Hang time at UCF

Extreme sports on the rise among students

TODD MCFELIXER
STAFF WRITER

Three, two, one...and Jasmin Richer is flying. In one second she falls 32 feet; in two seconds, 45 feet, and after three, she is falling over 176 feet per second at 120 mph.

In eight seconds, her body reaches terminal velocity, the maximum speed her body can fall. When the parachute opens, she cries in Richer's ears.

She is soaring, carving sharp turns and swooping through the atmosphere. A few minutes later, after falling over two and a half miles, Richer's feet touch the pinpointed location on the ground with exact precision.

Within the last decade, there has been a steady rise in American participation in extreme sports. Skydiving, rock-climbing and white water rafting are among the most popular of the sports thrill-seekers enjoy.

Those searching for adventure in central Florida often turn to skydiving.

One of the nearest airport hangers to UCF where people can experience a tandem skydive is the Skydive Space Center in Titusville. Surfers and divers of the sky tend to flock to the center each summer to dance and perform their gymnastics in the sky.

Richer, a political science major, moved to Orlando from Germany. She felt she needed to be somewhere where she could work jumping out of airplanes year round and still attend school. Richer also works there two days a week as a skydiving instructor.

Skydiving can add up to be a costly hobby. The price for one jump may cost over $100.

According to Valery Rozov, the 1998 X-Games sky-surfing champion, there is not much training involved in jumping.

"You can just jump for the fun of it," she said.

Judicial Council rules Senate elections valid

The Judicial Council decided Oct. 12 that the Election Commission violated three out of the five election statutes brought forth by Sen. Alan Applebaum, but the violations did not affect the overall outcome of the elections.

The three violations were:

Statute (602.2 D) - Election Commission should obtain and compile a report of all requirements and regulations concerning posting campaigning on UCF and distribute the report at the time of petition pick up.

Statute (602.2 J) - Election Commission should secure all voting materials with a representative of the auxiliary organization involved in the elections at least 15 minutes before the polls open and after the polls close, including ballot box seal from the County Elections Office.

Statute (602.2 Q) - Election Commission should check the qualifications of all candidates, and post the names of those qualified to hold office on the election bulletin board within a school day after the end of Declaration of Candidacy. There should be two additional school days in which the candidates/stickers who are not qualified may clear up questions of qualifications.

Trial Team ranked 14th in nation

SHELLEY WILSON
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN LEGAL STUDIES

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" - Diane Sudia, assistant professor in Legal Studies

The UCF Trial Team has comprised an impressive resume during its first year. Ranked 14th in the United States, members are about to compete in the Mid-Tennessee Invitational in November. They will also host the Southeastern Regional Conference for the first time in the spring.

According to President Tony Sos, that's just the beginning.

"Last year, there was an extreme amount of effort prior to our national tournament," Sos said. "This year, there is even a stronger effort from the get-go, and I look forward to a milestone of accomplishments."

Sos said he believes the team's talent and energy to learn along with the coaches' dedication and knowledge are the keys to its success.

"The coaches have vast experience in the areas of law which involve extensive litigation, and it is that experience as well as their unparalleled intelligence which makes them the ideal advisors for this organization," Captain Fernando Lopez said.

Dr. Diane Sudia, assistant professor in Legal Studies, started the Trial Team last spring. Sudia, who graduated from Akron Law School, said the inspiration came from her own experiences on a trial team.

"You don't get that much hands-on [experience] in a classroom," she said. "Being a member on Trial Team helped me out becoming a litigator and a defense attorney. When you get to be an attorney, you realize it's time to give something back. So we decided to share what we've had to learn the hard way in order to help students out."

Sudia, along with assistant professors...

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Step show planned for Homecoming

Events

- Oct. 26 - "Have A Nice Day Cafe" at 7 p.m., free for all UCF students.
- Oct. 27 - Homecoming Carnival at 2 p.m. at the UCF Arena.
- Oct. 28 - Skit Knight at the Arena.
- Oct. 29 - Here's your chance to get in the Reflection Pond during the pep rally.
- Oct. 30 - Homecoming parade downtown, starting at 11 a.m.
- Tailgating at Tinker Field starting at 1 p.m.
- Game against Eastern Michigan at 4 p.m.
- Crown the Homecoming King and Queen during halftime.
- After the game, a concert.

SHELLEY WILSON
STAFF WRITER

The first event of Homecoming week will be the National Panhellenic Council's Greek Extravaganza. Five different groups (Alpha Phi Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi Beta, Sigma Gamma Rho and the African American Student Union) will take the stage in a step show. "People are very surprised to see how well-coordinated the performers are," Brian Jackson, president of National Panhellenic Council (NPHC), said. "For a lot of people, this is the first time they see Greek performers on stage and they're pleasantly surprised." According to Jackson, step- dancing is a modern form of African dances that is an arrhythmic way of using your hands and feet. The dancers' moves are synchronized with the music. The main rivalry is between Alpha Phi Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma. Alpha Phi Alpha, winners in 1992 & 1993, will compete against Phi Beta Sigma, winners since '94. Even though the competition could be tough, members said it's all about working together. "The competition comes from the judges, but we all are good friends," Marshall White, president of Alpha Phi Alpha, said. "We still see each other everyday and all we want is just to go out there and put on a great show for people to watch." The planning for the event started in April, but was not completed until last Friday. The dancers practice three to four times a week, up to three hours a night. White said the groups work hard to take home the prize and the bragging rights. "Nobody comes to this show expecting to lose," he said. "Everyone comes to win. They've all worked hard and that will become evident that night." Love and Monica May from 102 Jamz will host the event, scheduled to take place at the UCF Arena at 6 p.m., Oct. 24. People who attend and bring a canned good to the event will receive a discount on their tickets. With a canned good, the ticket will be $5; without, admission will be $7. The event is open to all UCF students and the community. Contact Brian Jackson at 210-8225 for more information.

The court

Voting for the Homecoming King and Queen will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 25-28 in the Student Union.

Queen candidates:
Kari Cox - Alpha Delta Pi sorority
Michelle Haynes - Phi Sigma Pi fraternity
Jessa Jones - Delta Delta Delta sorority
Alana Marron - Zeta Tau Alpha sorority
Jennifer Pultz - International Student Association

King candidates:
Andrew Cupicho - Student Government Association
Michael Deliz - Lambda Theta Phi fraternity
Fred Piccolo - Pi Kappa Phi fraternity
Chris Scheeren - Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity
Nathan Tungseth - Sigma Chi fraternity

Mummy by night

The movie "The Mummy" will be the Homecoming movie this year. It will be shown at 8 p.m. at the Reflection Pond, Oct. 25.

