For UCF coaches, players, and fans, the drive up to Ben Hill Griffin Stadium in Gainesville may last a mere few hours, but the symbolism of the trip will last forever.

It's not everyday the Golden Knights and Gators get together for a football game. In fact, it's the first time.

UCF will meet the No. 4 Florida Gators in its second of four landmark September contests, with Georgia Tech and Georgia remaining on the slate.

While a home game against Purdue made it difficult for UCF to look directly towards this game, some of the players did find their thoughts wandering.

"I'd be lying if I didn't say I wasn't thinking about it," said receiver Kenny Clark, UCF's junior captain. "For a lot of guys, this is their Super Bowl. It's 25, 30 minutes away from home. It's definitely like a dream."

The dream could turn into a nightmare, however, if UCF duplicates its effort from this past Saturday, when the specialist teams and defensive line fell apart, allowing Purdue to dominate the season opener, 47-13.

"We have to get ready for Florida the same way we got ready for Purdue," senior defensive tackle Justen Moore.

"Hopefully with different results, obviously, but we have to just go about it the same way preparation-wise."

UCF will have plenty to prepare for as Florida's team speed should pose a huge problem.

The Gators feature a Heisman trophy candidate in quarterback Doug Johnson, wide receivers Travis Taylor and Darrell Jackson, and redshirt freshman tailback Earnest Graham.

While the Gator talent is young, these players have the potential to become household names. Still, Coach Mike Kruczek doesn't expect his team to be intimidated.

"It doesn't matter who we play," Kruczek said. "You take the crowd and the mystique and the tradition of the stadium into account for at least three years."

The 12-ounce juices sell for 75 cents a bottle.

Merck said prices will not change if the contract be on the financial backs of students and faculty will all benefit from a higher level of service.

A deal finalized on March 1 made the revenue increase is substantial. For Coca-Cola, they have earned all of the advertising rights to the school. For example, a UCF logo is printed on McDonald's cups, along with the Knights football schedule. Over 400 McDonald's stores throughout the state are distributing the cup for a Coke promotion.

Because of the contract, UCF's percentage of profit from the sales of soda rose from 28 percent to 54 percent.

The Athletics Program is receiving $2 million, the intramural programs are getting a share and UCF Alumni will be getting $20,000 for Coke advertising in Pegasus magazine.

Primarily, the money will be used for the recruitment of new faculty. Also, Coca-Cola offered eight $5,000 scholarships this year.

"These new benefits are not going to be on the financial backs of students," said Joyce A. Clampitt, associate vice president of UCF Administration and Finance.

John P. Goree, the interim director of UCF Business Service said he feels a bond between the university and the corporation will be beneficial for both.

"First off, Coca-Cola has outdone Pepsi on the campus for years, he said. Coke had about a 55 percent ratio of the cola sales, partly because they had a better and faster service to their vending machines."

Clampitt said, "I am very excited about this new partnership because not only does the institution benefit from an increase of revenue, but the students and faculty will all benefit from a higher level of service."

"The money made from the new deal with Coke will be filtered down through the academic areas, as well as administrative."

"A higher proportion of the money that students spend on soft drinks plows back into university activities, as opposed to going off campus. All of the students will benefit greatly from this deal through the money that is coming into the university," Goree said.

Other UCF administrators also see the contract as nothing but beneficial to the school and its students.

"It was a real financial advantage for UCF," said Dean McFall, assistant vice president for Administration and Finance.
New program seeks to raise Greeks GPA

A new program has been brought to the UCF Greek system, thanks to Greek Affairs. First Year Advising and Information Services and the Student Academic Resource Center (SARC). It is called the Greek Student Success Pilot Program, and is one of only a few programs of its kind in the nation.

According to information from the Greek Affairs Office, this program is set up to focus on academic advising and academic support for a sample population of 150 freshmen fraternity and sorority members during the fall term.

The program is run by the SARC, which will provide academic advising, support services, and success strategies to this group of new freshmen students.

Ten Greek students were also chosen to act as academic support liaisons and mentors for this new member program.

The desired outcome of this program is to improve the fall semester's GPA of its kind in the nation.

First Year Advising and Information Many Greek organizations attend their that of the university's total undergraduate of all Kappa Delta chapters.

It also gives the headquarters of these organizations an opportunity to discuss a variety of topics and address problems or concerns.

Many of these conferences include an awards ceremony and a time for individual and chapter recognition.

The Lambda-Epsilon Chapter of the Kappa Delta Fraternity received a number of awards including the Founders Chapter of Excellence Award, at their conference held this summer in Phoenix, Ariz. Rob Tessner, a brother of Kappa Sigma, won a seat on the Undergraduate Advisory Committee.

He will represent over 55 Kappa Delta chapters at the international officers meeting, Kappa Delta received the Achievement award for being ranked in the top 15 percent of all Kappa Delta chapters.

The Eta Pi chapter of Sigma Chi also brought home the Peterson Award for outstanding chapter at their Leadership Training Workshop held this summer in Kansas.

Traffic stop ends in resisting arrest charge

Nicole King
NEWS EDITOR

Officer Lashinsky of UCFPD arrested Martin Quiroga, 23, for resisting arrest on Aug. 24. According to the report, Lashinsky pulled Quiroga over for not wearing protective eyewear while driving a motorcycle. During the stop, Lashinsky asked him if he had a motorcycle endorsement. Quiroga showed Lashinsky his temporary permit, which expired Aug. 24. Lashinsky said the permit expired today and Quiroga became upset, reports stated.

He then began yelling, Why do you stop me? Lashinsky explained the reason for the stop and Quiroga said, Fine, then wrote me a ticket. I'm late for class, he stated. Lashinsky then told him that if he did not return to his vehicle that he would be arrested. According to the report, Quiroga then began yelling, I will not go to jail for this. Lashinsky then told him that if he did not return to his vehicle he would be arrested. According to the report, Quiroga then began yelling, I will not go to jail for this.

Panagiotakapoulos over for careless driving. During the stop, Lashinsky asked him if he had a drivers license upon request. The report stated that Lashinsky checked in the telephone and discovered that Panagiotakapoulos license had been suspended eight times for failure to appear in court for a traffic citation. He then began yelling, Why do you stop me? Lashinsky explained the reason for the stop and Quiroga said, Fine, then wrote me a ticket. I'm late for class, he stated. Lashinsky then told him that if he did not return to his vehicle that he would be arrested. According to the report, Quiroga then began yelling, I will not go to jail for this.

Police arrested Chris Panagiotakapoulos, 18, for resisting arrest on Aug. 24. According to the report, Panagiotakapoulos pulled Panagiotakapoulos over for careless driving on Pegasus Circle. Lashinsky stated in the police report that he saw Panagiotakapoulos car swerve to the left of the center line, then to the right. The vehicle then sped up to 40 mph in a 20 mph speed zone. According to the report, Panagiotakapoulos did not possess a drivers license upon request. The report stated that Lashinsky checked in the telephone and discovered that Panagiotakapoulos license had been suspended eight times for failure to pay a traffic citation and once for failure to appear in court for a traffic citation.

IN OTHER POLICE REPORTS:

UCF police arrested Martin Morieres, 19, for dealing in stolen property on Aug. 18. According to reports, Mercier stated that he walked into the UCF bookstore and took two textbooks and walked out with them. He then walked over to CB&S bookstore and tried to sell the books back, he stated. The two textbooks were valued at $91 and Cost Accounting, valued at $83.
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Coke, Pepsi both bidders for exclusive UCF soda contract

FROM PAGE 1

president of University Relations.

Some months ago, both Coke and PepsiCo were bidders for a plan for UCF to select a single cold beverage provider. Coca-Cola offered UCF a bid, while Pepsi failed to propose a contract to UCF by the cut-off date.

The Florida Citrus Bowl is under its own contract.

Coca-Cola is now UCF's partner in the drink business.

UCF university had a sole partner in the past. Coke and Pepsi each had vending machines on campus.

The revenue UCF received from those machines wasn't minimal. By entering into a contract, UCF is assured a substantial increase in both the profit and the level of service to the machines.

The campus has had some difficulty in the past keeping the vending machines filled. But now, Coke has two people on campus all the time to service their machines.

The service men from Coca-Cola will be on route around the UCF area with cell-phones. Therefore, these technicians will be more readily available if a machine decides to break down.

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Coke's reign is owed partly to the McDonald's corporation, as well as domination in the foreign market.

In only a few countries around the globe, such as Venezuela, Coke sales are actually surpassed by Pepsi.

Coke and Pepsi are always competing, not only through vending machine sales, but also with contractual agreements with universities.

