Broaden your horizons by studying abroad

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My class this summer didn’t meet in those portables by the water tower or in a chemistry lab. We didn’t even meet on the UCF campus. We were actually outside most of the time.

The syllabus explained what to buy for the course: a book, as usual, a plane ticket and snorkeling gear (optional).

Why the plane ticket? Because my seven classmates, my professor and I were going to study on the “Isla del Encanto,” a.k.a. Puerto Rico. The class: A cross cultural study. Our campus: a tropical island.

In hindsight, I’d say this three-credit class/vacation was a mix of Spanish 101, a few salsa lessons and MTV’s Road Rules, due to my professor running her video camera constantly.

“The purpose of this course,” the syllabus stated, “is to gain a new perspective on language and culture and to broaden our world view.”

Hmm, should I hang out on campus or broaden my world view? Tough decision.

The 10-day course was jammed packed with seminars, discussions and “macho” field experiences. While staying at an English/Spanish Immersion Center, we attended seminars about the Spanish culture and conversed with the Immersion Center students daily. They taught us Spanish and in exchange, we helped them practice their English.

The center, sponsored by the Puerto Rican government, is dedicated to the development of bilingual citizens.

The field experiences were nothing short of incredible. With day trips all over the 100 by 35 mile island, we were never wrangling our thumbs. Our excursions are too many to name. But a few of my favorites were El Yunque tropical forest, the 32nd Student Senate election results contested

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The two students, Business Senator Kevin Koenig and Vice President Jaime Halscott, are now questioning the judicial process at UCF.

Koenig received a letter from Dr. Garth Jenkins, director of Judicial Programs, on Sept. 29 informing him he was being placed on summary disciplinary action effective that day. The letter explained that his seat was questioned because it had been signed over to him by Jennifer Eibeschitz. The signature on the form was determined to not be Eibeschitz’s.

In the letter, Koenig was charged with violating Section 2 of “The Rules of Conduct” as The Golden Rule by falsifying Student Government and University records.

The letter read: “It has been determined that, when compared to her signature in official university documents, the signature attributed to Jennifer on the signover form, which also includes your verified signature, is not that of Jennifer Eibeschitz. Your signature on this signover form attests to the accuracy of the form. This disciplinary probation is being imposed summarily at this time because it is not clear to me that you pose no risks of Student Government and its officers and members.”

The next day the Senate passed a memo addressing the suspension, the signover, and Jenkins, and sent it to UCF President John Hitt, the Board of Regents and Jenkins.

The memo said Eibeschitz had signed the seat over to Koenig during a Senate meeting in front of several senators. The Senate asked that another person be put in charge of student judicial responsibilities and that Jenkins resign.

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"Dating Doctor"

The dateless and the curious

STAFF WRITER

Lisa Cericola

The delightful and the curious converged Thursday night for a "Creative Dating" seminar, seeking answers to the great wonders of the world, like why men never call women back.

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) and Student Government Association (SGA) sponsored the program, which featured award-winning lecturer David Coleman, the "Dating Doctor."

Coleman spoke on many topics specific to college students, ranging from why people routinely seek out partners who are wrong for them to bad pick up lines.

"The most common dating problem is that people just don’t get up the guts to really go for what they want," he said. "They don’t have the guts or the knowledge to do it. It’s funny how couples rarely remember who initially broke the ice, they’re just happy to be standing in a puddle."

Although most students experience at least one long-distance relationship during their college years, Coleman strongly advised against them.

"When we are separated from people we love or care for, we begin to physically miss their presence," Coleman said. "This doesn’t mean that we only miss sex or have diminished feelings for them, rather it can be as simple as missing their warmth, some touch, facial expressions or tenderness. Many couples separated by distance make mistakes, which harm their relationships and each other."

He recommends couples who choose to stay in long-distance relationships alternate who visits whom, not force communication everyday, share the costs of staying in touch, and be realistic. Proximity, not absence, makes the heart grow fonder.

Freshman Tyler Fisher said he enjoyed the program. "I was shocked there was a reason, no, several reasons why girls go to the bathroom to pack," he said. "I would definitely go to see him again," freshman Laura Hartog said. "He was very informative. A lot of the things he said were just common sense, but they were things that you don’t necessarily think about." Students were also given handouts with creative dating ideas, based on Coleman’s belief that dates do not always have to be expensive or big, planned-out events. In fact, Coleman’s most memorable date was neither.

"I was working at a summer resort, and after cleaning up the bar and restaurant area, I went out with a girl into this field, where we shouldn’t have been," he said. "We picked sweet corn and went out onto the beach. We dug a pit, and roasted the corn on the beach, and then sat out on a sailboat and ate corn under a full moon," he said.

Coleman is the author of "101 Great Dates." He has a second book due to be released in February titled "Date Smart! Stop Revolving and Start Evolving in Relationships."

This was Coleman’s second visit to UCF. The author and lecturer visited roughly 200 college campuses a year.

NEWS association’s members attend national convention

Nicole King

NEWS EDITOR

Two members of UCF’s chapter of the Radio and Television News Directors Association attended the Association’s annual convention in Charlotte, N.C., from Sept. 23 – Oct. 3.

The UCF chapter of the Radio and Television News Directors Association (RTNDA) has been expanding membership since its founding earlier this semester.

The convention was one more step to putting the chapter on the map.

Treasurer Sarah Tompkins and Vice President Cortney Singleton attended the convention, sitting in on seminars ranging from how to put together a resume tape to how to improve writing skills.

"I found out about things they don’t teach in class, like the day in the life of a news director and what kinds of things to put on a resume tape," Singleton said. "It opened my eyes to the real business. I learned more from the convention than I have from a classroom."

The convention, held in the Charlotte Convention Center, devoted an entire floor to exhibits on the emerging technology of the business, mainly the switch from analog technology to digital.

"We got to do reporting in front of the White House using digital technology," Tompkins said. "Everything you’d ever want to know about news was represented there. Every major network was there."

"The experience was not completely informational. There were other perks to attending, free stuff, parties and celebrities."

"There were receptions every night and I met John Chancellor of ABC and Mike Blitzer of CNN." Tompkins said. "We even got to go to the CNN party." Singleton said the convention psyched her up to get back to UCF and throw herself into her classes.

"It really kicked me in the butt to get going," she said. "Four days of learning so much, meeting so many people, and seeing the cutting-edge technology. I wish every student in RTK could have attended the convention."

Singleton found a new job in Nashville. "The convention was so informative, and helpful. It was great for networking. I got to meet a lot of new people. Now we have really good contacts to expand the RTNDA chapter here."

Students will be able to attend next year’s convention in Nashville.

"It’s great to have people who are in the field, to keep aware of what’s going on in the business. It’s beneficial to students because they are gaining so much exposure. I think the organization will produce some great journalists."

Chapter members are expecting to recruit more members to go to Minneapolis next year.

"We hope to pay for a number of people to attend next year, focusing on graduating seniors," RTNDA President Jimmy Moore said. "Hopefully, they will get a chance to network with professionals and gain employment or internship opportunities. Also, valuable information on what the industry is looking for in new graduates," he said.

For now, Moore is planning on bringing in plenty of speakers to motivate students.

"We plan on building interviewing workshops to present etiquette, and other important aspects of being a professional in news," he said.

Singleton said students who are planning on a career in the news business should join the Association. "The career is an in and out of the business," she said.

The Association will host a meet and greet in the lobby of the CBB Building from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 20.

Officers will be available to answer questions and pass out brochures and interested students can sign up to get the Association’s e-mail list.

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Diversity week begins with speech from noted author

Noted author, scholar and black intellectual Michael Dyson will talk about diversity in the 21st century at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 18 in the Key West Room of the Student Union. The event is free and open to the public.

Dyson has been called a "hip-hop intellectual" and "a street fighter in a suit and tie." He wrote "Reflecting Black: African-American Cultural Criticism."

For more information, contact 823-6740.

Upcoming events:

• The UCF Police Department will sponsor a Crime Prevention Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 13 in the Student Center Green.

A dunk tank will be provided to dunk an officer, along with a raffle and various prizes.

• The pre-med AMSA organization will be hosting a health fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 14 outside the Student Union.

• The "Take Back the Night" march and rally, rescheduled because of Hurricane Floyd, will be held from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. on Oct. 21 at the Reflecting Pond.

For more information, contact Nancy Eastman at UCF Police/Victim Services, 823-2435.

Dates to note:

• Oct. 15 - class withdrawal deadline
• Oct. 18 - spring 2000 class schedules become available at colleges and advising offices
• Oct. 25 - early registration for spring 2000 begins

Register on-line with POLARIS at https://polaris.ucf.edu

Register by telephone using TouchTone at 407-823-2527 or toll free at 877-823-2527.

For assistance, call the Registrar's Office at 407-823-3533.

Event to honor black faculty, staff and students

The African American Studies Program and the Black Female Development Circle will host "Tribute to A Black Men - Coffeehouse Special" Oct. 12 from 7 - 10 p.m. in the Student Center Auditorium.

The event will honor all the black faculty, staff, and students who have done exceptionally well within their organizations and have gone out of their way to help fellow students and colleagues.

A coffeehouse special will follow where students from schools all over central Florida will express their feelings through poetry.

For more information, contact the director of The Black Female Development Circle, Carine Desroches, at 823-6002.

Communication scholarships

The Nicholson School of Communication is offering a $600 scholarship for the spring semester. Requirements are:

1. Female
2. Preference is given to handicapped students, must be certified by UCF's Handicapped Student Services
3. Must indicate financial need by completing the appropriate paperwork through the Financial Aid Office, Administration Building Room 120
4. Overall GPA 3.0 or above
5. Undergraduate students must have completed a minimum of 90 hours toward a Bachelor of Arts degree
6. Graduate students must have completed a minimum of 15 hours in the graduate program
7. Must complete a two-page, typed or letter-quality computer-printed essay on "The Future of Communication and the role I plan to play in the future"
8. Graduating seniors must apply in their final semester

Applications are due Oct. 28 to the Communication Building, Room 238. For more information, contact Dr. Santana at 823-2838.