Imagine a group of adventures traveling to a city in the middle of the desert looking for gold and glory. However, a cursed mummy was buried under that city many years before, and, if he is awakened, he could destroy the world.

CAB Cinema Director Phil McDaniell said the Homecoming Committee had several choices for the movie, including the "Blair Witch Project" and "Austin Powers 2." They picked "The Mummy" because they wanted it to flow with the Halloween theme. "They liked the movie and thought it was a good one to show in front of the Reflection Pond," McDaniell said. "We thought it should be more action-packed than the other movies suggested."

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Diversity Week


The following is a schedule of activities:

- Oct. 20, 6 p.m. at Student Union, Key West Rm. 218: Kupu Delta Diversity Dinner (invitation only), featuring Francise Driscoll, author of “The Rape Poems”.

- Oct. 21, 7 p.m. at the Reflection Pond “Take Back the Night” rally and march against violence featuring Kellie Greene and UCF Professor Karen Baird-Obisten.

- 7:30 p.m. at the UCF Theatre Play “Side by Side by Sondheim”, featuring the best of Stephen Sondheim.

- Oct. 22, 4:30-6 p.m. at UCF’s Downtown Academic Center President’s Minority Advisory Council Diversity Reception (invitation only) 7 p.m. at Student Union, Key West Rm. 218, the keynote speaker will be Dr. Aminah Beverly McClod, author of “African-American Islam”.

- Oct. 23, 7 p.m. at UCF Arena Puerto Rican Sinfonita.

- Oct. 24, 7 p.m. at UCF Arena Greek Extravaganza-National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show.

- “Creative Art Emerging,” an exhibit by the UCF Creative School for Children will be on display throughout the week in the Administration Building, second floor.

For information, visit the Office of Diversity Initiatives’ website at http://pgpan.ucf.edu/diver se or call 823-6740.

Art exhibit

“Cloth, Paper and Rubber Collisions,” by sculptor Johann Eyfells will be on display at the UCF Art Gallery through Nov. 12. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Judaic studies lectures

UCF’s Judaic Studies Program will host two guest lecturers:

Charles Lieberman, Bardian University professor of politics and religion, will discuss religious pluralism at 1 p.m., Oct. 19 in the Communication Building, Rm. 115.

Moshe Idol, professor of Kabbalah at Hebrew University in Israel, will speak on “Hasidicim: Ecstasy and Magic” at 10 a.m., Oct. 21 in the Humanities and Fine Arts Building, Rm. 207E. Idol will also present “Kabbalism: Messiahism and Mysticism in Judaism” at 7:30 p.m. that evening in the Visual Arts Auditorium.

All events are free and open to the public. Contact the Judaic Studies Office at 823-5129 for more information.

College of Health and Public Affairs reception

The College of Health and Public Affairs will host a reception for alumni and community representatives from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Oct. 25. Dean Belinda McCarthy and university officials will be present, as will local artist Walter Kravitz whose work will hang in the atrium area of the building.

For more information, contact Aimee McGrath at the UCF Alumni Association at 823-2425.

Business Education Fair

The College of Business Administration will host the UCF Business Education Fair from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 27 in the Business Administration Building. Faculty members and administrators will be present.

Library exhibit

The following exhibits will be on display during November in the UCF Library: “Pro-Wow: A Gathering of Nations,” by Dana H. Brunsley.

- “Discover Islam,” by Heba A. Ali of the Muslim Student Association.

- “The Military this Century,” by Scott A. Sko of the Office of Veteran’s Affairs.

- “International Images of Aging,” by Dr. Richard Tucker of the Department of Psychology.

- “Garden of Remembrance,” by Dr. Leslie Ellis of the UCF Retirement Association.

- “Cypress Dome,” by Cypress Dome Editor David Cropper.

New SARC hours

The Student Academic Resource Center will be open 24 hours a day starting 8 a.m., Oct. 11 through 5 p.m., Oct. 22. Contact 823-5130 for additional information.

Registration


Take Back the Night

The “Take Back the Night” march and rally, rescheduled because of Hurricane Floyd, will be held from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., Oct. 21 at the Reflecting Pond. For more information, contact Nancy Eastman at UCF Police/Victim Services, 823-2425.

Scholarships

- The Nicholson School of Communication is offering a $600 scholarship for the spring semester. Requirements are:
  1. Female
  2. preference 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 a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

5. undergraduate students must have completed a minimum of 90 hours toward a Bachelor of Arts degrees

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.

Application due Oct. 28 to the Communication Building, Room 238. For more information, contact Dr. Santana at 823-2535.

- 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 junior. Freshmen are not eligible
  3. Can only apply for one scholarship

- Can be enrolled in any major so long as the career intent is television or radio news.

For more information and application requirements, visit www.rtndf.org

Florida Leader magazine is accepting applications for Florida College Student of the Year. Nearly $50,000 in scholarships and prizes will be awarded. To find out about the requirements and get an application, log on to www.floridaleader.com or send a self-addressed stamped envelope, along with $1 postage, to Florida College Student of the Year Award, c/o Florida Leader magazine, P.O. Box 1481, Gainesville, FL 32604-2081. The deadline is Feb. 1, 2000.

RTND meet and greet

The Radio and Television News Directors Association will host a meet and greet from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 20 in the lobby of the Communication Building.

Correction

In the Oct. 13 edition of the Central Florida Future, the story “Election results contested” identified the Election Commission as the legislative body contesting the Senate elections. Actually, the Elections and Appointments Committee contested the elections.

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Daytona UCF hosts Counselor Education Day

MAYA LAZAROVITZ  STAFF WRITER

Daytona UCF, in conjunction with Daytona Beach Community College, recently hosted an in-service day for all Volusia and Flagler county schools.

Eighth through 12th grade counselors participated in the daylong event known as Counselor Education Day on Oct. 15.

"The purpose of Counselor Education Day is to bring the counselors up to date on all our programs, including any new courses, and a complete update on curriculum," Event Coordinator Joyce Deloach said.

"We want to show them our campus and everything that we have to offer, so that they can better guide students," she said.