This deal should come as no surprise, being that UCF is only one of a great number of universities that have signed exclusive contracts with a soft drink company.

"If you're a student out here for four years, for four years you drink their product. Coca-Cola is hoping they've got you hooked for life. Plus they get all the promotion that goes on," Goree said. "We had one or two calls asking us what we were doing. I told them that we were entering an exclusive contract and prices would remain the same. We will not sell any other products on campus, nor will we permit any others to be distributed," Goree said.

Some UCF students are upset about the contract because they feel limited in their beverage choices.

Gina Lynne Carson, an alumna of UCF, is upset about the business agreement.

"They never asked the students who pay semesterly activity fees, amongst other ever increasing fees, what they prefer."

"I don't like it," agreed Radio-Television major Casey Epton. "What happened to freedom of choice?"

Goree said that students who prefer to drink beverages other than those Coke makes will have to bring their own to campus.

Some students said they aren't affected by the change.

"I personally don't mind drinking Coke," said Laura Keller, a UCF civil engineering major.

"But, it's just not right for them to own a monopoly on campus simply because they are willing to pay the administration." Keller said that competition is good on campus.

"Personally, I was disappointed when all the Pepsi machines were removed from our campus," said Donna Lee, an English major.

"Besides the fact that I really like Dr. Pepper, monopolies limit choices. Competition broadens every students choices."

Merrick said UCF chose the best bid from the two giants.

"It's too bad that we can't have the same relationship with all of the vendors, but in the end, we have to pick one, he said.

"It was obvious that Coke offered the school a better deal," said education major Brandon Rogers. "Its better all-around for the administration, the students, and everyone involved at UCF. Besides, I would choose Coke over Pepsi any day."

"As long as the prices don't go up, I'm happy," said music major Chris Cimaglia.

"At least Coke isn't trying to stick it to us now that they have a monopoly."

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Senate elections postponed; new commissioners voted in

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Student Body President Andrew Cupicha postponed the Senate elections for two weeks after determining that the lack of confirmed election commissioners constituted a campus emergency.

The Senate meetings will be held Sept. 27 through Oct. 1.

Cupicha explained in a memo on Aug. 30 that there was not enough confirmed election commissioners, or a chief election commissioner, to run the elections.

Title VI Statute, Section 604.7 states that the president may suspend or delay the election if a campus emergency will impede the voting process.

The elections must be rescheduled within seven days of the suspended elections.

“We believe that this action is necessary to run a fair election,” Cupicha wrote in the memo.

“At this time, all necessary appointments have been made to ensure a full Election Commission. It is now incumbent upon Senate to confirm said appointments to prevent any further delay in the election process.”

At last week’s Senate meeting, five election commissioners and a chief election commissioner were confirmed.

Most of them passed by acclamation.

Chief Election Commissioner David Dobin did not pass for the chief at the Senate meeting the week before.

According to Elections and Appointments Chair Karen Talbert, the main reason for the difference in the votes was that everyone was trying to move forward.

“We still had questions about certain people, and those problems were resolved between that time,” he said.

“We are trying to fill the vacant spots so that we can serve the students the best way we can.”

Cupicha said the appointments that came before Senate showed a high level of professionalism.

“There’s going to be people that are coming up tonight that have been appointed or are going to be confirmed that maybe had conflicts with myself or other parties of the past Patton/Cupicha administration that I believe I can trust,” he said.

“We have made agreements to kind of clear things up in the past and move forward. I expect nothing less in the future.”

There are now 13 election commissioners, still two short of the mandatory 15.

Cupicha said that two Election Commission appointments would be coming before Senate this Thursday.

Amy Florin, Senate president pro tempore, said she believes things are moving forward for Student Government.

“I think it’s great that people in Student Government are beginning to put aside their differences and work together to benefit the students,” Florin said.

Florin said she believes the Senate elections will be competitive, but hopes that people will run knowing the responsibility of the job.

“There’s a lot of work, time, and dedication that goes into being a good senator and people should run because they want to represent the students in their college,” she said.

While addressing the Senate, Cupicha said students should always remain the top priority with Student Government.

“I have tried to be very fair with people and above all, to do the right thing and not play too many politics although this is very, very political,” he said.

“We don’t always agree with each other, or the administration, but we’re here for the students and that must remain our focus.”

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Sept. 20-22: Declaration of candidacies to run for Senate in SGC Office.
Sept. 23: Election Commission checks qualifications of candidates, posts their names. Notification given to tickets and student media of date, time, and place for candidate forum.
Sept. 27-Oct. 1: Senate Elections
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Test results clear; water ban notices come down

Nicole King
NEWS EDITOR

Test results on water in the building that houses the UCF bookstore and food services came back normal at 3 p.m. on Sept. 3. The lab found no trace of bacteria contamination.

UCF Physical Plant posted Do Not Drink Water notices in the area on Sept. 1 after a water line broke Tuesday night.

Larry Eflin, interim supervisor for the Waste and Water Department, said a contractor hit the line a couple of weeks ago. It was fixed, and the fix came unfixed, he said.

Dick Paradise, director of Physical Plant, said the tests were strictly precautionary.

Paradise said that when a break occurs, the pressure in the line decreases and the water sits dormant. In this state, contaminants may enter the water.

Flushing the lines is a common way to avoid contamination.

The tests are required by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to check for contamination after a break.

Samples are taken from various faucets in the affected area over a 48 hr. period and then sent to an independent lab for testing.

The UCF Café in the bookstore and Great Escapes, next to the bookstore, were the most affected by the break. The café could not serve frappuccino, espresso, or coffee. Great Escapes had to do without fountain sodas and Smoothie King for two and a half days.

To make up for the lost business, Great Escapes sold canned sodas and bottled water.

Kristen Biser, manager of UCF Café, said she saw a dramatic difference in business. "The only thing we could make was hot chocolate, or use bottled water to make tea," she said.

Laquel Coleman works at Great Escapes as a cashier. Coleman said the delay was a hassle. "Once the students saw that the machines weren't working, they would turn around and walk out."

Biser said café management is considering buying an industrial size coffeepot that wouldn't be tied to the water lines. "This has happened a couple of times since I have been here," she said.

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RUSH creates new friends, way of life

Over 700 women participate in this year’s sorority recruitment

Stephanie Tourville
Staff Writer

Over 700 of UCF's females gathered in the UCF Arena Aug. 13 to kick off the 1999 Sorority Recruitment, informally known as Rush. This annual event was headed and organized by the Panhellenic Recruitment Executive Council and the Rho Chis.

The Rho Chis were each assigned a group of prospective new members to help through recruitment. From carrying their bags to giving them unbiased advice and words of encouragement, the Rho Chis were there every step of the way for their group of young women.

"I was very unsure about Rush at first because of some of the rumors I had heard, but I really wanted to meet new people and feel like I belonged at UCF. So I decided to go ahead and see what it was really about," freshman Amanda Wainwright said.

During recruitment, each girl is given a chance to sample a bit of each sorority, so that through a group of young women.

Throughout the entire process, I was really confused as to which sorority I felt like I belonged in most. But after Preferentials I was sure.

— Stephanie Kelly

Every step of the way for their group of young women.

"The whole process starts when each member, along with her traveling group, visits each of UCF’s seven active sororities. "It was clear from the first day as to where I felt like I would fit in," Wainwright said. "And as the days went on, it just got clearer and clearer to us as new members and to the sisters already in the sororities, too."

The next morning, and the two mornings following that, all the new members met once again with their Rho Chis. They were given a list of the sororities that asked them back to their house that day. From that list, the new members picked five sororities. The next day they selected three and the third morning they picked only two, that they wished to visit that day.

Every day the sisters in each sorority had different events, activities and discussions planned to help make the choice easier. Theme-days like UCF Spirit Day, Philanthropy Day and Video Presentation Day gave each prospect a chance to learn more about each sorority.

Preferentials, a more formal and serious event, is the last day of selection.

Throughout the entire process, I was really confused as to which sorority I felt like I belonged in most. But after Preferentials I was sure,

— Stephanie Kelly

The Rho Chis were present to help anyone who was having a hard time deciding or to give some last minute advice. All that was left to do then was wait.

The next morning arrived and that meant Bid Day for all the ladies.

"Bid Day was so exciting because I knew I would finally get to unite with the women that would soon be my sisters for life," Kelly said. "Its an indescribable bond that you can feel almost immediately."

Bid Day marked the beginning of a new way of life for many of the original ladies, as they became members of their sororities.