The Radio and Television News Directors Foundation is offering seven scholarships to students. Requirements are:

1. Officially enrolled in college and have at least one full academic year remaining
2. Fully enrolled college sophomore or higher, freshmen are not eligible
3. Can only apply for one scholarship
4. Can be enrolled in any major so long as the career interest is television or radio news
5. For more information and application requirements, visit www.rtndf.org
6. The Student Academic Resource Center (SARC) will be open 24 hours a day starting Oct. 11 at 8 a.m. through 5 p.m., Oct. 22. Contact 823-5150 for additional information.

National Association of Black Journalists starting chapter

The National Association of Black Journalists is starting a chapter on campus. E-mail ucf_nabj@hotmail.com for more information.

Athletic Department recognized by NCAS

The University of Central Florida Athletic Department was recently placed on the National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS) Degree Completion Program Honor Roll for helping former student-athletes complete degrees after their eligibility has ended.

UCF was also selected for the NCAS Outreach and Community Service Honor Roll for providing current and former student-athletes as role models in the community.

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the student or the University is involved, the student's status still does not change," the memo read.

Koenig was reinstated the next day.

"It's ironic that this university is in charge of the judicial process and should be protecting all of our rights and making sure that every one of us has a fair hearing with no corruption involved," Koenig said. "If anyone should be protecting us it should be the director of Judicial Programs and I have yet to see him do this."

Jenkins contends that the University looked at every signature of a signover seat and did not single them out.

"The signature analysis that was done on it came back as a definitive statement," Jenkins said. "I called Jennifer and she stated it was her signature and she sent me a sample of it. In addition, there were other senators who were prepared to state they saw Jennifer sign the seat over. On that basis, I decided not to go forward with the charge on Friday."

In a letter to Koenig on Oct. 1, Jenkins said he had come into possession of additional information that was neither known nor available to him since writing the original letter, and that the charges remained valid.

Jenkins said he is not fearful of losing his job and has been given assurances that he won't.

Halscott was also reinstated that day after being suspended for more than six weeks. Halscott's charges were authorizing another student to falsify his signature on a University document, and providing a falsified signature on a student Senate signover.

Vice Provost Frank Juge was the administrator delegating another student's disciplinary problem to the judicial system.

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Alcohol may slow recovery while taking antibiotics

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A. Antibiotics are prescribed for a bacterial infection of one or more of the paranasal sinuses. Symptoms of sinusitis include fever, headache, local tenderness and copious purulent nasal discharge. Increasing your fluid intake is important to prevent dehydration and to help liquefy secretions.

Alcohol is a substance that, particularly with binge drinking, has the opposite effect. This is due to a hormone in our bodies called the anti-diuretic hormone (ADH) that is suppressed with alcohol consumption.

You may have noticed the diuretic effects of alcohol after only one or two drinks.

The suppression of ADH has been implicated in the morning-after headache that many of us experience after a night of drinking.

Although drinking alcohol is not listed as an absolute contraindication while on most antibiotics prescribed for sinusitis, it can slow your recovery as well as exacerbate your symptoms.

Toys for tots drive added to Homecoming service projects

MAYA LAZAROVITZ  STAFF WRITER

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Q. What methods of contraception are available to women and which is the most popular?

A. 1. Abstinence, withdrawal, and rhythm.
2. Sterilization
3. Hormonal contraceptives:
   a. Oral contraceptives
   b. Depo-Provera (DMPA)
   c. Norplant
4. Barrier methods:
   a. Diaphragm
   b. Cervical cap
   c. Condoms (male and female)
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Workshops help students apply nutrition basics

CATHY BARBANO
Registered Dietitian

The UCF Wellness Center is hosting a series of nutrition roundtable workshops to help students make healthy choices during their busy college careers. The weekly discussions are lead by UCF Wellness Center Registered Dietitian, Cathy Barbano. “Most of it is practical stuff,” Barbano said. “It is not so much what we should do, but how we should do it. These workshops help students by taking nutritionals basics most people know and putting them into play.” Barbano said she tried to make the workshops interactive by having the students break up into groups for self assessment during the discussions and allowing plenty of time for questions and answers.

“Avoiding the ‘Freshman 15’ weight gain and taming cravings, binges and guilt” will be presented this week.

According to Barbano, many college students suffer from poor diets not because they are apathetic about their health, but because they do not know how to adapt to their busy and stressful lifestyles. “College students may not have the best coping skills in dealing with stress,” she said. Barbano also said that in college students have more exposure to food because most social activities seem to revolve around it. Increased alcohol consumption by college students also adds unwanted calories and pounds.

Many college students, who were once active in high school, become sedentary when they come to college, contributing to unwanted weight gain, Barbano said. She stresses that instead of exercising for weight loss, students should exercise for all of its benefits. According to Barbano, when most people exercise to lose weight, they eventually quit exercising either after reaching their goal of weight loss or after becoming discouraged when they don’t see the desired results. “Weight loss won’t motivate you and won’t help you. It only pushes you into extreme measures and doesn’t promote long term habits,” she said.

In addition to exercise, Barbano recommends that students be aware of what and how much they eat, but avoid temporary weight loss diets. Although students should be careful to eat healthful foods, they should also allow themselves an occasional unhealthy snack. Ultimately, the goal is not for students to lose weight, Barbano said, but for students to be satisfied with who they are. “If they feel better about who they are today, not minus the 20 pounds,” she said, “they will be able to take care of their health and themselves better.”

“The weekly discussions are not about who they are today, not minus the 20 pounds. They should be able to take care of their health and themselves better.”

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For more information visit the Student Health Services website at http://www.shs.ucf.edu or call 823-5841 or visit the Health Resource Center.

In other food news, to help students apply nutrition basics in their daily lives, the following food resources are available:

- Nutrition for exercise and sport
  - Oct. 13, 5-7 p.m.
  - Oct. 20, 5-7 p.m.
  - Oct. 27, 5-7 p.m.
- Supplements and herbs
  - Nov. 3, 5-7 p.m.
- Avoiding holiday eating weight gain
  - Nov. 17, 5-7 p.m.
- Energizing eating strategies for exams
  - Dec. 1, 5-6:30 p.m.

In addition, the following workshops will be presented by the UCF Wellness Center:

- Avoiding the ‘Freshman 15’ weight gain and taming cravings, binges and guilt
  - Oct. 12, 5-7 p.m.
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12 of 19 returning senators keep their seats

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"work" that Senate has been doing, but I'm sure we're going to see tons of complaints, because, as we all know, some people just can't lose."

The chair of E & A, Karen Talbert, wrote the memo. Talbert, who also lost in the elections, said it was a difficult thing to do. "On one aspect, as a E & A chair, you look at the elections that were not run properly," she said. "The other aspect is, I'm looking at as a candidate for Senate who lost in them. It's a no win situation."

Twelve out of the 19 senators who ran again from last year's Senate won.

One candidate is scheduled to be in a run-off. One of the candidates who lost, Alain Applebaum, sent a memo to the chief justice last Friday regarding the alleged violations. Applebaum charged four more in the memo.

The other violations were: the tests not opening on time, not providing a space for write-in candidates, the outside agency conducting the elections not being present, no report provided to Senate during the election period. Applebaum also wrote that names were left off, added, and deleted from the ballots during the election. Applebaum requested the Council investigate all of the invalid ballots due to him "finding it hard to believe that 180 plus ballots were deemed invalid" by the election commissioners considering the voter turnout by the entire university.

Chief Election Commissioner David Dobin was not available for comment. The total number of ballots cast during the election was also not available at press time.

Applebaum defended writing the memo, although he lost in the elections. "It's not because I lost," he said. "In fact, a lot of candidates that did win have come up to me and showed disappointment about how the entire elections ran from beginning to end."

Applebaum added that if the elections had been run properly and he still had lost, he would not have contested them.

Elise Skislak, a candidate who won her seat, was disappointed by student leaders' actions during the race. "Certain senators tried to mislead the student body in voting for them," Skislak said. "You should want to run for Senate to be on it. Due to the impeachment of the former student body president, many more people cared and wanted to become involved," she said.

Most candidates saw the elections as a clean race and were happy to see students voting despite the bad weather.

"I think the rain has dampened the elections, but I'm glad to see that there aren't any personal attacks being displayed and people are still campaigning in the rain," business senator John Newsweek said.

Arts and Sciences Senator Dennis Sprenkle said he believes the elections marked a needed change for Senate.

"There's a lot of young people coming up that are really sick about what happened last year and want to bring some changes to the organization," Sprenkle said. "Despite the tens all over campus and dozens of candidates passing out flyers, many students were still not aware the elections were even going on."

"I didn't know what was happening," Freshman Chad Whitman said. "Just because you give me a sheet of paper, how am I supposed to know what you stand for?"

The students who did vote had the typical problems they wanted the Senate to help with: parking, registration and tuition.

However, one student who voted had a much simpler request. "Provide us with free scantrons," so I don't have to buy my own scantron to take a test," Senior Business student Frank Robinson Jr. said. "It's not that expensive and very simple to do."
Find the missing students — a haunted walk awaits you in the UCF Arboretum

SHELLEY WILSON
STAFF WRITER

The UCF Arboretum will become haunted this from 9 a.m. to midnight Oct. 14-15 thanks to the Campus Activities Board. A haunted search has been organized for four FIU students missing since 1969.