The event started with a morning session held at DBCC, followed by lunch and a tour of the Daytona UCF campus.

Some of the topics covered were career and academic pathways for enrollment.

The 2+2 program, which consists of two years at DBCC and two years at UCF, was also discussed.

Counselor Education Day was the first time the two schools have joined together for this kind of programming.

The Psychology Club and Psi Chi sponsored the event.

"We are hoping that Counselor Education Day will make the counselors more able to guide students, and to make it easier for them to make a college decision," Deloach said.

"The UCF Brevard Campus at 5 p.m., Oct. 26 will host a speech by UCF Professor Jose Martinez, who will address the topic of careers in Applied Behavior Analysis.

"We try to bring practitioners in from the field so that students know what's available to them after graduation," director of the UCF/Brevard Campus Life Office, Karen Bray, said.

The first of these speaker events was held Aug. 25. Each week, another speaker is featured, or a joint social is held.

"We try to bring people together, to get them involved," Bray said.

"The Downtown Orlando UCF campus has recently started its Noontime Knowledge Series, a group of educational seminars held between the hours of noon and 1 p.m.

The seminars are free and open to everyone.

Senate run-off election results

College of Arts & Sciences:
Seat #10: *John Deeb / 181 votes / 56.9 percent
Bob Williams / 137 votes / 43.1 percent

College of Engineering:
Seat #1: *Benjamin Goff / 189 votes / 56.9 percent
Hunter Singh / 143 votes / 43.1 percent

Seat #5: Robert Richardson / 189 votes / 67.7 percent
Jeff Stahl / 90 votes / 32.3 percent

College of Health & Public Affairs:
Seat #5: *Julie Walls / 9 votes / 100 percent (unopposed)
Seat #6: *Javier Caveno / 9 votes / 100 percent (unopposed)
Seat #7: *Beth Barton / 10 votes / 100 percent (unopposed)

— Shelley Wilson
Diversity UCF — Campuses celebrate students’ differences

Maya Lazarovitz

This week UCF is celebrating Diversity Week, a nation-wide event.

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Team competes against Ivy League schools

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Professor Dr. Rob Remis, coach the Team 52 weeks out of the year. Remis said he and Sudia have set more guidelines this year for the group to improve the team’s quality.

“Last year we didn’t enforce anything,” Remis said. “This year, if you’re unprepared, you’re off the team. If you miss practice, you’re off the team.”

Competing against 200 other schools during the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) Nationals last spring, the Trial Team tied with UCLA and Boston College and Princeton.

“Not only are the trials diverse, so are the members who come from all majors.”

The difference between us and other organizations is that we are one of the very few clubs that compete ‘intelligently’ against schools in the Big Ten and the Ivy League at the national level,” he said. “In our department, the only difference between UCF and Harvard is geography.”

Competitions for the Trial Team resemble real-life court cases. Each year, trial teams across the country are assigned the same civil or criminal case by AMTA. They develop a theory about the case, prepare witnesses, opening statements, and closing arguments.

“The hardest part for the team, according to Sudia and Remis, is dealing with the evidence. Each of the competing members has to directly cross exam a witness.”

Opening statements, closing arguments, contingency examinations for witnesses — it’s all part of the game.

“The trials we have are extremely entertaining as their plot is usually laced with controversy and excitement,” Lopez said. “It is really no different than some movies and TV shows. We encourage everyone who is entertained by courtroom dramas to come to our trials.”

Not only are the trials diverse, so are the members who come from all majors.

The close bond Team members have formed comes from their trial experiences and smile. Not to say that starting on the Team is easy. Remis said the hardest part is teaching members how to act like a lawyer.

“Every student who starts is scared,” he said. “Building up their confidence so they can make and react to cases is hard. We’re more than just a club, we’re almost like a football team.”

Looking ahead 10 years, Remis and Sudia see themselves still coaching the Team. Both want students to look back at their trial experiences and smile.

“Your knowledge is valuable to someone else — it’s just a matter of teaching the Team,” Sudia said.

Despite all the time and commitments involved, members said they wouldn’t trade the experience for anything.

The UCF Triald Team, ranked 14th in the nation, is preparing to compete in the Mid-Tennessee Invitational in November.

“Mid-year, around competition time, you begin to cross examine everybody you come to have a conversation with,” Sos said. “If the remote control is missing, you will look over to your roommate and say ‘Isn’t it true you had the remote last? It really consumes a lot of time and thought, which is great. You don’t realize you’re gaining a valuable education and having so much fun at the same time. I love it.”
Adventurers pushing the limits, living life to the fullest

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jumps, said. "They don't really risk death in order to die, they want to live to the fullest. They don't want to look back at life and wish they'd done this and done that, they want to do it while they can," Burch said. "And to have no regrets when they get older."

"We are designed to push the limits," Michael Mattox, an aerospace engineer major, said. "We need to experiment with adventure, or die trying. The greatest thing about jumping out of a plane is looking out over the land and enjoying the incredible view, and feeling the wind rushing into your face. You feel that high, and that's when you know that you're really alive. That's worth the chance of hurting yourself."

Instructor Josh Dolan said that a person jumping will usually fall from 110 to 300 mph. "The less surface area you possess to wind, the faster you'll fall," he said. "It's like a boat cutting through the water."

Some question the safety of skydiving, but skydivers say these concerns are unfounded.

"For many 18- to 20-year-old students at UCF who has wanted to go parachuting for his reserve chute. He struggled until he hit the ground. He bounced off of the concrete like a basketball."

"If there were many fatalities, this wouldn't be a sport, this would be a military thing," Cheryl Nicastro, a member of the skydiving Passion 8, said. Cecil Davis, a retired member of the Army Special Forces, has served as a member of the Army Golden Knights and worked as a military-free fall (HALO) instructor. In five years of teaching skydiving, he has amassed 2,485 jumps. Davis says skydivers don't see themselves as maniacs with a death wish.

"For the most part, skydivers are very intelligent people who like the rush of doing things that most people would never even consider," Davis said. "After five knee operations, and six surgeries, I wouldn't trade one skydive for perfect knees."

"We're not out here to die from skydiving, we're here to live our lives to the fullest," Burch said. "For many people, it's an escape. People come here to unwind, and share a sport that very few people have ever done before. But it's not as crazy and dangerous as people perceive it to be. Now, with the training we have, and the equipment, it is so dependable.