"After it was all over I was so extremely impressed with the fair and unprejudiced way we were all able to learn about each aspect of what Greek life really is," Wainwright said. "Being Greek is not just parties and fun, but about sisterhood, service, scholarship and leadership."
Court allows Indiana fraternity rape suit to proceed

JEFF SHIEMAN
INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. —

Tracy Guthrie battled nine years to hear the news she received this summer.

After a series of legal delays and contradictory rulings by lower courts, the Indiana Supreme Court decided she would tell her story to a jury.

The unanimous July 12 decision allows Guthrie to go forward with her lawsuit against the IU chapter of Delta Tau Delta, 1431 N. Jordan Ave., and may bring changes and set legal precedents that affect local Delts' members, fraternities nationwide and any private property owners.

Guthrie was an 18-year-old freshman when she was sexually assaulted by Joseph P. Motz during a Homecoming party at the fraternity Oct. 14, 1990. She was known then as Tracy Johnson; she has since married.

In her first public interview about the sexual assault and lawsuit, Guthrie said late Wednesday evening her goal was to hear the news she received this summer.

"I just wanted control over something," she said. "I would never pursue this for money. Initially, all I wanted was an apology and for the members to stand up and be responsible men. If there is any financial gain it will go to a rape crisis fund."

Guthrie added that she has nothing against the greek system. She was in Zeta Tau Alpha, and her husband was in Pi Kappa Alpha while they attended IU.

THE INCIDENT

Guthrie arrived at 10 p.m. Oct. 13, 1990 at the Delts' Homecoming party with some of her friends. At midnight she encountered Motz, an acquaintance she worked with in a department store the previous summer. She and her friends were separated and eventually they left without her. Motz, a former Delts vice-president, was staying at the house during his visit and offered to drive her home but only after she sobered up.

They waited together in a room upstairs listening to music, where they both consumed some hard liquor and talked. At about 3:30 a.m. Guthrie again got up and searched through the house for a ride. After she was unsuccessful, Motz once again offered to take her home. But soon after he locked the two of them in the room. He then sexually assaulted her.

Guthrie eventually made it back to her dorm where she was comforted by friends who urged her to report the crime to the IU Police Department. She said after reporting the assault, the fraternity began intimidating and harassing her.

"Instead of admitting this guy was wrong for raping me, they banded together against me," Guthrie said. "They would leave threatening notes on my car and messages on my answering machine. If I was walking past the Arboretum, or getting a Coke in the Union, they would bump into me and yell at me."

She said the intimidation almost made her leave IU.

"I wanted to quit," she said. "They protected this guy and were laughing at us. I dug my heels in. All I wanted was for them to be responsible men, instead of animals."

She said the emotional toll of the abuse and assault damaged her forever. She has suffered nightmares, flashbacks, anxiety attacks and depression. "Not a day goes by that I don't think about what happened," Guthrie said. "The 13th is coming up, and it will be nine years; this is a large portion of my life. It has been a long road, but I'm glad I stuck it out."

Suzanne Pauwels, a counselor at the Sexual Assault Crisis Service, said reactions similar to Guthrie's are common among rape victims.

"You have to remember rape and sexual assault isn't a crime of sex — it is a crime of violence, power, control and domination," she said.

Pauwels said there is always emotional trauma after a sexual assault.

"There is trauma, I guarantee you there is trauma in every instance."

COURT SETS LEGAL PRECEDENT

The suit was filed in 1992 against Motz and the local and national chapters of Delts. On a defense motion of summary judgment, the district trial court ruled that her suit could proceed against all three parties.

The fraternity appealed the decision, and it was reversed in 1995 at the State Court of Appeals. The judgment removed both local and national chapters of Delts from the suit.

Guthrie's attorneys then appealed to the Indiana Supreme Court, which in its ruling this summer reinstated the local chapter of Delts as a party to the suit, but declined to reinstate the national organization.

With this opinion, the court set up a new legal test to determine if landowners owed a "duty of reasonable care" to their guests. This was one of three different cases considered and ruled upon by the court regarding a landowner's responsibility to protect customers or guests from assaults by third parties.

Duty of reasonable care means landowners with a history of criminal incidents on their property, even if committed by a third party, can be held accountable for not taking steps to prevent future incidents.

The Court applied this legal test to the Guthrie suit, as well as a case involving a series of violent crimes in a South Bend Kroger parking lot, and a rape at Evans Scholars at Purdue University.

In the Kroger decision, the Court ruled that the supermarket could be held liable for a violent attack that occurred in its parking lot after past incidents in the lot were not confronted.

On the other hand, in the case of Evans Scholars, the Court ruled that the fraternity could not foresee the sexual assault because no prior incidents occurred that would suggest a dangerous environment for guests.

In Guthrie's case, the Court ruled that Delts owed Guthrie a duty of reasonable care because of two hazing incidents at Delts in the two years prior to Motz assaulting Guthrie.

In addition, the fraternity was supplied pamphlets and information about rape and sexual assault a month prior to the incident.

In the court's decision, Justice Myra Selby wrote that the Supreme Court justices "believe to hold that a sexual assault in this situation was not foreseeable, as a matter of law, would ignore the facts and allow DTD to flaunt the warning signs at the risk of all its guests."
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Alcohol = Fun Party?

Andy Lurig
Staff Writer

Meet our players: Jack & Jill are non-drinkers, and Dan & Daina do drink, varying amounts depending on the occasion. They will be attending various parties throughout our play: Take what you will out of it. Who are you now? Who do you want to be?

Jack went to a party last night. There was no alcohol present, and events included a movie, poker game, and lots of chitchat. He considered it one of the best parties he’s ever attended.

The next night Jack and Jill went to a keg party. Jack was bored and annoyed at the drinkers. Jill, however, had a marvelous time laughing at all the drunken people.

Across town, Dan and Daina attended a separate keg party. Dan got quite toasty and had a great time. Daina, however, had a marvelous time laughing at all the drunken people.

I’m not here to condemn a person for drinking, which is their choice…However, I will condemn destructive behavior, intoxicated or not. That is the line everyone must draw.

Think of it like this: If you have 10 kegs, a DJ, open bar, and a giant clubhouse, do you have a party? No, you need people. People make parties, and drinking or not, if you don’t interact you’ve doomed to displease your guests.

I’m not here to condemn a person for drinking, which is their choice, though I don’t find being drunk a desirable state of being. However, I will condemn destructive behavior, intoxicated or not. That is the line everyone must draw. Alcohol is never a good excuse. If you drink, be responsible; if you don’t, don’t condemn those who do. Learn to draw the line when those under the influence can’t do it themselves.

They’ll thank you later.

Back to the original question: Does alcohol make a fun party? Answer, maybe. Everything depends on circumstance.

It sort of makes the whole discussion irrelevant, and rightly so. The truth is, a fun party is determined by the people, the interaction, and learning where to draw the line. If the cops show up, you missed the line.

Learn your limits and the limits of those around you, in every sense of the term. You’ll smile more in the end.

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right: Tori Amos is releasing her new single Bliss online this month. The single can be downloaded at www.mp3.com in near CD-quality MP3 format. Amos is one of the most downloaded artists on the Internet.

Left: Infatuation junkie Alanis Morissette will continue her solo tour with mp3’s support later this year.

Last year, Tori Amos got into bed with Best Buy and mp3.com to support Amos’ 1998 release, From the Choirgirl Hotel on the “Plugged” tour. For this year’s tour, it’s become a threesome.

Infatuation junkie Alanis Morissette joined Amos and the corporate monsters for the 5 1/2 Weeks tour, which began in Ft. Lauderdale on August 18th. The tour will end in California, but both Amos and Morissette will continue on afterwards, each playing solo shows.

Mp3.com’s role in the 5 1/2 Weeks tour is a hefty one. Amos’ first release, Bliss, from her September 23rd release double album, To Venus and Buck, is the first single to ever be available for secure download from mp3. Which basically means that you can pay a couple bucks to download the album-quality song from an official site, whereby giving royalties to Amos; instead of downloading it from an unknown site that will leave Amos, and her label Atlantic, out of the money-making loop.

Amos, who some call the most downloaded artist on the Internet, seems a prime candidate to test the industry’s latest method to sell music. For years, Amos’ fans have made it clear that no matter who she decides to tour with, or how versatile her music may be, they will support her, faithfully.

–Christine Selvaggi
New Hydra Fighter Takes Guests on a Wet Ride

SARAH DINGLE  
STAFF WRITER

Wet 'n Wild on International Drive opened a new attraction on July 16th. The Hydra Fighter seats two guests back to back and arms them with water cannons.