CAB wants you to take a walk through the Arboretum to find them.

"A lot of people are confused about what this is," Special Events Director Hope Wehrle said.

"I was looking for anything new and different. It's a mixture of Terror on Church Street, Halloween Horror Nights, and a haunted house event," she said.

"I think it's going to be different than what people are expecting," freshman Jessica Dearwater said.

"We took different ideas from a lot of different people and we put together a great show for everyone to attend," she said.

The idea to stage a couple of fright nights in the Arboretum came just by walking in it, the director of the event, Chris Riehl, said.

"It's very spooky walking through it," Riehl said. "No one knows the space exits and I thought it would be really cool to use it for the event."

Some of the 75 to 100 volunteers who are putting on the event say the recent success of the Blair Witch Project has increased interest in it.

"You get scared just by hearing sounds in the bushes beside you," junior Chris Raun said.

"The Blair Witch Project has definitely helped us personify that," he said.

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As the speaker slowly stepped up to the podium in a frigid Community Plaza, about 75 men and women froze in their places, anticipating what the 27-year-old expectant mother would say after more than seven months of silence.

Brushing back a strand of her black, shoulder-length hair that fell out of place from the light breeze blowing Saturday afternoon, Lisa Gier King recounted what she called a "massive cover-up by the Alachua County law enforcement and judicial system."

"On the night of Feb. 26, I was raped in the Delta Chi fraternity house on the University of Florida campus," she said, her voice faltering. "What happened to me that night was bad enough, but the events that followed almost ruined my life."

King, who said she became a stripper so she could care for her two children, was arrested three months later that night to have sex with Delta Chi members hired to be a Big Brother/Little Brother simulation. There was no victim, there was no sex crimes unit. There was no victim advocacy program in place. "This staff about Rod Smith being a sexist is absolutely ludicrous," Mann said Sunday. "Before he got there, there was no sex crimes unit. There was no victim advocacy program in place."

"The head of our sex crimes unit, Joanne Stenger, was awarded prosecutor of the year by the governor for her work," he said, and added that another employee received an award for excellence in victim advocacy. "You don't get that by being soft on sex crimes. The facts have to speak for themselves. Our main concern is that this misrepresentation of facts, by NOW, will give victims more hesitation in reporting their crimes to us," she said.

"I am not ashamed," she said, as the sound system carried her voice into the audience. "The shame associated with this lies squarely on the shoulders of the man who raped me."

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Former stripper claims judicial system failed in fraternity investigation

Candi Churchill, president of the UF/SPCC Campus NOW, said the rally was a culmination of seven-month process — which included a massive cover-up by the Florida Bar Association, including prosecution misconduct, intimidation of a witness, and selective prosecution and enforcement.

"Also arrested because she came forward," said Churchill, who, with the support of other NOW members, has been protesting State Attorney Rod Smith's actions on crimes against women. "They know this kind of injustice happens all of the time."

Recently, Churchill said, NOW members sent a letter to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and Gov. Jeb Bush stating Smith violated several ethical standards set by the American Bar Association and the Florida Bar Association, including prosecution misconduct, intimidation of a witness, and selective prosecution and enforcement.

Spencer Mann, spokesman for the State Attorney's Office, said NOW's allegations that Smith did not handle the case appropriately are not backed by facts.

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Becoming familiar with other cultures one reason to study abroad

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It is no longer enough to be aware of cultural diversity. Students must become competent in cross-cultural communications.

— Maria Blanes, cultural studies professor

"By going abroad, you will live, learn and experience a new culture, a new way of living, and a new way of thinking. I think in the U.S. and reading a book will not teach you," film major and study abroad participant Querqua Bachman said. Bachman wants to encourage others to take advantage of the study abroad options at UCF. She said the best way to learn about a country or culture is to experience it first hand. "College is the best time to do it," Bachman said.

In fact, Bachman loved the trip to Puerto Rico so much she is going back to study there for the entire spring semester.

I found that some universities in Puerto Rico are a part of the National Student Exchange program," she explained. "Basically the NSF is comprised of a network of schools in the United States and its territories. I will pay UCF tuition for the classes over there and receive UCF credit."

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If you are interested, more information is available at the Office of International Studies, Research Pavilion, Suite 263 or call 725-4397. Applications are due before Feb. 15.

Freedom of religion not yet a reality in some schools

JACQUELINE PARDOE
MS-CAMPUS CORRESPONDENT

On Dec. 18, 1988, I offered a Christmas card to Matt Rosen, a Jewish friend. Ten years old and utterly unschooled in religious orientation, I placed on his Christmas sugar cookies. In the one of Harrison County, could be worn. That was not

The cross cultural studies class climbs a waterfall in Yunque Forest. As part of the three-credit class, students become familiar with the landscape and culture of Puerto Rico.

wish he had simply returned the card. That December back in '88, Matt also traversed school hallways decorated with cardboard menorah scenes and attended Winter Fest, listening to "We Three Kings" while munching on Christmas sugar cookies. In the spring, he arranged Easter Eggs on a bulletin board because he was the only student the teacher trusted with sharp tacks.

Jews within my community did not proclaim their heritage. They did not wear yarmulkes in public, or burst into Yiddish or Hebrew, or sport T-shirts reading "What would Moses do?". And they were accepted into PTV, as classroom assistants, and as students. Mrs. Rosen, Matt's mother, was the quintessential homemaker mother who treated every child as she treated her own. "You could never tell," a mother whispered, "that she is one of them."

Just this past August, Ryan Green of Harrison County, Mississippi was forced to remove his Star of David necklaces in a public high school. A teacher told Green to wear the charm inside his shirt "for his own good." The teacher's recommendation wasn't considered discrimination.

Although the American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit against the Harrison County School Board on behalf of Green and his family, the Star of David ban is not considered a discriminatory act by many leaders of the community, Jewish and non-Jewish alike, who dismiss the case as an unfortunate incident. While the Harrison County School Board verbally repealed the ban on Aug. 23, the ACLU's lawsuit is still pending because board members offered a written promise that students wearing Stars of David will not be harassed.

Matt Rosen, I am sorry. The Green family, I apologize. Because many only appreciate you when you hide your faith. Because you shiver in the light of a promise of religious freedom. Because you are just another case of Mississippi burning.

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The college male — a breed all of its own

BETH SHAW
STAFF WRITER

The age-old question of why men behave the way they do is often pondered by many women. I myself often ask the very same question.

I think that while men who are in the career field probably possess some of the same traits as those in college, I feel they lose some of them after they graduate. I continually see the same characteristics in many of the men found on campus.

Through talks with my girlfriends and other women around campus, I have started to realize that the college male is definitely a breed of its own.

From what they eat to what they wear, from what they think to how they talk, it’s all a mystery. College males are like their own species.

In my study, with the help of some friends, I have found that college males, whom I sometimes refer to as boys (I call them like I see them), are more interested in beer and pizza than they are girls and school.

While I don’t want to sound like one of those snobbish “I need a relationship” women, I understand that beer and pizza are occasionally good for the mind, body, and soul.

However, when you, as a college man, tell a college woman that you are interested in her, usually means you are interested in only her. At least that is the assumption made by many young women. Unfortunately, many college males see that as “I am interested in you and many other young ladies at the same time.”

Attention college men: make it clear.

Another strange quality college fellows possess is that of selective memory. You meet a girl, talk to her for over an hour and then when you see her a few days later on campus, the memory of her name, image, and likeness has totally escaped you. Then maybe you see her a week after that, at a party, and “poof!” she has beer and you have beer, and all of a sudden—you know her name again.

In my studies, I have also seen that some college boys take “excuse me, I dropped my pencil” as “excuse me, I want to give you my phone number.”

I know how hard it is to read people and get up enough nerve to ask someone out. I also know that sometimes a dropped pencil is just that.

As a college man, sometimes the best thing to do is pick it up and move on.

I know that many of you males reading this will be angered, and some of you will have no idea what I am talking about.

Those who are clueless are the ones who don’t follow these college male characteristics. I give you props and my phone number is...

My study group and I are not asking for a whole lot. All most college women want is a straight answer, an occasional date to a real restaurant (Mickey D’s does not count), and a little relief from constant pick-up lines.

We, in return, will promise not to nag, smother, or baby you. Just keep this in mind: Would you want your mom or your sister to be treated this way?

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Island Of Adventures packs new rides

For the past few years Universal Studios has been pleasing its visitors by allowing them to live the movies and if that was not enough they have expanded greatly in the last year. Since its opening in May, Islands of Adventure theme park has been enticing thrill seekers of all ages. There are five very distinct islands, all unique in their themes with outstanding attractions, shopping, and restaurants.

The quest for adventure begins at the Port of Entry, where visitors get the feeling of being everywhere yes being nowhere in particular at the same time. The decorations at the entrance of the park include Spanish style patios, a lighthouse inspired by the Pharaoh house of Alexandria Egypt and several touches of other cultures. The Island of Adventure Tour gives the appearance of a salvaged sea vessel which leads you across the river to Jurassic Park.

The next stop for visitors is the exciting Marvel Super Hero Island. When crossing the bridge from the Port of Entry to the island you can look up and see the fantastic Incredible Hulk ride. This particular roller coaster not only shoots guests from zero to 40 mph in two seconds but it also has a weightless "zero g" roll, a cobra roll, two loops, one high speed carousel and tons more, all while reaching speeds up to 60mph. The Incredible Hulk coaster is just one of the several amazing features in Super Hero Island. There is also the Amazing Adventure of Spiderman 3-d, action packed ride. The statue of liberty has vanished and you assist Spiderman in retrieving it, while you escape super villains and are blown up.