The dangers of skydiving can be minimized by proper training and equipment checks. Here, the rapids were in the high threes, on a scale rating the waves top, you know that you've really accomplished something great."

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"Skydiving is an enjoyed sport in central Florida, many other extreme sports are popular with UCF students.

Jeremy Rice is a 19-year-old UCF student from West Palm Beach who appreciates a challenge. On his vacation time, Rice goes rock-climbing hundreds of feet over the ground at Looking Glass Mountain along Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C. He admits to being nervous when scaling a rock, but his fear pushes him further.

"I need to experiment with new things, and that was my last thought before I jumped out the door."
Journalism convention gives insight into business

REBECCA GRILLIOT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The officers of UCF's chapter of the Society Professional Journalists met journalists from around the nation and learned about current issues affecting journalism at the organization's national convention in Indianapolis.

SPI President Christine Selvaggi, Co-Vice Presidents, Leslie Johnson and Sarah Selvaggi, Secretary Jeff Case and Treasurer Pablo Silva attended the conference with approximately 600 other professional and college students from Oct. 3-6.

"Going to something like this is a great opportunity," Case said. "It was an excellent experience and I loved the city."

The students attended seminars, award receptions and made contacts with journalists from around the nation.

Representatives from newspapers and other publications attended to interview students and give them information on internships.

Selvaggi said meeting people was one of the most helpful parts of the conference. "Really the most important thing was networking, learning what prospective employers are looking for, what they want and what they expect," she said.

Selvaggi is hoping to get her first internship from someone she met at the conference.

Case, who attended last year's Los Angeles conference, said he felt there weren't as many opportunities at this year's conference.

"It was disappointing that there were not as many newspapers there to show our work to and have interviews with," Case said.

Because SPI is a professional, rather than college organization, some of the students felt that there was not enough focus on college journalism.

"It wasn't college oriented," Silva said. "It seemed more for professionals."

Many seminars appealed to both college and professional journalists.

"I think overall the entire conference was geared toward professionals, although there were some sessions geared for college students," Selvaggi said.

Selvaggi said she benefited from "Interviewing Techniques," a seminar by Don Ray that gave techniques on getting good quotes in interviews.

She also enjoyed "Courting Disasters," featuring Tom Mauser, father of the Columbine High School victims Daniel Mauser and Diane Leonard, whose husband died in the Oklahoma city bombings.

"It showed me to cover disasters, but to be sensitive to the victims," Selvaggi said.

Silva and Case said they learned from the seminars on online journalism.

"There was a lot of Internet stuff," Silva said. "It is another type of media that is becoming more and more accepted."

Case, who does a great deal of writing for web sites, found it frustrating that some professionals still do not view work published on the web in the same way they accept work published in newspapers.

"It aggravated me when they said that work on the web was not as good as something in print," he said. "But it also motivated me to show that I can go the way I've gone and still get a job."

SPI is open to anyone interested in journalism.

The club, which meets twice a month, hosts guest speakers and other events that may be of interest to those planning a career in journalism.

"All students interested in journalism should get involved in SPI and go to the meetings," Case said. "The experience is so individualized, it's good to know people who have been there or are going through some of the same things."

"I think it should be a requirement for all journalism majors," Silva said. "It is their only link with the real world and gives them the opportunity to talk with professionals."

SPI is currently planning a trip to the "Orlando Sentinel," and members hope to visit local television stations. Anyone interested in joining SPI should e-mail Selvaggi at milkwest@aol.com.
Birdcage Liner

Trams could solve the parking problem

Gina Lynne Carson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

What is the one thing 99 percent of UCF students have in common?

After reading this sentence, I bet most of you instantly thought "parking on campus.

Well, the hatefull parking dilemma affecting virtually all of us may not have to be so bad.

Though you may or may not have seen it zooming along campus, UCF is the proud owner of at least one tram. (I say there may be more because most of us really have no idea where our semesterly activity fees disappear to.)

My point being we all know how efficient trams are for getting many people from point A to point B. It seems every semester another parking lot is closed down for construction which takes forever to begin and even longer to end.

These lovely parking garages, which may be pleasing to Dr. Hirt's eye, are anything but efficient.

Would you believe that both parking garages, and the one under construction, hold less parking spaces than the lots they were built on?

But there is little we can do about it now.

What UCF could do for all of us is get the tram (and any others they have in hiding) running back and forth all day long from the Arena parking lots straight through to the center of campus.

Why buy something and never use it? None of us deserve to drive around endlessly looking for a parking space, especially when there is a simple solution.

I hope I made my idea, think of this—the SEPS patrols campus offering rides to those walking long distances in the dark, as protection from possible predators.

How about a system of construction from the scalding Florida sun and crazy drivers who rarely yield to pedestrians?

Who amongst us appreciates getting to class all sweaty from the long walk, only to freeze in the 65-degree rooms?

Our tuition dollars are being wasted and no one in UCF administration will ever let us know. It is up to us to demand what we want and demand it loud enough to ask to put equipment we already own to good use.

It is like driving to Disney World, paying to park two miles from the entrance, and then having to pay $45 or more to get in. At least they give you a lift to the front gates.

When you think of the tuition we pay and the added cost of the parking decal, we deserve a lift to the center of campus. Speak out and spread the word if you are one of the many who aren't good enough examples for the authors signature

The construction is not only a hazard around the dorms, but also around the Student Union and other areas around campus. With construction being so close to students, accidents are always a possibility.

Fortunately, UCF has made great strides to make this unlikely by fencing off the area with enough space to contain accidents.

The heavy construction across the entire UCF campus can be a general health hazard, not only in the worst of accidents, but also in airborne materials.

With higher winds, dust still manages to rise above the fence and guard against students walking to and from class.

While the construction may never end, UCF is determined to keep this campus growing. Ensuring the safety of its 30,000+ students should be a top priority.
Letters to the editor

Full disclosure preferable to campaign finance reform

Democrat and republican politicians make a practice of selling their influence to the highest bidder. Whether foreign tyrants, big businesses, unions or powerful special interests groups win the bid, the individual rights of the American people suffer. This has naturally, led many well-meaning people to call for more extensive checks on campaign financing. Yet, I wonder if they have considered who will be hindered most by these regulatory burdens.

Any political activist knows that fund raising is a real concern. Yet, it has been my experience, that for small grassroots groups, it is not the biggest hurdle. Determining what is permitted under regulations is the greatest obstacle.