Their press kit goes on to explain that, "guests dangle from bungee-like cords as they control the water pressure that will launch them into the air and send them twisting and turning throughout the ride."

The object of the Hydra Fighter is to swing as high as possible. But, the trick is teamwork. This ride gets park guests out of inflatable tubes and off traditional slides to give them the opportunity to control their ride. Guests can swing leisurely back and forth or fly wildly out of control—depending on how they use the water cannons. The water cannons have the water pressure of fire hoses and have a range so wide that guests waiting in line for their chance at the Hydra Fighter also get drenched.

There are many other attractions at Wet 'n Wild including: the Fuji Flyer—a 4-passenger "toboggan" ride, the Der Stuka—a 6-story "free fall" and the Black Hole—a 2-person raft ride in almost total darkness.

Universal Studios, Sea World, Islands of Adventure, Wet 'n Wild, and Busch Gardens at Tampa Bay team up to offer the 5-park ORLANDO FLEXTICKET. This offer includes unlimited access to all 5 parks and requires only one parking fee per day. Also, Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios join Wet 'n Wild in the 5 day Escape Pass. This offer includes 5 days of unlimited access to all three parks for about $24.99 per day. At Wet 'n Wild, Florida residents can play all day for just $19.99 until October 3rd. As always, UCF students can purchase tickets at the UCF Student Union for only $13.00. General Admission (ages 10 and up) is $26.95 and children (ages 3 thru 9) are $21.95. From now until October 31st the park is open from 10am until 6pm. For specific information call 1-800 992-WILD.
Music Industry Controversy: Are MP3s a Sound Idea?

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Not spending enough time on the Web? Still have a few spare hours? Well, free music off the Web should eat up your sleep time and your empty hard disk space.

Digitized, downloadable real music has become quite the rage on the Web. If you haven't tried it yet, you're in for quite a surprise. The technology behind Web-based music is called MP3, an abbreviation for a digital music compression standard that reduces the size of CD quality music to about one-ninth the space needed on a CD.

The average CD has a maximum capacity of 74 minutes of recording time, which requires 600 megabytes (MB) of space. This works out to about 8.8 MB per minute for CD quality digital recording, about the space needed to store 4400 pages of double-spaced typed pages. A 2-1/2 minute song requires 22 MB of space for CD quality.

However, using MP3, that same song only takes about 2.5 MB of space, without losing quality. That savings in size means it takes far less time to transmit CD quality music over the Web, hence the proliferation of MP3 music sites.

There is a large number of sites with free music tracks, as well as albums and other tracks for sale.

You may not find the latest and greatest from the best-known artists, but you probably will find plenty of music you like. And it costs nothing for the basic computer-based listening.

What you need is an Internet connection and a Web browser. With this, you can download one of the free MP3 jukeboxes from the Web.

MusicMatch and RealJukebox are just two of them. Players are available for pretty much any desktop computer platform. Try www.mp3.com for a wide selection of jukebox players. Make sure you get one with a functioning equalizer. The default sound settings may not be very good.

Download the player software and install it. Then, money on over to one of the MP3 music sites. For starters, try www.emusic.com, www.mp3.com, and www.musicmatch.com. Some of the music will be for sale, but there are plenty available as free downloads.

A word of caution: some of the quick or instant play music files are not MP3 and are of low quality. Be sure you're downloading an MP3 file.

Once you have the music on your computer, you can play it, email it, and download it into one of the many portable MP3 players, such as the Diamond Rio.

The software players also come with recorders that let you take your own CDs and turn them into MP3 files that you can also download into devices like the Rio.

But like all freebies, it's worth every penny you're paying.

The down side is that the free players do not let you record at CD quality; you need to upgrade to the full or enhanced versions for about $30.

Also, time is money. With a 56K Internet connection, it will take you about four hours to download the equivalent of one hour of music.

It took me 10 minutes to download a 2-1/2 minute song with an actual connect speed of 19,833 kbps. And, you won't be the only one looking for free music.

Most of the music sites will be heavily used. Emusic.com, in particular, was extremely slow in giving me just the list of tracks available.

And as for free, well the portable MP3 players may cost you over $200.

If you get into serious recollecting, you'll want your own CD recorder to keep from filling up your hard drive.

And, what you find for free on the Web is what artists are willing to give away. Even so, MP3 sounds great. Besides, who needs sleep?
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Parker Bases New Book on Helen Hunt

Written specifically with Parker’s good friend actress Helen Hunt in mind, Family Honor is all in good fun. At one point, a no-nonsense nun looks down at Sunny’s bull terrier, who is lying on her back begging for a tummy rub.

“What’s wrong with this dog?” Sister said. “It is a dog, isn’t it?”

Parker is so good that with one hand behind his back he can create characters that are more memorable than most writers can even when pounding away with both fists.

In just a few short pages, he tells us all about Sunny’s career as a painter---and about the complicated relationship between her cool policeman father and her irritating pseudo-feminist mother.

Parker even makes a direct dig at Spencer (who, before turning to private investigating, had a short and fairly unsuccessful career in the boxing world).

When the runaway girl questions Sunny’s ability to protect her from dangerous criminals——‘You’re a girl like me, for crying out loud, what are you going to do?’ Sunny replies, “It would be nice if I weighed two hundred pounds and used to be a boxer.”

But I’m not, so we find other ways.” —Dick Adler
Dear Nancy,

I just moved here from New Hampshire a month ago to live with my best friend and to start at UCF. Not long after I arrived I met a girl. We hit it off and spent a lot of time together. But recently I’ve been meeting a lot of new people and I feel suffocated by her. She constantly calls me and wants to hang out, “just the two of us.” I like her but I want to see other people too. What should I do?

Sincerely, Almost not breathing

Dear Nancy,

My boyfriend and I have been dating for two years. In the past six months he has become really into his body. He works out constantly and I always catch him looking in the mirror at himself. He is so obsessed with his image that when we go out it takes him twice as long as me to get ready. He’s so into himself that he hardly acknowledges me when I’m around. Love him and I want to stay together but I don’t know what to say to him. I want my old boyfriend back.

Please help,

Desperately seeking attention.

Dear Nancy Knows,

Does he look good? Because if your man looks good then that’s all that matters. Honey, No, not really. Does the word insecurity ring a bell to you? This guy has major issues. The first thing I suggest you do is, remove all of the mirrors from his place and replace them with pictures of you. Tell him to put away the “front” and start looking at your back side. If he doesn’t seem to cooperate then he’s obviously more in love with himself then he is with you. After two years this could be a hard thing for you to accept but sometimes people change and there’s nothing you can do.

If he doesn’t want to share the reason for his behavior with you, you can’t force him. Maybe it’s time for you to move on and find someone who can give you the attention you deserve.
Under a bill expected to become law next year, the government of the Netherlands recently proposed to loosen restrictions on euthanasia for pain-wracked, incurably ill people, even extending the right to children as young as 12. In principle, those age 12 to 15 would also need parental permission. But doctors in some circumstances could honor a child's wishes even without it. (Euthanasia would still be illegal under the bill, but doctors adhering to the new guidelines would be immune from prosecution.)

Nuclear scientist Eric Voice, 73, told England's The Guardian in August that, as far as he knows, inhaling plutonium from the effects of a nuclear war is not dangerous, citing his own successful test 18 months ago in which he sniffed some to try to allay the public's fears. Voice said nothing has happened to him so far and that, in fact, plutonium has never harmed anyone, except for those two bombs on Japan.


Cultural Diversity

Latest Holy Icons: Crocodiles, in a lake near Karachi, Pakistan, where thousands brought fresh-meat offerings in March to secure blessings for their babies; two frogs, joined in Hindu matrimony in Guwahati, India, in March to please gods and end a four-month drought; and six Franciscan priests, in remote Cupacabana, Bolivia, who specialize in blessing motorists against drunk drivers, bad brakes and gasoline shortages, based on a mixture of Catholicism and Andean Indian fertility.)

Legendary Drukpa Kunley and supposedly inspires on a mixture of Catholicism and Andean Indian spirituality in New Guinea, India and Tibet, recently legalized television-amusement for roller-coaster injuries. Because her shoulder harness did not hold her securely, she said she repeatedly struck her head during the ride and later suffered headaches and nausea, as well as short- and long-term memory loss. "The name of the ride is "Mind Eraser.""

Update

Michael Robert Wyatt, now 38, made news of the Weird in 1990 when he pushed a woman to the ground in Little Rock, Ark., and began wacking her toe. After several such incidents, he was ordered into counseling and has since stayed out of the news, getting married and taking a job as a mechanic in West Plains, Mo. However, in August 1999, Wyatt was arrested in Fayetteville, Ark., for allegedly harassing several women by telling them he would really look hot if they amputated some of their toes. Some women in West Plains reported similar incidents.