Doctor Doom's Fearfall towers can be seen and heard all throughout the park. Visitors are shot 200 feet in height and then dropped repeatedly.

What makes this island unique is that many buildings in this area are painted in chrome-illusion paint which changes colors based on viewpoint. Toon Lagoon features an amazing, soaking wet ride called the Dudley Do-Right's Ripsaw Falls. The fair madden Doctor Doom has been kidnaped by Snidely Whiplash. You join the lovable Canadian Mountie on a bumble ride that you leads you 15 feet below water svel and then drops you down a sliding 45 degree angle which increases to 50 degrees. The bright colors and fun comic strip cut outs makes this island different in its own, child like way.

In Jurassic Park island you can encounter a T-Rex, dodge raptors and get a pteranadon's eye view of the whole park. The Jurassic Park River Adventure drops you 85 feet to escape the loose T-Rex in the complex. The whole island is done with in lush jungle like environment and is the largest of all five islands.

One can discover The Lost Continent island which holds the exciting Dueling Dragons. You soar 125 feet in the air and travel at a speed of 55 mph, facing near collision with the other coaster track.

This coaster includes five inversions and three near misses with the other track while people hang from the track and their feet dangle free in the air. As you travel through this island, it takes on the appearance of dark age marketplace with other attractions such as Poseidon's Fury and The Eighth Voyage of Sinbad. In Dr. Seuss Landing you can live the stories of all your favorite Dr. Seuss tales. While walking through this island you will notice that there is not one straight line in all the island to keep with the Seuss fashion. Even the trees are bent, which was done during Hurricane Andrew and then where replanted in the park.

The Cat In The Hat ride retells the story of the Cat in the Hat and his friends, Thing One and Thing Two, that pull a house apart while you ride a couch car. There is also Caro-Seuss-el. If I Ran The Zoo and several other attractions that will bring out the child in anyone.

Overall, the park has very unique features and thrilling rides in all five of the islands. Islands of Adventure is now open and waiting to take you on the adventure of a life time.
John Mullin
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

At one point during Random Hearts, Kristen Scott Thomas remarks that people don’t seem to mind adultery unless they’re the one being cheated on. She has a point. In fact, she and her co-star Harrison Ford seem to be the only people in Sydney Pollack’s new film who haven’t had a scarlet encounter at some point in their life.

The issue, however, is something that both characters have to deal with when their spouses are killed in a plane crash ... and it becomes obvious that they were on their way to spend the weekend together at a Miami resort. Ford, who plays an Internal Affairs cop in D.C., is devastated to learn that his wife was seeing another man, and he becomes obsessed with finding out about the secret life she led — how she and her lover met, where they stayed on their rendezvous, what their plans were, etc. Eventually, his obsessive search leads him to Thomas, the wife of the man his wife was found with.

She doesn’t want much to do with Ford or the information he uncovered. Random Hearts is an intimate portrait of people who suddenly find that something in their lives is not what they thought it was.

Ford, who also starred in Pollack’s Sabrina remake, is crankier and more aggressive in this film than we’re used to. He gives his best performance in a long while, always coming off as sincere, passionate, and most prominently, hurt, confused and lost.

Thomas, although her American accent isn’t always convincing, is excellent as a tightly wound woman who’s trying her best not to show how deeply hurt she is. In fact, it’s that element of the movie that makes it so interesting to watch.

He’s obsessed with finding answers but doesn’t consider that there might not be any. He spends most of the film looking for some sort of closure, but as anyone knows who’s ever lost a loved one, suddenly broken up with a significant other or been cheated on, closure isn’t always easy to find.

In the middle of the film, a young woman reasons that she can’t stop sleeping with men outside of her marriage because she’d start to feel old. Maybe Random Hearts is mostly an argument against this kind of thinking. Although Thomas and Ford don’t feel that way, the movie reaches out to those of us who do. It’s not about the adulterers per se — but about the people who wait at home believing the excuses their partners give for coming home late.
Thrust Supersonic makes impact with hard edge original sound

PATRICIA CANEDO
STAFF WRITER

Orlando has been a home to a lot of musical talent. Since Brandon Horgeshimer, Barry Kerch, and Chris Marcelli came together in 1997, they have made an impact with their hard edge original sound.

The group Thrust Supersonic has been touring throughout the east coast from Athens, Georgia to Saint Paul, Michigan through South Bend, Indiana to Detroit Michigan and several places in between.

They also played a few shows in Chicago, have been on a few college radio stations, and have been written up in magazines such as Jam, Axis Magazine, Connection, and Inkl9.

During this time they have managed to release their latest CD entitled Thrust Supersonic 3.

Horgeshimer founded the group in 1997, but before then performed with several other bands. Horgeshimer, who is the lead vocalist and guitarist, came from Chicago, Illinois.

There he played with groups such as The Drakes, The Rhythm Rigs, Citizen Kane and, from 1996-1997, Fuse. None of these groups had the sound that he was looking for.

Kerch has played the drums since he was eight. He is from Panama City. From 1991-1995 he performed with the Polytactyl Jazz Band.

Marcelli, who brings the thick grooves to the group on bass, is from St. Petersburg and had his own band there known as Megaweapon.

The latest release of the trio is a good example of the hard edge sound for which they are becoming known. Horgeshimer and Jan Kerch produced the CD. They run a recording studio in Winter Springs.

The album as a whole has the great hard sound that the band wanted to accomplish, but one song that stands out is slower and very intense. The track entitled "Get By" has a bluesy riff and exemplifies Horgeshimer’s powerful voice. The rest of the CD has a faster yet a great grunge sound to it.

Thrust Supersonic newest release is definitely worth checking out.

The group’s recent success has given them some big plans for the fall. Their next performance will be on November 13 at The Station, in Fern Park, with Strobe 7.

You can also hear them on local radio stations such as 104.1 and 95.1 or check them out at their website www.thrustsupersonic.com.
While out in my Jeep last week, I spotted something strange out of the corner of my eye. Between The Greenway and Forsythchute on Colonial Drive lies a trothy little strip mall with stores such as Ebony Tide, a tattoo parlor and a Karate place. The expedition at hand, however, involves a small establishment called Milli’s Place Caribbean Restaurant.

When I entered through the front door, an annoying fire alarm-like sound was clearly audible. It resulted when I opened the door. I searched for any fires around the room, but there were none. The greeter walked past me once I made it to the other side of the dining room and then came back to ask what I wanted. It was hard to tell he was a greeter at all because he did not wear a uniform. There were no menus; rather, a sign was posted displaying the various dishes sold. There was clutter all around the dining room and then came back to ask whatever the punch was freezers was clearly endorsed by ammonia, cod liver oil, and tinfoil were sold. There was clutter all around the dining area. There were random empty freezers and a vacuum cleaner. One of the freezers was clearly endorsed by Pepsi; however, it also carried odd-ball drinks such as Jamaican Orange. This made me curious. I had ordered the Milli’s punch, though, and I intended to drink my fill.

My food arrived promptly without too much wait. The waitress/cook from what the punch was made, I thought I would just grab some from another table—not a chance. Every table had a napkin dispenser and none had napkins. Even the tablecloth covered with plastic could give no aide in cleaning my hands.

Aside from that small problem, the dining was quiet and pleasant. I never received a bill, but I guess the waitress/cook is using to remember since there is only one customer in at a time. Milli’s Place Caribbean Restaurant is dangerous. I am curious as to what ox tail and curry chicken are made, but they were extremely hot. They practically incinerated my tongue and throat. I could feel them sliding all the way down to my stomach; and then they burned the hell out of it too. I quickly took a swig of Milli’s punch and found it to be astonishingly sweet and luscious. This drink makes coming to the restaurant worthwhile. Never have I tasted a drink like that small problem, the dining was quiet and pleasant. I never received a bill, but I guess the waitress/cook is using to remember since there is only one customer in at a time. Million’s Place Caribbean Restaurant is dangerous. I am curious as to what ox tail and curry chicken are made, but they were extremely hot. They practically incinerated my tongue and throat. I could feel them sliding all the way down to my stomach; and then they burned the hell out of it too. I quickly took a swig of Milli’s punch and found it to be astonishingly sweet and luscious. This drink makes coming to the restaurant worthwhile. Never have I tasted a drink like that.

"And I guess that's good because that's what the punch was made, I thought I will ever return there to dine. I guess I'm somewhat disappointed that Milli never actually showed her face. I do recommend stopping by to catch an order of plantains and a take-out cup of Milli’s punch (possibly the best drink ever)."

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HASA celebrates annual UCF Hispanic awareness

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Not many people realize that there are close to 2,800 Hispanic students at UCF.

In order to enhance the collegiate experience of these individuals, the Hispanic American Student Association was established. The 300 active members of HASA invite all students to celebrate the annual UCF Hispanic Awareness going on this month.

The festivities include art exhibits, serenades under the moon, a concert by the Philharmonic Orchestra of Puerto Rico, a faculty professional reception, and other events.

The Latin American Fair, sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA), was held in the Student Union/South Plaza on October 6.

The fair began at 11 a.m. Local radio stations, 106.7 and 95.3, gave out prizes.

Some very talented students performed at the fair: HASA members Natalie Dopson and Rafael Jimenez interpreted the alero of two Sevillana numbers. Lizbeth Fernandez contributed to the fair by singing "Don't Cry for Me Argentina." Freshman, Marsha Rosa, incorporated her ballet training into performing for the spectators.

The afternoon was cut short due to rain. The Orlando International Folk Dance Club, who perform many types of international dances, were unable to dance the Mexican dances they planned.

Jutina Gonzalez Marti, who has been the supervisor of the annual celebration for ten years, was disappointed by the weather conditions.

But she was pleased that several people attended the fair before it began to rain and she was happy that the traditions of all the diverse Hispanic countries had the opportunity to be showcased.