Large special interest groups, established parties and political incumbents are able to hire full-time experts to comply with the regulations, while grassroots groups, third parties (e.g., the Libertarian or Taxpayer's Party) and many political challengers depend primarily upon volunteer activists. These volunteers are rarely equipped, nor do they have the time to deal with bureaucratic red tape.

In the same way regulations stifle small business, and protect big business from competition, so the finance laws will and do strangle the little guy while enriching the powerful pull peddlers.

The only way to stop politicians from selling influence is to limit the political sphere of influence. Remove the government’s ability to use coercive force against citizens and the problem will disappear.

Until then, the wisest reform would be to get rid of existing red tape and simply require full disclosure.

Ron Stringfield

Political tone inappropriate in commencement ceremony speech

I am a recent college graduate who attended commencement on Aug. 7, and am writing to express my disappointment over the speech given by US Representative Corrine Brown, and the comments that followed by UCF President John Hitt.

For myself and a number of my own colleagues, we thought that the tone was too political for graduation.

Corrine Brown spoke about a number of issues affecting women, but this was neither the time nor the place. Had this been a feminist rally or a campaign speech, her remarks would have been more appropriate. This was a time to honor all graduates, not just those of the feminine gender.

One area that Corrine Brown spoke about was the recent Women’s World Cup Soccer victory. After her speech, UCF President John Hitt added that if we believe that team sports are good for our sons, then why not for our daughters?

I did not find this to be a feminist statement, but a chauvinistic statement, for a number of reasons. First of all, and to some extent still today, boys were encouraged to participate in team sports, while girls were encouraged to participate in activities such as ballet and gymnastics. To assume that one is discriminatory while the other is not is a form of sexism.

We used to call men “chauvinists” when they said that women either “can’t” or “shouldn’t” play certain sports. Now, any man who would say such a thing knows he is fighting a losing battle.

So a new form of sexism has apparently developed where men assume the opposite position. In this case, this means going overboard by suggesting that girls have been completely victimized by not being able to do what boys do, implying that there is something wrong with the way that we’ve been raising girls, while there is nothing wrong with the way we’ve been raising our sons.

Had President Hitt said, “We shouldn’t discourage girls from team sports,” we shouldn’t encourage boys from gymnastics, volleyball or ice skating,” no one could accuse him of being sexist. But he implied that the activities that girls have traditionally done somehow have less value to society.

No, girls should not be discouraged from playing team sports if they so choose, but neither should they be discouraged from ice skating, ballet, tap, volleyball or gymnastics. This is just a new form of societal control, not a liberal attitude. Parents may not want their daughters to play soccer for the same essential reasons they may not want their son to take ballet.

I worked very hard to achieve my degree, and I attended commencement because I wanted to feel a sense of gratification for my hard work. Instead, I felt singled out as a woman and was humiliated in front of my family, friends and colleagues.

Carey Tyner
UCF Alumn
"Fight Club' packs good punch

John Bringardner
Contributing Writer

"Self improvement is masturbation. Now self destruction...

David Fincher's ('Se7en, The Game') synopsis-busting new film gives us one alternative lifestyle that, for the sake of making sense of, hopefully won't spawn any devout fan clubs.

We all have our vices. Not the little pleasures that make our lives bearable, those things that we need to keep our psyches intact. The truly pessimistic inhabitants of Train Spotters found their salvation in Fincher's anarchistic, subversive and ultimately enticing personification of the fictitious Tyler Durden.

In Fight Club, the vice of choice is that adrenaline high of bare-knuckle, face-to-face fighting, the realization of man's primal nature in a weak "generation raised by women." Ed Norton is our nameless narrator, an office drone lulled into inactivity by his corporate and shallow life. Norton leads a menial existence, fighting off his insufferable co-workers while a tense electronic edge without seeming intrusive.

His mental anguish is the silent side effect of affluence without emotion. In a world where a life-sucking but well paying job leads him to realize that his new counter-culture has become

... outpatient support groups (from testicular cancer to tuberculosis). Yet the feeling is never as gloomy as the color scheme. Norton walks through the living catacombs of Tyler Durden's mansion while a tense electronic edge without seeming intrusive.

Fincher makes full use of computerized effects to break down the bonds of consumerism.

Fincher's opus is fueled by heavy doses of testosterone, most of it coursing through the veins of Tyler Durden (Brad Pitt).

Norton leads a menial existence, fighting off his insufferable roommates as a "tourist" in dismal support groups (from testicular cancer to tuberculosis).

His hollow life jolts into high gear when he encounters Durden, the most nihilistic, subversive and utterly enticing person he's ever met...

After an unfortunate accident with his apartment, Norton warps into Durden's universe, a sort of parallel existence in which he finds himself living in his dilapidated mansion and feeding off of his chest-thumping anti-establishment rhetoric.

Helena Bonham Carter plays the token female in an otherwise male-dominated cast as Marla, the strong woman who worships at the altar of Tyler Durden. But if you're looking for the island of estrogen in the midst of this vast sea of testosterone, Marla doesn't fit the sensitive mold as neatly as Bob (Masturbator). As a result of hormone treatments for the loss of his testicles, Bob has developed an unnervingly large pair of what Norton disgustedly refers to as "bitch tits."
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‘Blair Witch’ filmmakers draw more than 3,000 to U. Florida speech

TREY CSAR
INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR

Slouched back in black leather sofas on a stage in the O'Connell Center, Dan Myrick and Eduardo Sanchez, two of the year's most talked about young filmmakers, casually answered questions about their nontraditional movie-making style.

The co-directors of the summer smash "The Blair Witch Project" talked to a group of more than 3,000 people Thursday night. The talk was sponsored by Accent, Student Government's speaker's bureau.

The film was shot unconventionally, they said, with the three primary actors working not from a script, but from minimal "director's notes" given to them every day.

"We did it in a completely real time scenario - the actors were there 24 hours a day," Sanchez said. "They ate there, they slept there, they went to the bathroom there. We figured if we kept the actors on their toes, they would have this dread of 'What the hell are these guys going to do to us tonight?' From the casting call the duo hoped to keep the actors jumping.

"We held the auditions much the same way we shot the film - improv," Myrick said. "We asked them immediately, 'Why do you think you should be brought off parole after a 12-year sentence?' They would either fall right into character or they wouldn't.

The pair also said near the end of the eight-day film shoot they scaled back the amount of food given to the actors to little more than "a PowerBar and a banana."