Least Competent Criminals

In Calgary, Alberta, in June, David Thomas Poole, 49, was sent to jail for one year for perjury committed while challenging a routine traffic ticket. Poole submitted a photograph of the intersection at which he was ticketed showing there was no left-turn-only lane, as the ticket stated.

Actually, the left-turn lane had been receneted recently, and though Poole swore that he had taken the photo at the time of the incident in January, the judge was struck by the scene's green grass and trees in full flower.

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guitarist Clint Lowery blend their vocals in Witherspoon, drummer Morgan Rose and the R&B outfit comes through on the chorus, “Denial seems it had to come/Hello on me to say it all/Denial has left you all alone.”

Sevendust’s biggest strength comes in Witherspoon’s vocal versatility. From the subtle to the extreme, Witherspoon makes it look easy. After “Denial,” the disc runs into a group of usual Sevendust tracks. “What,” in particular, is average, despite the addition of a pseudo-techno loop in the background.

The end of the disc breaks the group out of the rut they’ve been developing over the past years. “Licking Cream” is the eye opener, with guest vocals from Skin of Skunk Anansie—a perfect match to Witherspoon’s soulful aggression. Her voice can match Witherspoon line for line, and the flow of the tracks with a slower tempo is much easier on the ears. A second guest vocalist comes on the final track of the CD, in “Bender,” featuring Chino Moreno of the Deftones. Moreno does his usual screeching, but his contribution practically goes unnoticed. In fact, if it weren’t for the liner notes denoting which singer sings which words, it would be nearly impossible to tell the difference between Witherspoon’s and Moreno’s voices.

“Home” resembles Sevendust’s debut in many ways, but finds the group expanding sounds in several areas. The slower sounds are a marked improvement on the generic sounding first half of the disc. Hopefully, Sevendust will experiment more in the future, before rock radio finds another hot one-track band to take their place in the rotations.

—BRIAN HALUSKA

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Reigning champion Gators teach Knights lesson

A Valuable Experience

On Sunday, August 29, the UCF Women's Soccer team traveled to Gainesville to take on the defending national champion Florida Gators. It was only the Knights' second game of the season, and they were beaten handily by the Lady Gators, 5-0. Despite the loss, however, the experience was a good one for the team, says head coach Amanda Cromwell.

"It was a very valuable experience. We taped the game and I watched the game the day after and took two pages of notes," said Cromwell. "That game being early in the season hurt us in a way as far as the result, but it helped us in a way too, just to see where we are and what we need to work on, and a welcome to big time soccer.""1

Closing the gap between UCF and the top teams will be the task of Cromwell during her coaching tenure, a task that is being helped by this year's recruiting class of eight freshmen.

"We still need a couple more big time recruits to come in here and raise it to that kind of a level of play," she said. "We have some great freshman talent this year and upper class veterans. I think they need to have that daily practice and that physical play. Florida didn't so much beat us with their skill as they did with their desire and their work rate and their passion. Those are things we need to have everyday in practice, and I think sometimes the girls don't push each other hard enough, they don't go and tackle hard enough."

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Knights Host Labor Day Weekend Tournament

Last weekend, the UCF Soccer Field took advantage of its new lights and hosted the Huntingtun Banks/UCF Reebok Soccer Classic. UCF, along with Stetson University, Northern Illinois, and Florida International played two games apiece, beginning with Florida International defeating Northern Illinois on Saturday afternoon.

Following that game, the Knights took the field against conference opponent Stetson, and bounced back from the loss to Florida with a 2-0 nothing victory over the Hatters. Freshman Amanda King scored a goal and assisted on fellow classmate Brooke Asby's first goal of the season. Sophomore Michelle Anderson assisted on King's goal.

"The midfield was working really strong for us," King said. "Fortunately they got the ball to Michelle who put a perfect pass to me and I just did what I had to do to get the ball to her."

Coach Cromwell was pleased with her team's physical play. "Tonight was more physical than we've seen in the past games," she said. "The second half we were just lucky to have people really making an effort to get those runs in the box."

The win improved the host Knights record to 7-1 on the season, heading into Monday's game against Florida. "The defense did a great job of getting a spot in the starting lineup. Amanda King leads the team in goals for the season. Sophomore Michelle Anderson assisted on King's goal," said Cromwell.

"In practice, and I think sometimes the girls don't push each other hard enough."

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UCF opens season with pair of wins

Coach Bob Winch and his players were not happy with how the team played this weekend, but they couldn't argue with the final results. UCF defeated Long Island 4-1 and Georgia Southern 7-1 in the UCF Soccer Classic. “We got a lot of goals, but we didn’t play near as well as we should have,” senior forward Ari Nurmi said. “We have a lot of room to improve, but two wins are a good start.”

Winch was happy with the weekend overall, however, he knows his team made some mistakes that needs to be corrected. “It was good and we did some good things. As the season goes on, we’ll look back at this weekend and try some different things because LIU and Georgia Southern were two contrasting styles of teams,” Winch said. “But we gave a bad goal away against LIU, and we didn’t against Georgia Southern.”

The Knights played pressure defense that opened up the field for the offense to break out. It was evident with a four-goal stretch in less than eight minutes against Georgia Southern in the second half.

Also, UCF combined to out-shoot both opponents 40-19 in the two games, and it put away easy scoring chances when they came along. But Winch knows that this is just the beginning of a long season that takes place over a short period of time.

UCF now has two weeks until its next game on September 18, but it then plays six games over the next 13 games all on the road.

The trip includes tournaments in Michigan and Wisconsin and a trip to South Florida.

“We were supposed to be in FIU’s tournament, but they dropped us because UCLA decided to come east,” Winch said. “That was us because we couldn’t get a game for this weekend. But after these two weeks, all we’re gonna be doing is playing.”

Ritvanen starts season in typical fashion

Senior forward Heikki Ritvanen was cleared by doctors in time to play in the season opener Friday night against Long Island.

He didn’t start, but he came in 15 minutes into the game. The school’s all-time leading scorer not only scored, he recorded his 16th career game-winning goal.

“It was fun to play, but after sitting out for a month and missing the preseason I feel like I’m out of shape,” Ritvanen said.

As with any player returning from an injury, it always takes until after the first hit to maybe relieve some nervousness and fear of aggravating the injury again.

“A couple times someone grabbed it and pulled on it a little bit, and it hurt,” Ritvanen said. “I was a little scared, but then I started thinking about when I talked to the trainer and he said, ‘It would be the same thing if an injury happened now or in six months.’ I was trying to test it.”

He scored two more goals against Georgia Southern and recorded an assist.

He now has 74 career goals and 157 points in only 58 games.

Nurmi comes to play

With the status of Ritvanen unknown, Ari Nurmi stepped up as the scoring leader over the weekend even though Ritvanen returned from his injury. Nurmi tallied two goals against LIU Friday and recorded a hat trick Sunday against Georgia Southern.

“I didn’t think he (Ritvanen) was playing this first weekend at all,” Nurmi said. “It’s the same thing as last year where I’m behind Heikki because he’s the number one. But when he’s not playing we all need to step up a little bit.”

Nurmi scored 17 goals last season, second behind Ritvanen. He now has an early 5-3 lead in the scoring race between the two seniors.

“I just got lucky,” Nurmi said of his five goals. “The last two were pretty easy because I just had to take my time. The goals that I had this weekend were just basic goals.”

Freshman pair make early impact

Midfielders Ornulf Olsen and Jorgen Midttveit each started the two games this weekend.

Midttveit recorded a goal in the second game, and Winch was happy with their performance. “Olsen is a very good player. He’s smart and he reads the game well,” Winch said.

“Jorgen has a very good left foot, and he’s a tireless worker and defends well. I think they’ll help us out as the season goes along. The speed of play and the physicalness is the hardest thing for them to adapt to.”

Bumps and bruises

Senior forward Arno Nurministo is battling a sore achilles that forced him to leave the game against Georgia Southern early in the first half of the game.

Winch plans to leave him out of practice this week.

“Arno’s a fierce competitor so if I just have to play him in games this year then that will be fine because he’s so fit,” Winch said. “He was just in so much pain Sunday.”

— Travis Bell
Fitzgerald wins first in second match

First year volleyball Coach Meg Fitzgerald had to wait until the second game of Saturday’s UCF Kick-Off Classic to get her first win as UCF’s coach. The Knights finished the tournament 1-3, but showed improvement throughout the tournament.