The purpose of Hispanic Awareness month is to share tradition and culture with the university.

The Multi-Cultural Student Services, SGA, and HASA have planned several events that are open to all people with the hopes of a good time and cultural enlightenment will be had by all.

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Dear Nancy:

Everyday lately I feel that my life just plain sucks. My job is pathetic, my girlfriend is ugly and my friends are losers. Basically I don’t see a reason why I should get out of bed in the morning. I called in sick every day I was supposed to work last week and didn’t go to any of my two classes. I’m supposed to graduate in December and I could care less. What’s wrong with me?

Dear Not the man:
The first thing I think you need to do is evaluate your life. Why do you hate your job, why do you think your friends are losers? And if your girlfriend’s really ugly then why did you get with her in the first place?

After you’ve thought about it for awhile if you still feel the same, Lisa Leeb says in one of her songs “When you want to get out, you get up and walk straight to the door.” It’s self explanatory and I suggest you try it. There’s no point in hanging out with people you don’t like.

Next (since you’re alone now) try to establish a more positive outlook on your life. You need to change your thoughts, if you think your life sucks it does and of that other self help stuff I’ll spare you from.

You’re graduating in three months, which means you can say you have a degree, you went through four or five or six years of school and graduated. You have accom-

ished something, that’s a good thing. Everyone gets depressed it’s just a matter of pulling yourself out of it. You could be just feeling sorry for yourself or experiencing pre graduate blues. Maybe you’re having doubts about what to do with your life. Or it could be something in your past that’s come back to haunt you. Only you can answer these questions and you should spend sometimes doing so.

If you feel like it’s getting worse then you should go talk to someone and you can also get screened for depression. Call the health center and I hope you feel better.

Dear Nancy:

I think I might be a lesbian but I’m not sure because I’ve always dated guys. Maybe I’m just curious but it’s driving me crazy. What should I do?

Curious Jill

Dear Curious:

Well there’s only one way to find out—go find yourself a woman. Maybe you are just curious or maybe you’ll never want to look at a guy again.

Who knows and you won’t until you try. So go to a place (gay bar) or maybe join an organization so you’ll meet people that are either gay or have the same curiosity, explain your situation and get to work.

You don’t want to go around hitting on or hinting at your friends and you don’t want to pretend to be gay either.

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GET TO THE GOOD PART.
'The Last Gasp' terrorizes Orlando

MAGGIE GUNThER
STAFF WRITER

The other night I was walking down the street in New York City with my friend when suddenly, a crazed zombie with a chainsaw started chasing us! We jumped with fright and looked around to see the entire street full of zombies and ghouls, waiting to pounce on the shadows and scare us!

Though this may seem odd to you, it was just what we wanted. We were at Universal Studios, and it was terrifying business as usual at Halloween Horror Nights IX/"The Last Gasp."

This year's tribute to Halloween is by far the best Halloween Horror Nights ever, with five new haunted mazes and spectacular live entertainment.

The night of Saturday, October 2, was the second of the series of Halloween Horror nights that run in October. Opening weekend had some big-name bands, including Virgos Merlot, Citizen of Norman

and Dishwalla that played on Horror nights that run in the best Halloween Horror Nights ever, chainsaw started chasing us! We jumped with fright and looked around to see the scared them, they come up with different responses. Because what scares people varies, the designers work very hard to provide customers with many different kinds of scares.

The mazes had quite different themes. "Insanity" tries to give you an idea of what it is like to be insane. You are forced to pick between mirrored corridors, and if you take too long to decide, a scare-actor will come along and make the decision for you. "Doomsday" was a millenial scare that places you in New York City at the year 2000. "Doomsday" is located near "The Mummy," which was inspired by Universal's summer hit movie (and our homecoming feature) "The Mummy." It takes a more realistic approach to its theme and puts you in the mummy's embalming room.

The final maze is the much-hyped "Creature-Feature." This maze is in 3-D. The maze was decent, with creeps such as Halloween's Michael Myers chasing you, but it is very overrated. If you only have time for four of the five mazes, skip this one.

The 3-D glasses do more to disorient your mind than make you scare. To say that this is not a good maze is wrong; however, it just is not 3-D in the sense that one would think. It does not compare to other 3-D attractions such as "Captain EO," the old EPCOT 3-D movie "Terminator 3-D" from Universal.

The live entertainment of the night is also a great part of Halloween Horror Nights. Fuel and Dishwalla put on excellent concerts, and the Festival of the Dead Parade was a treat.

Fuel rocked the audience. They performed their hit song "Bitterweir" with rock energy. When they took the stage lead singer Brett Scallions minor, they got the two ugliest bands they could find to play Halloween Horror Nights, yet there was nothing ugly about either band's performances.

Dishwalla gave an awesome performance, with some catchy new material and their immensely popular hit song of a few years ago: "Counting Blue Cars." The audience loved them, and they made a fan out of me with their raging performance of Soft Cell's '80s favorite, "Tainted Love."

The Festival of the Dead Parade is a good chance to sing some Mardi Grass headbead necklaces and candy.

The parade comes along several times each night so there are many opportunities to collect the all-important beads for your rear view mirror.

Halloween Horror Nights also has other live shows such as "Deadly Illusions," a magic and illusion show; "Bill and Ted's Excellent Halloween Adventure VIII" romp through time with these excellent dudes, Bill and Ted. Tricks or Treats: Dead Man's Party heavy metal band of monsters, and "Midway of the Bizarre" sinister sideshow carnival.

If you liked Halloween Horror Nights last year, or are thinking about attending this year, you will love it. It is a fun and frightful ride that I would take again and again. For the rest of the month of October, it will run on the 14-17 and 21-31.

The regular price of tickets is $27.95 plus tax; however reduced price tickets are available in the Student Union for UCF students. Halloween Horror Nights IX: Be there and be scared.
In August, Bob Thompson, who had just sold his Thompson-McCully road-building firm in Belleville, Mich., for $422 million,dish ed out $128 million of it in bonuses to his 500 workers, with each of 80 managers and salaried workers receiving an annuity worth at least $1 million. Thompson said the gift was warranted because the company’s success is “dependent on people.” Said one worker to Thompson, “(There’s nobody else in this world who would have done what you did.)”

The death of a 49-year-old woman in Scotland in September brought to three the number of no-food, no-water, “breatharian”-diet followers of Australian Ellen Greve who died or tried. Three years ago, Greve claimed 5,000 disciples, charges more than $2,000 (U.S. per ticket for her seminars, and sells her philosophy ("liberation from the drudgery of food and drink").) to Westerners in part to confer a spirituality on Third World hunger. Eating-disorder specialists quoted by the Times of London said, of course, that there is no scientific basis for Greve’s teachings.

**AMERICAN KANGAROO COURTS**

Sixteen people are still imprisoned for lengthy sentences entirely as a result of wildly inconsistent and heavily coached testimony from children that they were ritually molested years ago by adults at day-care centers in Massachusetts and North Carolina and, as part of a wave of sexual abuse in Wenatchee, Wash., though appeals court decisions in August and September increased to nine the number of people subsequently released.

Former Wenatchee police Det. Robert Perez continues to tour the state defending his arrest, which began with allegations by his then-10-year-old foster daughter (whom he later admitted roughing up when she tried to walk back to a second truck, drive it 100 yards, stop, walk back to the first truck, stop, walk back to the first truck, drive it 100 yards beyond the second truck, and so on. According to police, the man’s brother was passed out drunk in one of the trucks so the man was driving both trucks home. (However, a blood-alcohol test showed the driver, also, to be presumed-impaired.)

**BRIGHT IDEAS**

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**UNCLEAR ON THE CONCEPT**

On July 1, the Dallas Better Business Bureau began charging consumers $9.50 for the privilege of listening to their complaints of being ripped off by local businesses.

In April in Riverside, Calif., Allen Randolph Payne, 40, was sentenced to 1,113 years in prison for molesting his three daughters over most of their adolescent and teen years. Not only did their mother, Carol Payne, side with Allen at trial, but, according to one daughter, Carol once chased her around the house with a baseball bat and a gun after finding her in bed with Allen.

In March, a United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization conference in Italy issued a news release encouraging a growth in world food supply by increasing the rabbit population but expressed concern that governments would miss the opportunity because of their “lack of training” in getting rabbits to breed.

**LEAST COMPETENT CRIMINALS**

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Sting  
Brand New Day  

In between movie and Broadway roles, working to preserve rainforests and championing human rights, Sting found time to record a new album, Brand New Day. His latest CD is an optimistic and eclectic mix of music genres. Aided by James Taylor, Stevie Wonder and Bradford Marsalis, Sting has produced a lovely new album.

The ten songs on Brand New Day are both haunting and upbeat, all exploring the theme of love. In his press release, Sting said, "My challenge was to write a happy love song without being banal, a song that looks at love as something incredibly enchanting and triumphant.

One of the most enchanting songs on the album (which I predict will be a hit single) is the second song, "Desert Rose." It begins like something ambient, then a woman starts singing in Arabic and the music reveals foreign string instruments coming through. Maybe New Mexicans can understand the desert metaphors better than the average listener can; the first stanza is, "I dream of rain/I dream in gardens/the desert sand/I wake in pain/I dream of love as time runs through my hand." The song is absolutely mesmerizing.

"Prelude to the End of the Game" is a 19-second lyricless song that leads right into the country-western-sounding, "Fill Her Up," which made me head back up and stay there when I was listening to the CD for the first time. Where on earth did Sting come up with the notion to write a country song? I can't say. However, the song is fast and nice change of pace on the album, with a startling gospel horn at the end, that reminds the listener that Sting is not your typical pop artist.