"We knew that they were going to be so physically and mentally exhausted by the end they were going to put something on film we couldn't produce (in Hollywood)," Sanchez said.

The result of that "experiment," they said, was lead character Heather Donahue's ultra-realistic, spookily lit, top-half-of-the-face apology to her parents.

The mystery surrounding the veracity of the "mockumentary" was one of the things that landed the movie a spot at the Sundance Film Festival - one of the top showcases for independent films.

"If you leave the theater and there's no proof that (it) was not real, we thought we could scare people," Sanchez said.

The hype about the movie ended up propelling the movie to $143 million in box-office revenue and its directors into the spotlight. Sanchez called his and Myrick's appearance on the cover of Time Magazine "absolutely f-ing ridiculous.

The two clearly showed off their relaxed and humorous attitudes throughout their hour and a half presentation. When one female audience member asked them how she could be in their next movie, called "Heart of Love," Sanchez was quick to reply.

"If you're willing to get naked, we'll put you in," he said.

Sanchez and Myrick were taken aback, however, by a question posed by UF freshman Kelly Hauser.

"I just wanted to know why your movie sucked so bad," she asked, adding later she was originally going to ask how they got in touch with Artisan Entertainment but later changed her mind.

Myrick's short answer: "$143 million."
Haunted Arboretum showcases CAB creativity

MAGGIE GUNTER
STAFF WRITER

Last Thursday night, CAB members invited students to be scared at the Haunted Arboretum, a mix of The Blair Witch Project, a traditional haunted house, and some original ideas.

The basic premise of the Haunted Arboretum is to drag you through the woods in a Blair-Witch and scare you. Numerous ads bearing the Blair Witch stick figures attempt to lure you in to the "myth" of the Arboretum, of four students that disappeared 30 years ago in the Arboretum.

There was an awesome turnout of students on Thursday night, which ended up being the only night of the event because of Hurricane Irene.

Some students waited two hours to go through the line because there were so many people, the tour took about ten minutes, and groups of only about 15 could go through at a time.

The walk through the Arboretum trail was led by CABbies who provided security and warned you to turn back, because of Hurricane Irene. Last Thursday night, which ended up being the only night of the event so many people, the tour took about ten minutes, and groups of only about 15 could go through at a time.

The monsters and ghouls are jumping out at a very high frequency by the time of the second part of the walk. A girl dressed like a normal student runs by and warns you to turn back, halting your group while one of the ghouls walks up to your leader and asks the guide if he or she knows who the girl is.

At this point, the concept of the Arboretum shifts from a traditional Haunted House to a "real" threat, which sets the stage for the next part, the scariest part of the tour.

You walk through a small shack that is reminiscent of the house from The Blair Witch Project. The Arboretum's coordinators lure you in to a false sense of security as you walk through and then startle you by charging at the sides of the shack.

After you walk through the shack, you come upon the end of the walk, which is a little confusing. Basically someone is getting hacked to death by a crazy person under blacklights and strobes.

Though the Arboretum isn't exactly Terror on Church Street or Halloween Horror Nights, the group from CAB that put it on did a great job with the resources they had.

Despite all of the wisecracks by my group, I was scared more than once, and anyone who went to the event is sure to be in the Halloween spirit.
"Mumford" is a tale of new beginnings, love, friendship and understanding through listening.

Loren Dean ("Gattaca," "Enemy of the State") plays Doc Mumford, a small-town shrink in the town of Mumford. His patients are an eclectic mix of the town's eccentric population, from the pathetic to the desperate.

But Doc Mumford has one secret: He is not, nor has he ever been, a licensed psychologist.

It takes a while for this information to reveal itself in the film, but it was prominently featured in the previews, so there are no real spoilers here.

Doc Mumford is a gifted listener, despite the fact that he doesn't have a degree in psychology. For no apparent reason, people like to tell him their problems, and by simply listening and trying to get a glimpse into the inner life of his patients, he is able to help them.

One of his patients is lost in his own sexual fantasies. Problem is, he never appears in them himself.

Problems arise early on when Mumford alienates one of his patients, played by Martin Short ("Mars Attacks," "Alice in Wonderland"), who then becomes determined to get even.

The patient tries to convince the town's two other mental health professionals that it would be in their best interest to have Mumford for stealing their clients.

Failing at this, he convinces them it would be in their best interest to at least look into his credentials.

Mumford passes muster with impeccably forged credentials and an airtight alibi, supported by the fact that all of his "mentors" have died recently in horrible accidents.

In one of the film's most powerful scenes, Mumford confesses everything to the town's "modern king" Skip Skipperton, played by Jason Lee ("Chasing Amy," "Mallrats").

This scene is shot from the Mumford's litany point of view in a shaky, grainy, cinéma vérité style. He tells Skip how he went to college as an out-of-place hillbilly who soon found himself lost in a world of sex and drugs.

He wandered aimlessly doing odd jobs, and because he was stoned all the time, people would tell him things assuming he was a good listener.

Eventually, he became one.

In an attempt to get his life together, Mumford applied for an office job with the IRS, where he eventually worked his way up to the position of investigator.

He found himself addicted to cocaine and having an affair with his partner's wife.

After setting up an innocent man who later killed himself, Mumford sees himself in the mirror for the first time in a long while. Disgusted with himself, Mumford kicks the coke habit and creates a new identity.

He moves to Mumford and starts a new life helping people the only way he knows how: by listening.

Ninety percent of the film looks like any other film shot in a small town or on a studio lot: crisp clean streets and small town charm. This makes the vérité scene stand out dramatically.

Dean appears so sedate at first that his role could have been played by any character actor with a straight face. But this is deceptive. Dean's performance is low key but admirable.

It's impossible to not sympathize with him as we learn of his past and root for his success in spite of his deception.

Lee plays the same character he has in every film he has starred in since "Mallrats," minus the vulgarity. Skip is an immature genius with a boyish quality that is much more endearing than anything he has done previously.

Hope Davis plays Sofie Crisp, Mumford's chronically fagged love interest. This entire premise is a bit weak through no fault of the actors. It just isn't particularly convincing that a man who has done so much to overcome his past would suddenly lose control over a woman who can barely get up the energy to go for a walk.

Davis is charming enough, but the character is so lifeless and pathetic that even though she is sick, it is difficult to really care.