The Knights played dismally in the first game of the tournament against McNeese State. UCF lost the match 3-0, (15-10, 14-9, 15-7) and did not get into the groove early enough, Fitzgerald said.

“We didn’t take care of the ball and we were too nervous and tentative in all three games,” Fitzgerald said. “It wasn’t the arena, because it’s a great place to play. It’s as good as I’ve been told.”

Fitzgerald did get her first win later in the day as the Knights beat NCAA Tournament participant Coastal Carolina. UCF defeated CCU in three games (15-5, 15-9, 18-16), as Michelle Sobczak paced the way with 17 kills and 19 digs.

New setter in town

Freshman Becca Sandala has big shoes to fill as UCF’s new setter. Sandala, from White Lake, Mich., totaled more than 1,100 assists as a prep player and is off to a good start with the Knights.

In the opening game of the Kick-Off Classic, Sandala led UCF with 29 assists. She was only eight passes away from leading both teams in assists.

“[MSU setter Lisa Lombardo] did a great job of setting the flow for them,” Fitzgerald said. “But [Sandala] did a good job for us, too. A lot of the younger players seemed nervous, but I don’t think she was the most nervous one out there for us.”

Middle blocker by committee?

Fitzgerald said she didn’t know who would start UCF’s first game in preseason discussions. She planned to only play the hot hand each game and see where it takes the Knights.

Following last weekend’s tournament, there should be good competition at the MB position.

Sophomores Piper Morgan and Shelly Driggers saw most of the time at the tournament and each succeeded in their role. Morgan, who has received extensive coaching on improving her footwork, showed progress at the Classic. She had a 16-kill performance against CCU and posted 10 kills against East Tennessee State on Saturday.

Driggers has also improved from last season and was tentative around the net. She finished with 12 kills against MSU and helped the Knights stage a comeback in the first game of the match against MSU.

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UCF Fans hyped for landmark trip into “The Swamp”

UCF alumni and fans look forward to tangling with University of Florida this weekend

After watching UCF get hammered in its opener, 47-13, Golden Knight fans look to see if their program can regain some pride and put up a fight against one of the premier programs in the nation over the last decade this weekend.

It’s UCF against Florida in Gainesville’s prestigious Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, and it promises to be one to remember, if for no other reason than it being the first time the two state schools hook up.

This game is especially emotional for some UCF students who decided to study at an out of state university and by pass the established tradition of UF.

UCF junior Jim Darlington has strong feelings toward the UCF-UF because of his decision to attend the UCF.

“I choose to attend UCF over UF because I wanted to be apart the tradition and history of the school,” Darlington said.

“UCF is new and growing, so fast and this is the time that people will talk about in 20 or 30 years when they discuss how great this school is. UF is old and the people there are just living on the tradition from the past.”

For many UCF fans, this week is about representing the school and having a good time.

UCF senior Eric Watson relayed his feelings about the Florida game, “It is going to take something special from the Knights to take the Gators, but I think that this game is the perfect opportunity for UCF fans to get excited and show the rest of the state what is going on in Orlando.”

Chris Ewing, a UCF junior, seemed to think that a solid showing by the Knights against such a solid program will be beneficial for the reputation of the program on a larger scale.

“Hopefully we will go into Gainesville this week and catch some people’s eyes with a good showing,” Ewing said.

“There is no room this week for anything less than a hundred percent... UF has the talent to exploit and capitalize on any weaknesses that may become apparent.”

— Chris Ewing
UCF junior

Gator quarterback Doug Johnson is no longer being plateaued with Jesse Palmer by Coach Steve Spurrier and has emerged as a Heisman Trophy candidate. He is the second of four Heisman candidates UCF will play in the month of September.

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Ridiculous events spoil UCF season debut

From the Ridiculous to the Sublime

In arguably the biggest home football game that UCF has ever played, Purdue left the Citrus Bowl and a record student section with a 47-13 victory over the Golden Knights.

As the score might imply, not a whole lot went right for the Knights, but the score couldn't possibly explain the absurdity of the game's miscues.

The game started out on a high note for UCF, with quarterback Victor Penn connecting with wide receiver Kenny Clark for a 25-yard touchdown pass on the game's first drive. And then the fun began.

On the next drive, linebacker Terrance Williams blocked the snap over Penn's head, which doubled as the team's holder.

Penn ran to the ball and fell on it to prevent any further damage, but a(n) nasty trend had already begun.

On the next UCF possession, special teams players hurt them again. After recovering a fumble in Purdue territory, kickav Javier Beorlegui missed a 40-yard field goal that would have put the Knights up 9-0.

UCF's bad luck continued on their next drive, when Hicce Brown missed a 32-yard field goal.

This time, however, it proved to be even more costly.

Beorlegui was set to punt from just outside his own end zone. Unfortunately, the holder's punt sailed over his head and gave the Boilermakers a safety.

The Knights couldn't stop the bleeding with a touchdown late in the game. "I've never seen that before...that hurts," said (kickav) Beorlegui. "Stupid plays like that...when you're trying to come back - it makes it tough." Beorlegui also stood by Mike Hedge, despite his snapping woes.

"Hedge is an excellent snapper. It was his first game and he's a little excited and snapped it too much," said (UCF) head coach Mike Kruczek. "You've just got to trust your holder and snapper and I do."

Senior wide receiver Charles Lee summed up the game with the understatement of the season: "The ball just didn't bounce our way tonight."

Brilliant Spots

Entering this year's game against Purdue, Charles Lee was on a mission to erase the memories of a dropped pass in the end zone in last year's loss to the Boilermakers.

And while the Knights once again were beaten by Purdue, Lee proved to be a big time player for the team.

From the opening drive, the senior wide receiver made plays after play to keep a struggling offense going.

He finished the game with 7 catches for 80 yards, leading the Knights talented receiving corps.

More importantly, though, Lee made catches when they mattered.

Five of his seven catches resulted in first downs for the Knights, and each of those resulted in a gain of ten yards or more.

"I had to put last year's game behind me because I really couldn't do anything to change the past," said Lee. "I just wanted to come out today and have a good game."

Along with Lee, the other members of the UCF receiving corp also played well.

Kenny Clark had five catches for 58 yards and one touchdown, while Travon Davis also caught five balls for 56 yards. Tyson Himshor came through for 65 yards on four catches.

Throwing the ball to Lee and Company was junior quarterback Victor Penn, who played his first game as a Golden Knight against Purdue.

Despite throwing four interceptions and losing a fumble, Penn showed the ability to move the Knights offense. On the first drive of the game, he led the Knights on an 11-play, 83-yard drive that he capped off with a 26 yard touchdown pass to Clark.

Patrick Skehan contributed 24 of 45 pass attempts for 250 yards. He also showed good mobility, picking up 54 yards rushing without losing yardage from sacks being subtracted.

"I thought he played good," said wide receiver Tyson Hinshaw.

He had a lot of pressure on him for a long time...a couple of balls didn't bounce his way tonight, and that hurt us, but I think the whole team is behind him."

"Victor Penn did a lot of great things out there tonight," said Lee. "He's only been here two months, he's picked up (the offense) well, he made a lot of great reads and a lot of great pass, unfortunately things happened the way they did."

Another player that made his Golden Knight debut was junior transfer running back Terrance Williams.

He did not start, but led the Knights in carries (11) and rushing yards (38).

The UCF running game showed that it can be productive, outgaining Purdue's rushing attack 124-81.

Sophomore Omari Howard, who scored on a 2 yard touchdown run late in the game, contributed 30 yards on 7 carries for the Knights, while junior Eddie Mack added 31 yards on 9 carries.

Give that fan a contract

With about five minutes left in the game, a pair of fans decided that the players of UCF and Purdue shouldn't be the only people allowed to take the Citrus Bowl.

During a play, what looked to be a father and son ran out onto the middle of the field.

The game actually continued for another play until Event Security noticed what was happening and then the chase was on.

What happened next was a scene worthy of any collection of sports blingers.

The father managed to evade Security and Orlando Police for a short time, drawing applause from the crowd. The son, however, put on a show.

Heucked and weaved like Barry Sanders, running the length of the field and avoiding the grasp of his pursuers for well over a minute, even receiving high fives from some of the players as he came near them.

The crowd stood to its feet, cheering for the boy and hoping to see him avoid capture.

Eventually he was corralled, and both father and son were escorted off the field in handcuffs.