Sting is definitely a poet in his own right, although I don't know if he'll try to go and publish a book. (And get away with it just because he's a beautiful musician who writes lyrics that aren't cliched, and sounds like a healthy man.) In "Ghost Story," a lyrical ballad of sorts, Sting says, "The moon's a fingerprint/And slowly sinking/Another day begins/And now I'm thinking/That this is/foreordination/Was my invention/When everything I did/Soaked your attention." The last song on the album, "Brand New Day," starts with those weird string instruments reminiscent of the English Patient soundtrack, then harmonicas weaved in and the song becomes upbeat. (He addresses the CD, "How many of you people out there/born in some kind of love affair? And in the song he speaks about starting over, seeing things differently, starting over from your experience and not being bitter. It is great.

Sting said in his press release how sick he is of all this negative millennial crap, and that people should look at this new era as one where we all can get a fresh start on our lives—it's never too late.

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—Sylvia Carlson
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VOLLEYBALL NOTEBOOK

Home cookin'
UCF plays four of its next five games at the confines of the UCF Arena, including three games at home in a row. That’s the longest homestand the Knights (8-10, 3-0 TAAC) have had since playing at the UCF Fall Invitational late last month.

Knights coach Meg Fitzgerald, who is in her first season at UCF, says the Knights’ home games could help set up a successful run through the TAAC schedule.

“We just got home today after playing Stanford, but it’s good to be back,” Fitzgerald said. “I’d guess being home will help us because being on the road is such a tiring event. While it’s necessary to play on the road, it’s good to be back.”

Following the home stand, the Knights will have only four more home games through the end of October and into November.

Return of the streak
It started with a win against defending TAAC Champion Florida Atlantic last Tuesday. Then came a win against Jacksonville State University on Friday. UCF is undefeated in TAAC play for the first time since Sept. 23 of last year. But, last season the Knights got out to a 3-0 TAAC start before FAU snpped the Knights’ TAAC match winning streak.

Fitzgerald says getting to the TAAC Championship and winning the TAAC Tournament is the goal for this year’s team, although she’s happy UCF’s quick start in conference play.

“We’re winning and that’s good, but the conference is so even right now,” Fitzgerald said. “Everyone is beating everyone. We’re looking to keep it up and put together good game after good game.”

En route to their TAAC Championship season, FAU snapped the Knights 65-match win streak and also took the championship away from the Knights for the first time in five consecutive years.

Coming together
The Knights, who struggled to a 1-3 start to open their season, have gone 7-7 since then. UCF features one of the TAAC’s top passers in freshman Becca Sandala and has one of the premier attacking offenses in the conference also.

But Fitzgerald said it has been teamwork that has caused the Knights’ TAAC match winning streak.

“We’ve played a lot of matches so far and I can tell we’re playing more as a team,” Fitzgerald said. “We’ve gotten a pretty good grasp on each other’s styles and it’s been more of team effort lately.”

Up next for the Knights
UCF hosts TAAC opponents Campbell University and Georgia State University this Thursday and Friday, respectively. In her first year coaching the Camels, T.J. Meagher guided Campbell to a 25-8 record including a three game defeat of UCF last year.

Georgia State also had a stellar season last year, compiling a 26-9 record. The Panthers manhandled UCF last year, beating the Knights in three consecutive games. It marked only the sixth win for Georgia State against UCF and was one of the Panthers’ first wins against the Knights in nine years.

—JEFF CASE


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FROM THE SPORTS DESK

UCF senior Ray Lauch (33) is being counted on to provide veteran leadership and solid presence in the paint for the Golden Knights this season. The Seton Hall transfer will get post help from another transfer, Old Dominion's Paul Reed.

Basketball tryouts set

The men's basketball team is conducting a walk-on tryout on Oct. 16 at 3 p.m. at the UCF Arena. Players must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours at UCF and not be on academic probation. Players interested in participating must call assistant coach Don Burgess at 823-5808 by Oct. 15.

Women's basketball in search of student-managers

The UCF Women's Basketball program is accepting applications for two student-manager positions. Responsibilities will include but not limited to:

- Setting up, putting away of practice gear
- Working of actual practices
- Washing and putting away of practice gear
- Filming of games and practices
- Traveling with team, performing same duties as above
- Office work
- Equipment distribution

Each student-manager will be awarded a stipend of $1,500.00 a semester. If you are interested in becoming a part of the women's basketball team, please contact the Women's Basketball program at 823-6266.

Shedden wins Gator Invitational, leading UCF to 2nd place

The University of Central Florida's Sonja Shedden reset the school 5K record for the third time this year en route to a first-place finish at the Gator Invitational Saturday. Shedden soared through the finish line at 17:52.21, nine seconds ahead of her old record and seven seconds in front of three-time Trans America Athletic Conference champion Sarah Howard of Georgia State. Shedden finished first out of the 139 college competitors and second overall.

"I said at the beginning of the season that we were going to see some great things from Sonja and I have yet to be disappointed," said fifth-year coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth.

Seven of the UCF women landed in the top 30 to give the Golden Knights a second-place team finish behind No. 23 Florida. Freshman Sara Dillman captured 14th at 19:06.87 in the fourth meet of her college career. Brianne Harrington rounded out the top three UCF finishes, taking 16th place with a time of 19:11.27.

Sophomore Sean McCabe set a personal SK best time of 26:07.30 to lead the UCF men to a third-place finish behind UF and Georgia State. McCabe nabbed 11th out of 172 competitors as he crushed his previous best of 26:52 by 45 seconds. This is the first time since his arrival at UCF that McCabe has finished ahead of all his teammates.

The team veterans, Lou Snelling and John Hope, took 17th and 27th, respectively, to round out the UCF finishes in the top 30.

The Golden Knights compete Saturday at the Chile Pepper Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark.
College hoops season just around the corner

David Marsters
Staff Writer

As many of you know, the UCF Football team did not have a game last weekend. The Florida Citrus Bowl was quiet from ACC power to doormat. Florida State has to suffer through football in the fall, and Florida sports fans, the suf­fering is over. On October 15, a new season will begin. Dick Vitale is warming up, and Bobby Knight and Pat Summit are fir­ing up. College basketball is ready to tip-off. Duke no longer is a game last weekend. The Wolfpack upset Clyde D’Quarius Stewart, and Cory Perry all return from last year’s TAAC Runner-up squad. Both teams will display their tal­ents during Midnight Madness on October 15 at the UCF Arena. There are plenty of reasons to make the short trip to the Arena to check out a few games this season. Here’s a few more. Where else can fans sit three feet from the court and yell extremely witty and creative phrases like, “You Stink,” “Go Home,” and “Over­Rated” until one of the players turns around and tries to strangle them? Just because the UCF Arena has no seats behind the baskets (and I take this opportu­nity to ask why) doesn’t mean that crazy college students can’t annoy the other team. Fans can still scream or wave those neon noodle pool toy things and poor­ly written term papers in an attempt to prevent opposing players from making their shots. How cool is it when the crowd makes so much noise that the team you are playing against has to take a timeout? And besides, the games are free for UCF stu­dents!

The University of Florida, long considered a football-only school, has transformed itself into a basketball powerhouse, with students lining up for hours to get tickets to fill the O’Connell Center. It’s a big two hour party, with free admission. If we could only have that intensity here.

College basketball is an exciting and fan-friendly sport, and football is not the only UCF sport that brings nationally ranked teams to Orlando. This year, the women’s team will play national power Texas Tech at home, while the men’s team will bring the Miami Hurricanes to the UCF Arena to open the sea­son on Nov. 19. So check out Midnight Madness and a few games this season. Come see why the college hoops atmos­phere is like no other-especially when students really get wrapped up in it.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER NOTEBOOK

Practice, practice, practice

After disappointing losses to Pittsburgh and West Virginia, the UCF Women's Soccer Team (7-5, 3-2-1) returned to the practice field last week. With no games on their schedule, the Golden Knights used the bye week to get healthy and prepare for this week's TAAC road trip.

"We actually had a real good week of training," said Head Coach Amanda Cromwell. "I think what we took away from last weekend was that we had stuff to work on - one of the games we lost in overtime to a team that in my mind we should have beat."

Coming up this week are three road games against conference opponents. On Oct. 12, UCF takes on preseason TAAC favorite Jacksonville University (5-5, 3-1), followed by an Oct. 15 contest at Sanford University (9-3-1, 3-2-1). From there they travel to Jacksonville State (8-2-1, 3-2-1) to take on the Gamecocks on Oct. 17.

All three teams are in the top 5 in the TAAC standings. If UCF wins all three of these games, they can all but guarantee a lock on the #1 seed in the three of these games, they can all but guarantee a lock on the #1 seed in the TAAC Championships. Although they face what could be their toughest week of the season, the team is anxious to get away from the practice field.

"The girls are ready to play," said Cromwell.

Keys to victory

Cromwell targeted a more aggressive offensive attack as the key to the three games.

"The keys (to winning) are just that we need to play a little more direct style; we've been possessing the ball well, but we can play as pretty as we want and we're not getting the goals in, there's no point in that. We need to take some more shots." The Golden Knights are 7-3 when out-shooting their opponent, with the only loss coming in overtime to Pittsburgh.

Most important, all of the girls will be ready to play, as the off week has allowed some injuries to heal, and the team will be at full strength for the road trip.

"Everyone's pretty much ready to go. There are some nicks and maybe a little tightness and pulling, everyone's pretty much at full ability," said Cromwell.

With all of their players healthy, the Golden Knights hold an advantage over their opponents next week because of their depth. A majority of the team's roster has seen regular playing time this season, which will help the team make it through the grueling stretch of three games in five days.

