into a reality. Whether you are just getting started or you’ve been around the block a few times, Rec Services has programs that will meet your needs.

Check out Rec Services located on the south side fo campus beside the pool and racquetball courts for more information including dates and times as well as other requirements. Since Rec Services is paid for by Student Government, everything is free! You can also call them at 823-2408.

Aerobics

Aqua Aerobics
UCF pool
Monday - 5:30pm
Tuesday & Thursday 12pm

Aerobics
(beginner step, intermediate step, Power step, combo with weights, and kickboxing)
Fitness Center
Monday-Friday 10am, 12pm, 3pm, 4:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:15pm, 8:30pm.
Check Rec Services for specific times and days.

Fall Intramural Sports

* NFL Pick 'em
* Fantasy Football
* Flag Football
* Punt, Pass, & Kick Competition
* Golf Scramble
Community Volleyball
USTA Tennis
Basketball
Swim Meet
Baseball
Racquetball Doubles
Badminton
Volleyball
Tennis Singles
Soccer
Bench Press

* New for Fall 1999

1999 UCF Football Schedule

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Bold games indicates Home games. All times subject to change. UCF Home games are played at the Florida Citrus Bowl.