"They could be charged with a criminal offense," said an Orlando Police officer who asked that his name not be printed. "I understand they might even be spending some time in jail. (They) might even have been given a trespass warning, which means they wouldn't be able to come back in the stadium for a year, so if (they) are UCF fans, (they) just ruined (their) chances of coming back for a year."

So while running out onto the field is not a recommended activity, it definitely was the most exciting event of the evening for King fans and probably will be remembered by those who saw it for a long time.

— DAVID MARSTERS

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Purdue takes UCF momentum in a snap

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After the Golden Knights moved easily down the field for a touchdown on their opening drive, UCF's snap on the extra point attempt sailed over holder Vic Penn's head.

Following a fumble recovered by UCF on Purdue's opening drive, kicker Javier Beorlegui missed a 41-yard field goal that would have put UCF up 6-0.

UCF's special teams ended any momentum that the Knights had against Purdue and in some cases aided Purdue scoring drives.

The unit did not enjoy a good day. The breakdown began less than four minutes into the game and continued to haunt UCF throughout the evening.

The damage: a failed point, a missed field goal, a blocked punt, a safety, and possibly the craziest play in football.

Long snapper Mike Hedge was starting his first college game, and was admittedly over-anxious when he went out on the field. His first mistake was the poor snap on the PAT try, and his second bad snap resulted in a safety as he snapped the ball over Beorlegui's head and out of the end zone.

"We score first and we're up, and then we have the bad snap on the extra point," Hedge said. "Then the snap through the end zone. We gotta have those because we can't be giving up two points especially to teams like Purdue."

Hedge was not the only special teams player to struggle on the evening. Beorlegui, who doubles as punter and kicker, had trouble on both ends. Beorlegui was particularly upset about missing his first field goal attempt of the year.

"I'm usually good at this," Beorlegui said. "I've gotta get that out of your head because you have to go in again." Beorlegui said. "If you've got that in your mind, then you're gonna keep messing up over and over again."

Unfortunately, problems did continue again and again for Beorlegui. On UCF's next possession, the ball was snapped over his head for the safety which got Purdue on the board. Purdue's Jason Loerzel blocked Beorlegui's fourth punt attempt. Beorlegui also struggled with distance on his punts. Of the five punts, he managed only one over 40 yards. His average was 35.8 yards per punt for the game.

"We're all working together as a unit," Beorlegui said. "You see your mistakes and you learn from them, so we can be better next week."

To make things worse for the UCF special teams, Purdue had nothing go wrong on its end. Even when the Knights special teams made a big play, it was all for nothing. After the UCF defense stopped the Boilermakers offense on the four-yard line, Travis Dorsch's 22-yard field goal attempt was blocked.

However, Dorsch chased the ball down around the 30-yard line and found Chris Randolph wide open. Dorsch proceeded to throw a four-yard touchdown pass from 30 yards out to give Purdue a 30-6 lead halfway through the third quarter.

"If we do ever get a field goal blocked, I hope that can happen to us," Hedge said.

"I'm happy to turn a major positive into a negative and seven points. It kind of typified the evening."

Senior quarterback Jeff Fye, one of UCF's captains, will be looked upon as UCF's weapon on returns in addition to his duties stopping opposing receivers. Fye ran a 4.42 in the 40 and is one of UCF's fastest players.
Clark will enjoy homecoming against Gators

**Sports**

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Sports Editor

It will be an emotional week for Kenny Clark, UCF’s junior wide receiver. The Golden Knights will play in Gainesville, a short drive from Clark’s hometown of Ocala. "That’s home, 25, 30 minutes away. It’s like more than a dream," Clark said. "It’s everything you could ask for. For some guys, that’s going to be their Super Bowl. Florida is in the back of everybody’s mind. It’s definitely a dream."

The dream is sweeter considering how far Clark has come in his three years at UCF. It’s been quite a ride so far.

Those who were around for University of Central Florida wide receiver Kenny Clark’s first two years with the program can only marvel at the change Clark has undergone. A much heralded recruit out of Ocala’s Vanguard HS, didn’t exactly turn heads with his attitude upon his arrival.

"My first couple of years I didn’t put in. I came in with high school accolades, but I didn’t put in," Clark said. "I came in thinking they were supposed to give me something but really I was supposed to work for it. I came in, didn’t work, and they did what they had to do. They didn’t play me."

It was hard to believe that the cousin of godsend quarterback Daunte Culpepper could be so unproductive. Clark redshirted his first season and was a non-factor in his second year, despite the fact that he had all the intangibles to be great.

Unfortunately, he was one of the few people who couldn’t see that.

"I sat down and talked to my brother (former U. of Minnesota and NFL receiver Steve Rhem) and told him I was going to transfer. He told me that I probably would be the worst mistake I could ever make in my life," Clark said. "I told Daunte (Culpepper) and he said the same thing. They told me that probably would be the worst mistake I could ever make in my life."

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Clark, now the first junior captain in UCF history, caught 40 passes as a redshirt sophomore and enters 1999 one of the Knights biggest weapons.

Ironically, Clark followed much the same path in his high school career at Vanguard, going from a lazy freshman to a superstar as a junior with a little help from the family.

"My freshman year was my first year playing football and I wasn’t much of a player then," Clark recalls. "That summer, I worked and got a little better, but not much. That was the summer that Daunte literally pulled me out of my house every day. I used to sleep a lot, but he pulled me out of my house and got me on the field, him and my brother, working with me every day."

"In my junior year, I just blew up, so since then the sky has been the limits."

The 6-1, 200-pound receiver has all the tools to be great. In fact, he’s already had them. What he struggled to catch up was his mindset.

"I was just hard-headed," Clark said. "I didn’t know if I was really going to transfer. I was just saying it to see what people would say, but I had no place in mind where I would go. It was just a thought, and a stupid thought at that. I don’t know how I could leave all my friends and coaches who have been great to me."

"I’m going to improve, and despite his early struggles, time is on his side. Big things are expected from him, both this year and next. From what I’m doing right now and having one year left, that’s exciting. I know a lot right now and I’m only going to get better and that’s going to get real scary. To make a long story short, real scary."

Already strong, Clark is hitting the weight room with a vengeance, in pursuit of a goal inspired by fellow UCF receiver Charles Lee.

"I was in the weight room, and I had 325 pounds up and I was reaping it five, six times, and Charles Lee starts up, that’s the strongest receiver in the country, that’s the strongest receiver in the country," said Clark. "Ever since then, I said that could be something I could push for, and it is something that helps my game. The stronger you are, the more physical you are."

His mind is also set on reaching the NFL, a task made easier considering the tutoring he has the luxury of receiving. However, although brother Steve Rhem can assist him in his NFL dream, he’s already made his biggest contribution to Clark’s life.

"He can show me things that people in the NFL do right now and that helps me out at the college level," Clark said. "He’s my idol and like a father. My father left my mom when I was five but my brother was always there to make sure food was on the table and try to help my mom out as much as possible. I always thank him for that."
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Florida's Steve Spurrier has never coached against UCF's Mike Kruczek, but the two did oppose each other as players when Kruczek was a quarterback of the Steelers and Spurrier was with Tampa Bay.

Gator reputation won't leave Knights in awe

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...the myth out of it and you play football against whoever. You don't worry about what the name is and the mascot. We just have to get back to playing UCF football.

In its season opener, Florida blew open a close game with MAC-member Western Michigan last Saturday, wearing down the Broncos in the second half. The Gators prevailed 55-26, proving Susceptible to attitude I take in.

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Hinshaw’s switch in positions allows him unique perspective

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The graduation of Shabu Burley and Mark Norsant left a gaping hole to fill for UCF Golden Knight wide receivers.

As expected, Kenny Clark and Charles Lee have stepped up to fill their starting spots this season, but the UCF offense requires the use of more than just two good receivers. Along with sophomore Tavitrus Davis, junior receiver Tyson Hinshaw has claimed an important spot in the rotation.

When he came to UCF as a freshman, he redshirted and quarterbacked the scout team. His second year was spent as the third string quarterback, but he saw no game action.

In his third year, Hinshaw switched from the quarterback position to wide receiver. He made two catches for 54 yards in 1998, including a touchdown in the last game of the season. This year, his role is much different. The sure-handed Hinshaw will be called upon to accept more responsibility on the team, with many more passes heading his way.

“This was evident in the season opener against Purdue, as he caught four passes for 63 yards, including a 42-yard completion on a deep throw from Victor Penn.”

Lee and Clark are the big receivers. Sometimes I can slip through and make a big play myself and a couple times I did today,” said Hinshaw. “I’m just happy to help the team out as much as I can.”