Banuls a forward

Sophomore Maria Banuls, who started the season as UCF's starting goalie, saw action in a different role during the team's recent loss to West Virginia. Banuls, who was replaced by freshman Jessica Kuhlman as starting goalie three weeks ago, entered the game as a forward in an attempt to bring a spark to the team's struggling offense.

"She works hard - she has a great shot," said Cromwell. "(Goalkeepers) during keeper training sometimes shoot on each other and they develop some really nice shots. She works hard and, she wants to play. I threw her up there to mix it up a bit and maybe get a loose ball and crack one in."

Whatever it is, someone will have to score for the Golden Knights, who have scored no goals in their last two games.

That won't be good enough to establish themselves as the top team in the TAAC this week.

-David Marsters

Array of activities to be on display in hoops showcase

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these let us showcase our product and create a great fan base. Hopefully they all have a good time and we'll have them hooked.

MidKnight Madness may be just the program to the hooking done. Marketing Director Jodie Wexelberg has put together the festivities, which will include games like limbo contests and "Dizzy Dock," raffles and giveaways, a 3-point shootout involving the UCF baseball team, and performances by the cheerleaders and dance team. Additionally, the first 500 people through the door will get a voucher for a hot dog and soda. Admission is free.

"The marketing department has done a tremendous job with this event," Striegler said. "They've gotten a DJ and pretty much mapped out everything for us so it's been really easy.

The DJ will be brought in courtesy of Excellent Entertainment, and will pretty much be the master of ceremonies of the evening's events.

"I had great support from CAB," Wexelberg said. "We asked if it could be made part of Homecoming festivities and they've gotten that worked out. That will give us a nice attendance boost so that's really great.

All the prangetry leads up to 12:01, when the men's and women's teams take the court for their first scrimmage of the season. For Striegler, it will be her first chance to get a look at her team, not that she's expecting to get much accomplished.

"We're not really gadgeting them to try and get anything done technique-wise," Striegler said. "We just want the girls to go out there and have fun and entertain the crowd."
New coaches look forward to debuts

David Winberg
Staff Writer

With the South Alabama Invitational in Mobile, Alabama rained out, new men's and women's tennis coaches, Bobby Cashman and Patricia Allison, have to wait another week for their debuts at the helm for the Golden Knights.

It was disappointing for the new coaches, who wanted to get their first tournament at UCF under their belts.

"We have been working hard up to this point, but there is nothing you can do about the weather," said Cashman.

What hurts most is that UCF won't get to experience playing some of the best in the country, which would have been a tremendous benefit down the road.

"We had a great opportunity to play some good teams and really find out where we stand, but now we don't have an idea," Allison added.

"It's very frustrating for me and the team," said Allison.

Cashman and Allison came to UCF from assistant positions at top notch universities. Cashman left the University of Kansas and Big 12 Conference to coach the Golden Knights in the beginning of August. Instead of competing in the South Alabama Invitational, Cashman focuses on next week's tournament at nearby Rollins College, the C.L. Varner Invitational.

"We are looking for some good matches and experiences at Rollins," said Cashman.

Allison arrived from the University of Oregon in the Pacific-10 to join the UCF staff in June.

"I want to see how the women play in competition. So far, we don't have any matches under our belt yet and that's what the fall season is all about," said Allison.
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UCF Crew ready to begin another year of work

ERIC ELIASON
STAFF WRITER

It's 5:30 in the morning and the sun is creeping into the sky. A group of 30 men begin their trek down to the shore of Lake Pickett to embark on their daily practice. This routine is played out six days a week. This is crew.

This schedule may seem insane to many, but to these athletes it is a way of life.

"4 a.m. may seem early but in my heart it is too late for me because I just can't wait to get on the water," Crewmember Josh Wright said.

Head coach Michael Bramson took over the program in the 1997-98 season after competing as a four-year varsity oarsman and has taken the team from a total of 6 members to its current count of over 60. In Bramson's second season, UCF established its presence in the rowing arena by finishing first in the state and finishing second in the South. The team finished ahead of such renowned programs the University of Virginia, University of Florida, and Howard University.

UCF crew has progressed into one of the most successful programs the school has ever had and boasts the school's only count of over 10 national championships. The team has faced opponents like the University of Virginia and Harvard, whose programs have the advantage of scholarships and athletic funding to support the enormous budgets required in maintaining a powerhouse crew team. The main sign of accomplishment for the UCF program is the fact that it can compete on a regular basis with these established programs while relying on the budget of a regular school club.

The program is supported by a yearly budget from student government and various fundraising efforts.

Coinciding with the club distinction is the effort of the team to strictly recruit from enrolled UCF students who must participate without the aide of athletic scholarships. The crew team prides itself as a dedicated group of individuals who represent the best in UCF.

"Getting up in the morning may seem bad to some people, but to me it's worth every second," Crewmember Jeff Anderson said. "Being on a glass lake with the sun rising is the perfect setting to see what you and your team mates are made of."

Crew practices six days a week at 5:45 a.m. on the waters of Lake Pickett, located due East of campus. While Lake Pickett is a premier location for rowing and competing, the team is not capable of upgrades. Due to the club status of the program, the team is limited in its funding for such supplies. With a crew of 60 members and a total of 40 boat seats, the team is not capable of practicing the entire crew simultaneously. The team is currently supported by an annual budget of $35,000. This number is decimated when contrasting it with the price of a new shell which will cost the team $30,000. Miscellaneous costs also tap this annual budget. Members pay a semester fee of $75. Travel expenses are also footed by the team, which must provide its own transportation to all but a few races.

"Air travel is inevitable when the driving distance exceeds a day. Still, the program has come a long way since 1972, when Dennis Kamrad brought crew to UCF," Wright said.

"When the swing comes together and the boat is in unison, my body is burning to the point of exhaustion, I can only feel the desire to row harder," Crewmember Ryan McDaniel said.

"Many times I pull so hard that at the end of the race my hands are so cramped that I can't release them from the oar," Wright said.

The dedication to the sport and one another is what makes the sacrifice worth it.

"When the swing comes together and the boat is in unison, my body is burning to the point of exhaustion, I can only feel the desire to row harder," Crewmember Ryan McDaniel said.

The crew season lasts all year for these athletes. The school year is broken into fall and spring seasons and the summer is used for training either individually or with other clubs. The fall season is just on the horizon, beginning with the team travelling to the Head of the Schulykill in Philadelphia on Oct. 30 and 31. The team will compete in three other regattas in the fall before taking on the spring schedule.

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And the band played on...

The UCF band will be in full force when the Golden Knights return to the Florida Citrus Bowl after their bye week.
Senior Ari Nurmi, long considered UCF's second best scoring threat behind Heikki Ritvanen, has stepped up this season and is pacing the team in points and goals.

Nurmi has been receiving all the accolades for his performance, including the first Trans America Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Week award given out this year. He scored five goals in the UCF Soccer Classic to begin the season, and he has been scoring at will since then.

"Goals just come, there's not much to it," Nurmi said. "I've just been concentrating a lot more, and I've improved on concentrating and finishing.”

After receiving the attention from voters, he has noticed more attention from defenders in recent games.

"In the past few games someone has always been on my back," Nurmi said. "I like getting the attention because it gets me going a little more.”

He has scored in 14 of UCF's last 17 games dating back to last year. The only games he didn't score were against Oakland, Jacksonville, and Stetson this season. Winch has always known that Nurmi could lead this team.

"He can score goals at any time, and he has a lot of confidence," Winch said. "He's been very important for us this year, and if he hadn't started scoring early we wouldn't have been scoring very much as a team.”

Nurmi scored 12 times as a freshman in 1996, while Ritvanen broke the school record with 24. Both players were responsible for UCF's drastic improvement from 5-11-1 in 1995 to 10-7-1 when they were freshmen. After a 12-6 finish last year and a loss in the conference championship game, Nurmi has a goal to reach the NCAA Tournament in his final season.

"Winning the championship is the biggest thing we're looking for this year," Nurmi said. "I really want to win it, and I'm confident that we can.”

Nurmi's 46 career goals rank him third on the all-time list behind Ritvanen and Randy Deshields. However, a knee injury after his freshman season has forced Nurmi to change the way he attacks on offense.

"Last year was really important for my confidence," Nurmi said about scoring 17 goals last season. "The knee has been slowing me down a little bit this year, but you just have to play through it.”

Winch knows that Nurmi's injury affected him as a sophomore, but he has the utmost confidence in him when he's on the field.

"He brings a calming presence onto the field," Winch said. "He plays hard, and he always has a threat. He just has the ability to score the big goal.”

Nurmi doesn't regret the fact that Ritvanen has been the star of the team during their first three seasons. He only wants to win every year he's on the field.

"He (Ritvanen) does get a lot of attention, but I'm not worried about that because I'm a tough player," Nurmi said. "I get a lot more attention now, but I'd give all my goals away to get more wins.”
MEN'S SOCCER NOTEBOOK

UCF ends losing skid with two wins

The men's soccer team ended a five-game streak in which it was 1-4 without starting keeper Antti Laittinen. UCF (6-5, 1-2) beat Florida International 3-1 last Tuesday and shutout Centenary 7-0 on Friday.

Laittinen was a key factor in the victory over FIU as he recorded a season-high 10 saves. He was also the beneficiary of three goals in the first 23 minutes against the Golden Panthers, who earlier this year defeat­ed then-No. 1 UCLA.

"The team was glad to see him back on the field," Coach Bob Winch said. "I never understood how important the goal position was until we didn't have him. He played outstanding."

Ano Nurminis gave the Knights a 1-0 lead in the sixth minute with a header off a corner kick from Rami Vehmas. Heikki Ritvanen scored his seventh goal of the season off a rebound in the 11th minutes, and Nurmi scored on another header off a corner from Vehmas to finish UCF's scoring in the 23rd minute.