Andie McDowell plays cafe owner Lily. She is vastly under-utilized in this film and that is a shame. McDowell is a brilliant actress and made the most of her few scenes as the woman who is simply too tired of men to keep trying.

"Mumford" is a charming, quirky little movie with tons of heart. It is a relief from cynicism in this season of millennial thrillers. It is light, but not without substance.
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Dear Nancy,

I've always been attracted to guys but about 8 months ago I started working at a pharmacy. At the pharmacy I met a girl who I think I'm attracted to. We've become the best of friends and I don't want to ruin our relationship. I'm confused what should I do?

-Confused J.

Dear J.,

So how far does this attraction thing go for you? Are you in bed at night, under the sheets fantasizing about her lips and hips? Or do you just think to yourself, she's really funny and a great friend?

Because there's definitely and difference and there's levels of attraction. It could just be that she's the nicest person you've ever met and you feel bonded or something to her. In that case it would be an emotional attraction. If you do decide that it's without a doubt a physical attraction or a combination of some sort, you need to feel out the situation.

(Not literally, at this point)

You said you two were the best of friends so you might already know her stand on some issues and some of her background. If she's already expressed negative feelings on any type of contact with the same sex, then oh well better luck next time.

But if she hasn't, maybe you could bring it up in conversation. Or if you're feeling courageous, just tell her what's been on your mind.

That way without complete humiliation you will know how she feels and you can decide on what to do from there. Good Luck!

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Dear Pre-Med,

You need to give yourself a big pat on the back for trying for two years. I would rather have all my teeth pulled out with a string tied to a door knob then sit through a science class but you've made it. That's the first of many things I'd mention to your parents. I'd also say that you've been thinking really hard and you think the family could use a little variety and you've elected yourself to add that extra spice in the career department. You could say, wouldn't it be nice to have a relative to talk to about stuff other than meds and beds, surgery and sore throats. Wouldn't it be cool if I was a _____? Hopefully they will nod their heads in agreement, wish you the best of luck and set you free to do what you want or at least go peacefully. But with families you never can tell they could disown you and you'll be left to fend for yourself and your new major in the cold cruel world. Before you confront them you should be prepared to cope with anything they might say or do and to stand your ground, firmly. You must remember that you are the only one in control of your life, and making a career choice is one of the biggest decisions you will face. So, be sure of yourself.

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First Things First

In July, a British Army helicopter, helping on an archaeological dig near Red Deer, Alberta, experienced a wild swinging of its cargo and was forced to jettison it in order to stabilize the chopper. The cargo was a large package of dinosaur bones said to be 68 million years old, which was smashed into splinters. Said the pilot, "I'm very sorry."

—Firefighters in Nixa, Mo., failed to make it to a burning house in a cul-de-sac in May in time to save it. The problem, said the fire chief. was that too many people were attending a crowded yard sale in a nearby house and were reluctant to move their cars to allow the engines to pass. And, said the chief, "When we were pulling out the boxes, they were tripping over them to get a look."

Ewwwww, Gross!

—More than 63,000 people visited the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif., in July and August to see the rare (considered by some botanists as their holy grail), huge Sumatran titan arum plant blossom to produce the world's largest flower.

—It is also possibly the world's most putrid, resembling rotten flesh and luring not bees but dung beetles. Coincidentally during the run, renowned botanist Bastian J.D. Meese passed away in Kirkland, Wash., at age 83; he was best known for his work with the large voodoo lily, which produces half-pound flowers that generate their own heat and a stench comparable to the titan arum's.

—Food in the News: Yogurt developed for the Russian space program, using bacteria from cosmonauts' saliva to bolster the immune system, will go on sale to the public soon, according to an August report in New Scientist magazine. And in May, Eichii Urata, 59, was rescued after being lost for 14 days on a 7,000-foot peak in the Japanese mountains near Nagano; for the last 14 days, he had nothing to eat except two jumbo squeezer tubes of mayonnaise, which he dashed on ice to make snow cones.

Things You Don't See Much Anymore

In Almaty, Kazakhstan, three employees of a psychiatric hospital were charged after bringing home seven prostitutes and killing and eating them in gourmet, ravioli-type dishes.

Recurring Themes

News of the Weird has reported on parents too busy to arrange for sitter's for their toddlers and who thus brought them along on crimes, most recently in 1998 when an Oregon woman robbed two banks with her three young daughters in the getaway car. In Paducah, Ky., in September 1999, Gloria Schaffner, 55, was arrested for prostitution in the front seat of a man's car; she had temporarily placed her 2-year-old granddaughter in the back seat while she conducted business.

Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 18757, Tampa, Fla. 33679, or Weird@compuserve.com.
The Promisse Ring
Very Emergency

What an incredible year 1999 is shaping up to be for pop music. First we had Fountains of Wayne’s ‘Utopia Parkway,’ which broke in April. I thought was a lock for album of the year. Then along came the Flaming Lips’ ‘•Postcard.’ “Things Just Getting Good” and ‘All Of My Everythings’ are classy love songs the pop-punk/punk underground ‘Promise Ring’ would scoff at, but they lend Emergency an added weight which makes the zooming shout-alongs all the more effective.

And in that vein, the Ring has never been stronger. Davey VonBohlen has improved on his tendency to repeat lyrics he thinks are particularly clever ad infinitum, and shouting backing vocals are employed to textbook effect. Check out “Emergency! Emergency!” where massed shouts of “St. O. S.” lift glorious barre chords into pop heights few dream of. “Happy Hour” and “Deep South” revisit the slightly denser, more traditionally “emo” territory of debut 30 Degrees Everywhere, only with thankfully much sharper production. “Skips A Beat,” with its harmonies and driving drums, smacks of “five favorite,” and if the archetypal indiepop riffery of “Living Around” (complete with soft bass-verse to loud guitar-chorus dynamics) crosses over to mainstream radio success, I won’t be at all surprised.

“I was born in 1968, born to replace Bobby Kennedy,” Davey sings on “Arms & Danger.” What is he seeing a career in politics now? Anything’s possible.

Musically, this album also illustrates a departure from “Revenge is Sweet and So Are You.” The guitar employs little to no distortion throughout the entire album, and many songs break from the three-piece punk format by adding trumpets, Hammond organs, pianos and other assorted noises.

Overall, the songs on “Alcatraz” have the collective quality of a cartoon soundtrack to a not-so-interesting episode of “School House Rocks.” They’re catchy, sort of funny, and you can really sing along to them, but once you’ve learned the lessons, the songs just don’t rock anymore. Kind of like the prison the album was named after.