Hinshaw’s background at quarterback allows him to also figure heavily in UCF’s use of trick plays. Coach Mike Kruczek didn’t want long to use him in that capacity, calling in number on the very first play from scrimmage against Purdue.

Hinshaw went in motion and was handed the ball on what looked to be an end-around. Before he turned to run upfield, however, he dropped back and threw a pass to Charles Lee. The pass was incomplete, but the message was sent that opponents had better watch out or they could be burned on a play like that at any moment.

“We’ve got a number of receivers that can throw the ball,” said Hinshaw. “I’m an ex-quarterback so we tried to sneak one on them that play and it didn’t happen, but I’m sure you’ll see many more this year.”

Hinshaw came to UCF in 1996 season, just two years after his brother, Darin Hinshaw ended his illustrious career with the Knights.”

While the Knights are now being asked to do the school’s best level.

You can’t blame the fans as they face a Purdue, UCF chance to pull off the upset. UCF’s best level.

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supposed to be one of the factors of the game, but most Knight fans packed it in by the third quarter.

You can’t blame the fans as the game probably made others besides me feel sick.

Sure, the Knights still have four more chances to pull off the upset they want.

But anyone who is feeling okay upstairs knows UCF’s best chance was against the Boilers.

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While the Knights are doing that, I know what I’ll be doing next weekend. Waiting and hoping that Saturday in The Swamp can cure my Big Game Loss Blues.
Knight fans enjoy pre-game Purdue party, not actual game

Big time college football hit Orlando on Saturday night and the UCF fans were ready.

The Purdue Boilermakers made their way down from West Lafayette, Indiana to showcase one of the nations' most potent offenses, led by Heisman hopeful, quarterback Drew Brees.

Attendance was announced at 40,113 for this summer evening matchup, as the fans knew this was a show to behold. Only the Idaho matchup on September 20, 1997 had a larger turnout.

It wasn't hard for UCF fans to get pumped for this game. The team was coming off a 9-2 record, and playing a nationally ranked team with a Heisman candidate. And pumped they were, flowing and flowing for miles around the stadium in the hours preceding the 7 p.m. kick off.

UCF fan Grant Gebhart said, "It's going to be a world of hurting." Even nine-year old Knight fans were ready.

"The crowd turnout is excellent," Gebhart said. "It's the best I've ever seen in all my years watching UCF football. It makes my drive from St. Pete that much easier when I see such great fans come out with me."

An ecstatic Jill Carpentor, a UCF Junior, proclaimed her pregame expectations of her college team. "They're going to come to our home and were going to give them a world of hurting."

Even nine-year old Knight fan Brittany Consara was ready to cheer on the team before the game. "I'm ready to see the Knights win. Go KNIGHTS!!!"

Only Cory Jones, a Purdue fan from West Lafayette could foreshadow the Knights impending doom. He lightly instilled hope in the heart of Knight fans and then emphatically ripped it away.

"I think the heat could be a factor but Purdue will stomp them."

Then the game began. The Knights opened with a solid drive to score a touchdown off their first possession.

The crowd erupted with thoughts of a possible upset running across their collective minds. A fumble for the Boilermakers that was recovered by the Knights, on their first play, only seemed to raise the expectations and decibel level of the crowd. That was the final bright spot however.

Purdue 47, UCF 13.

UCF senior Chris Ewing took the loss hard by venting his frustration on the special teams.

"If I had a dollar for every long snap we missed tonight, I'd have five bucks and still be pretty "Red-eyed". Ewing went on to add that the loss was a definite disappointment for his schedule this week.

"There are only two things I look forward to in life, UCF football and WWF Monday Night Raw. At least Raw was good this week."

In spite of the tough loss, student Chris Toriani had some positive thoughts to bring to fans about the night.

"Today is great. UCF is finally coming together. Everybody going out to the football game and having a good time," Toriani said. "The team is coming together all with all the Knight fans getting their school spirit together. Everybody's going to party and fun. But most of all root UCF on."

Matt Burdelsky, the man with UCF shaved into his chest hair had some comments to sum up the night for the fans. A reminder that no matter what happens this season this is our team so stand and scream with no regrets.

"The Knights are awesome. Everyone comes out to support but one little bad thing happens and everybody sits down and shuts up," Burdelsky said. "I'm here to say stand and go through the whole game. I mean show your chest."

And when Burdelsky says show your chest, he speaks from experience.
Missed opportunities leave UCF fans sick

UCF's early lead provided a dash of hope for fans hoping to see history being made

As Kenny Clark ran into the endzone in last Saturday's game, I knew how he felt. Sure, sports writers aren't often asked to run fade patterns at the Citrus Bowl, but still, the feeling was there.

At that moment, Clark and the Knights found the cure to a bothersome disease.

Vic Penn's 28-yard touchdown pass to Clark ended a UCF's nine month, 17-game, three-minute and 41-second wait to get back at Purdue.

After you lose to someone 33-7, as UCF did to Purdue last year, the first score is just what the doctor ordered.

Although the score put UCF up 6-0, the Golden Knights wasted opportunity after opportunity, practically handing the Boilers back their lead.

After a UCF interception, it took only 11 seconds for Purdue to make the pain start again. The Boilers score with 59 seconds to make the pain start again. The Boilers scored on the next possession.

Although the score put Purdue up 9-6, en route to a 47-13 win over the Knights on Saturday.

Sophomore Cally Howell is a key member of UCF's youth. The collective young talent, being molded by a new coach, Amanda Cromwell, has gotten the season off to a good start.

UCF players, coaches have nothing but Gators on their collective minds

For fifth-year senior tight end Joey Hubbard, Saturday's game against the Florida Gators has little meaning to him. “It’s not that Hubbard doesn’t care about Saturday’s game, it’s more like he has seen the glitter and glamour a team like UF can offer.

…” There’s probably going to be 80,000 people there and all that,” Hubbard said. “[Younger players] can say they’re not nervous, but I’ve played against some of the best teams in the country. But, they’ll still come into the game with jitters, but you’ve got to leave that behind you.”

Hubbard’s words are not wasted, as he has played in bigger UCF games, such as 1997’s match up with then Top-10 teams Nebraska and Purdue.

“We’ve got a young football team and that kind of stood out today. This game is played at a different speed than a lot of these kids are used to. We’re not in Kansas anymore.”

After Saturday’s loss, Knight fans didn’t want to be in Orlando anymore. With attendance projected in the 50,000 range, only a few more than 40,000 showed, including mayor Glenda Hood and Orlando Miracle coach Carolyn Peck. The crowd was nonexistent as we do in those games,” Kruczek said. “We’ve got a young football team and that kind of stood out today. This game is played at a different speed than a lot of these kids are used to. We’re not in Kansas anymore.”

Junior quarterback Vic Penn provided a touchdown pass to receiver Kenny Clark on UCF’s opening drive, but constant pressure forced him into the locker room of the rest of the evening.

“I’ve got to get back to playing like we did to home since 1994

— Beat Central Michigan by 76 points in 1997.
— Had the sixth highest average attendance last year (85,299).

Despite the glittering numbers the No. 4 Gators have posted at home, including a national title in 1997, the Knights are trying their best to overlook Florida’s prominence.

UCF coach Mike Kruczek says his players can’t afford to get caught up in the Gators’ mystique.

“…It doesn’t make a difference who we’re playing,” Kruczek said. “You take the crowd and the mystique and the myth out of it and you just play football and don’t worry about what the name is and the mascot. We’ve got to go out and beat them tonight.”

After losing last Saturday’s 47-13 loss to Purdue, UCF players did anything but play Knights football against the Boilermakers. If the Knights can get back to playing their style of ball control football, it could make for a close game. Saturday’s game not only gives UCF another chance for an upset but also helps it get ready for its next two opponents in Georgia and Georgia Tech.

“It’s a game, we can’t look at it as more than that, because if we start getting all wrapped up in it from the Florida standpoint, we’ll just get blown away,” said junior offensive lineman Kurt Baumann. “We have to take it as another game. I’ll be on Saturday night. A lot of people say [blocking the crowd out] it’s hard to do, but when the plays going on, you really don’t hear anything. We’ve got a little work ahead of us, hopefully we’ll be up to the challenge.”

The Knights have never played in an environment as hostile as Florida Field. The Knights know Gator fans will do all they can to disrupt any type of flow to UCF’s game plan.

“I’m ready to take on whatever that’s ahead,” said running back Terrance Williams. “Gainesville, they’re just like Purdue to me. I go in and I put my pants on just like them. They’re just another team to me and we can be beat. We just have to go back to the drawing board and do the things that should have been done tonight against Purdue.”