UCF was outshot 21-13 by the Golden Panthers, but the defense held FIU in check despite a goal in the second half.

"Our work rate was the best that we've had all year against FU," Winch said. "We have all the talent that we need." Winch said. "The FIU coach told me that we're just as good as UCLA, so there's a fine line between how hard we need to work."

Again on Friday, UCF jumped ahead of Centenary early to cruise to the 7-0 win. The Knights out-shot the Gentmen 21-6, while UCF keepers had to make only one save.

Ritvanen recorded his seventh career hat trick and added an assist. Nurmi added a goal and two assists. Douglas Sander, starting only his second game, scored his first two goals of the sea­son, and Vehmas added the other goal.

UCF returns to action Thursday night as it plays its third of four consecutive home games. The Knights play host to Florida Atlantic at 7 p.m.

Returning to action

After returning from his native Finland last Monday night, junior keeper Antti Laittinen returned to his winning ways in net.

Laittinen improved to 5-1 this season in net and moved his career record to 17-7. He has allowed only 10 goals in six games while facing 79 shots.

Laittinen missed five games after starting the first four because his father passed away in Finland. The All-TAAC selec­tion was a main reason for the Knights victory over FIU last Tuesday.

"It's been okay," Laittinen said. "Right now it's starting to get difficult, and soccer isn't the first thing on my mind any­more."

Scoring machines

Senior forward Ari Nurmi returned to his scoring ways this past week after not scoring a goal in three of his previous four games. He has tallied 14 goals and added eight assists, while scoring in eight of the Knights 11 games. His 14 goals lead the TAAC, and he also leads the conference with 36 points.

Fellow senior Heikki Ritvanen has returned to being an offensive threat. The TAAC's all-time leading scorer tallied four goals over the weekend and he now has 10 goals and three assists for 23 points. He has scored seven times in the Knights last five games.

"Our success comes with Heikki and Ari," Winch said. "Every defender wants to shut them down, but as big as they are if they can get the ball, they'll score goals."

First-time starter

Junior defender Douglas Sander made his first two starts at UCF against FIU and Centenary. The junior college transfer from Manatee Community College started at sweeper.

Against FIU, he recorded his first assist on the game-winning goal by Heikki Ritvanen in the 11th minute. In the 7-0 victory over Centenary, he registered the game-winning goal in the sixth minute on a header off a cross from Ritvanen.

He added his second career goal to conclude the scoring in the 79th minute. Sander took another cross, this time from Kaire Christensen, and netted it inside the left post.

—TRAVIS BELL
UCF enjoys impressive bye week

Tony Mejia
Sports Editor

UCF satisfied Coach Mike Kruczek with its intensity and effort in practices last week. Considering Kruczek is a perfectionist, that’s not real easy to do.

The Golden Knights culminated its final practice of its bye week with one of their best practices of the entire season.

“Consistency-wise, everybody was on the same page,” Kruczek said. “To a man, every segment did everything they needed to do well. I actually asked (assistant head coach Alan) Gooch if somebody gave us a different team today. They were extremely focused.”

UCF could have been caught looking ahead to consecutive days off for the second time in a seven-day span, having this past Friday and Saturday off before coming in on Sunday for a team meeting. The Golden Knights also had the Sunday and Monday following their first win off and had practices during the bye week shortened by half an hour.

“We have a regimented schedule for a bye week that we do every year, so there really is no difference for this week’s bye compared to last year’s,” Kruczek said. “It’s going to be good to get this team healthy and they really responded with a good practice week.”

Senior offensive tackle Frank Haynes underwent successful arthroscopic knee surgery on Oct. 4. Haynes is considered questionable for Nicholls State. “It’s hard to say with a big body like that and the punishment your knee area takes.” Kruczek said. “I’m not sure how fast he’ll recover.”

His absence would be further magnified if Taylor Robertson, a true freshman offensive lineman, can’t play. He underwent a bone scan to decipher the extent of the foot problems that have been bothering him all season.

Kruczek did say that Devine (elbow) is back at 100 percent and will start in the middle of UCF’s defense. Jeff Fye (tome contusion) is also healthy and will return to the starting lineup, as will backup linebackers Tony Hardman and Chris Gunn. Meanwhile, safety Tommy Shavers and starting Will linebacker Edwin Ferguson didn’t practice all week and are doubtful to play against the Colonels.

UCF got to rest their injured players by putting them in red non-contact jerseys during last week’s practices. Among those placed in red non-contact jerseys included Robertson, defensive backs Fye and Ricot Joseph, tailback Terrance Williams, defensive end Marv Richardson, and defensive tackles Justin Moore and Jeff Mauldin.

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Colonels may find it tough to score against fired up Knights

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Saturday, being held to 192 total yards in a 16-0 loss to Southwest Texas State. It has now lost two straight for the second time this season, having won only once, 45-42, against Jacksonville State in overtime.

If their only test this season against Division I-A competition is any indication, the NSU offense will struggle to get going against UCF. Louisiana-Monroe, formerly Northeast Louisiana, held the Colonels to just 158 total yards in the season opener.

Leading NSU's offense is quarterback Brad Smith, who has tossed for 837 yards on 61-of-111 passing. Smith, a former tailback and receiver, is also mobile, carrying for 140 yards and a team-high three touchdowns.

Junior tailback Sullivan Turner, who transferred from Division I-A Louisiana-Lafayette, leads the Colonels in rushing, averaging six yards per carry. He's gained 266 yards in five games this season. Junior Sullivan Beard is NSU's big-play receiver, averaging 23 yards per catch and two touchdowns. Junior Brad Phillips, a former walk-on with good size (6'3), leads the team with 15 receptions.

Nicholls State won't face another I-A team this year and has four Southland Football League games remaining in their last five games. Still, don't expect the Colonels to roll over and hand the game over to UCF. They'll come in here hungry and competitive. The difference, however, will be that UCF should have that fire back in its eyes.
**Midnight Madness**

Strieger and Speraw unveil UCF's basketball squads

**TONY MEJIA**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Basketball at midnight is no longer a novelty in the state of Florida. In fact, as the sunrise state begins to mirror the national impact it has on football with its reputation in college hoops, the annual tipoff as the clock strikes 12 has become more the norm than a novelty.

College basketball is here again, and for the third consecutive year, Midnight Madness at the UCF Arena will get the season underway with a big roundball-related party this Friday, Oct. 15 at 10:30 p.m.

"Obviously it's a great way to kickoff the season," men's basketball Coach Kirk Speraw said. "It's a fun time for the players and the fans. It's a good way for us to get the students involved and get them out to games."

New women's coach Gail Striegler will enjoy her first version of UCF's Midnight Madness, coming over from Stephen F. Austin. The turnout at Austin wasn't very substantial, Striegler said, but with the university's program there being a national power, they got the majority of the attention. Striegler hopes to generate the same level of enthusiasm here.

"I hope the students enjoy themselves so it carries over to their attendance during the season. Events like this help us make a name for ourselves on a national level."

**Knights return to action against Nicholls State**

**TONY MEJIA**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Like Eastern Illinois, Nicholls State doesn't exactly strike fear into its football opponents' hearts. Especially a team that has faced four top 25 teams, nearly defeating one of them.

The Golden Knights can put the first five games of their schedule away and concentrate on the final six.

The reset button has been pressed, and although the first five contests can't be wiped completely clean, the slate is clear for the second half of the season. Can't blanche.

Fittingly, UCF (1-4) can start fresh by re-writing their effort against a I-AA team in its encounter with Nicholls State (1-4) in this Saturday's 6 p.m. game at the Florida Citrus Bowl.

Coach Mike Kruczek was disappointed with the lack of fire in some of his players eyes against Eastern Illinois and is sure to get that situation rectified.

"Football is football. It doesn't matter who you play against. You are out there because you love to play," Kruczek said. "Our competitive drive was lacking and that should never happen. You have to have pride in your ability to play the game and always give it your best effort."

To UCF's credit and Kruczek's liking, the Golden Knights enjoyed a stupendous week of practice during their bye and had plenty of time to heal some nagging injuries. Therefore, there should be no excuse for them to struggle against the Colonels.

Nicholls State was completely shut down in their home opener last Weekend.

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**Knights avenge streak-snapping loss, defeat FAU**

Sophomore outside hitter Michelle Sebczuk recorded 20 kills and 17 digs to lead UCF to a four-game conference victory (10-15, 16-14, 15-7, 15-9) against defending TAAC champion Florida Atlantic University Tuesday night at the UCF Arena.

UCF (6-10, 1-0) took a large lead in all four games, but allowed the Owls (6-9, 0-2) to work their way back into each one. Leading 10-5 in game one, UCF let FAU rally for its lone win of the match while it allowed the Owls, who fell behind 5-11, to even the score in 14 before winning game two 16-14.

In game three, the Golden Knights won the first three points and saw FAU pull within one, 4-3, but they won 11 of the next 15 points to pull ahead in the match two games to one. In the fourth game, the Golden Knights quickly took a 6-1 lead, but again FAU pulled within two, 11-9, before UCF earned the 15-9 win.

Susan Rosenberger recorded a double-double, her 10th of the season, with 14 kills and 17 digs. Piper Morgan hit a team-leading .438 for the Golden Knights while adding 14 kills. Shelly Driggers led UCF at the net with seven blocks, followed by Morgan with five.

Setter Becca Saldana had 53 assists and 11 digs for UCF which out dug FAU 68 to 58.

UCF continued conference play with victories at Jacksonville State and Samford last weekend (Oct. 8-9) and returns home for matches this week against Campbell (Oct. 14) and Georgia State (Oct. 15).