—Jason Hardy

The Mr. T Experience
Alcatraz

Being in a punk band must be rough. As soon as a band claims it’s a “punk,” it is immediately judged, based on pre-conceived notions of what “punk” is or what it should be.

When fans hitch onto a punk band, you can bet that said band had better not change up its style very much over the course of its releases, lest it be willing to embrace cities of “sellout” or “wimp.”

Still, you have to grow up sometime, and the latest release by the Mr. T Experience, one of the Bay Area’s most widely recognized punk exports, shows a lot of definite growth, lyrically and musically.

But that doesn’t mean it’s good.

Dr. Frank, MTX’s frontman, has always had a way with words, and “Alcatraz” is another strong lesson in how to write witty, tongue-in-cheek pop songs. The difference lyrically between “Alcatraz” and MTX’s last album, “Revenge is Sweet and So Are You,” is that every song isn’t about a girl.

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UCF ends winless streak in TAAC

After starting the conference season 0-3, UCF defeated Florida Atlantic 2-1 on Sunday for its first TAAC win of the season. The Golden Knights lost to Campbell 2-1 on Thursday in double overtime.

"We were finally able to play our game," Coach Bob Winch said. "The first three games were bad luck. Plus, not having Antti (Laitinen) in goal hurt us."

Heikki Ritalainen scored in his seventh consecutive game against FAU. He scored both goals in the game for his 12th and 13th goals of the season, second to senior Ari Nurmi's 14.

Ritalainen gave UCF a 1-0 lead in the 42nd minute when he took a throw-in from Adam Hirsh and fired it in from 15 yards out. His second goal came in the 64th minute when he rebounded and scored a shot from Nurmi.

FAU scored in the 81st minute on a penalty kick to cut the lead in half, but Laitinen stepped out of net to challenge a shot with two minutes remaining to ensure the victory. Laitinen recorded six saves, outdoing FAU's Thomas Terrinha, who transferred from UCF.

"FAU wasn't able to create anything on offense," Winch said. "We feel very comfortable with Antti in there."

UCF suffered the difficult loss against Campbell after playing a man down for all but two minutes in the second half. The Golden Knights held a 1-0 lead until the 68th minute.

Ritalainen scored only four minutes into the game to give UCF the lead. He followed a missed shot by a teammate and scored on UCF's first attack of the game.

However, Omulf Olsen received a red card in the 48th minute, and Campbell finally got on the scoreboard when Tom Robey took a cross and beat Laitinen. UCF had a chance to win the game in regulation, but Nurmi's header sailed over the goal with 30 seconds remaining in regulation.

The Golden Knights held the Camels in check for much of the two overtime periods until Antonio Da Silva broke past the defense and beat Laitinen unassisted. Laitinen recorded seven saves but suffered his second loss of the season.

"Playing a man down didn't help us at all," Winch said. "Fortunately we got a result against FAU, so we're still in the hunt to make the tournament."

Up next

UCF plays its final two conference games on the road against Mercer and Georgia State. For the Knights to secure a playoff spot, it needs at least one win, but winning both would guarantee a spot in the tournament.

UCF heads to Macon on Thursday to play Mercer, and then makes a trip to Atlanta to face Georgia State on Saturday.

"It comes down to this week," Winch said. "With us, FAU, and Campbell fighting for playoff spots, it could get interesting."

While UCF is battling to make the tournament, the Bears and Panthers have secured spots. Mercer is currently in second at 3-1 behind Jacksonville, and GSU is third at 2-1. UCF needs to finish ahead of either FAU or Campbell to secure a spot. The victory over FAU gives UCF the tiebreaker against the Owls.

One-goal difference

The Golden Knights have struggled this year in close games, compiling a 2-5 mark in one-goal games. UCF's lone victories have come over FAU and in a 4-3 win against Bowling Green.

Unfortunately, three of the five losses took place when Antti Laitinen was not in net.

"It was disappointing to not have Antti in net for those games," Winch said. "The result could have been different with him in the game."

Three of UCF's five one-goal losses have occurred in conference play (Jacksonville 3-2, Stonet 2-1, and Campbell 2-1).

Laitinen earns player of week honors

Goalkeeper Antti Laitinen received the Trans America Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Week award for his stellar play during the period ending Oct. 17.

The junior political science major helped UCF post its first TAAC win this season with six saves in UCF's 2-1 victory over Florida Atlantic. For the week he made 13 saves on 17 shots and compiled a 1.50 goals against average. Laitinen ranks third in the conference with a 1.62 season GAA.

Laitinen joins Nurmi as the second Golden Knight to earn the distinction this year and is the seventh Player-of-the-Week selection this season.

Nurmi and a number of teammates rank among the TAAC's offensive leaders. Nurmi paces the league with 37 points. He is tied for the lead in goals (14), ranks second in assists (9) and fourth in shots (69).

Heikki Ritalainen, the senior striker riding a seven-game goal scoring streak, is tied for third in the TAAC with 13 goals and fourth at 29 points.

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at the UCF Student Health Center.

The Health Fee Committee has been reviewing funding of Student Health Services for the year 2000-2001 and will be making its recommendations.

Comments from the public will be welcome.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Gundersrud, UCF women’s golf finish third at Beacon Woods

BAYONET POINT -University of Central Florida women’s golfer Monica Gundersrud (Elverum, Norway/Norwegian School for Top Athletes) concluded the Beacon Woods Invitational Sunday with a final round 76 for 222 (+6) total and tied for third place in the tournament.

The Golden Knights shot 915 over three rounds to secure a third place finish out of 12 teams, seven strokes behind host South Florida and 29 behind tournament champion Mississippi State. The Bulldogs improved by six strokes Saturday and by five more strokes Sunday (208) to blow away the field.

Anna Gertson of Mississippi State took home medalist honors with three even-par rounds for 216 total. Fany Schaeffer of South Alabama shot the day’s best round. Her score of 70 moved her up from seventh to second in the individual standings at 220.

Gundersrud, a sophomore, tied with Lisa Thoren of Mississippi State, Meghan Bolger of Tulane and Kellee Lagodotis of South Florida.

An error in score tracking from Saturday’s play was reversed on the final day in UCF’s favor. The Golden Knights shot 303 as a team instead of 311 as originally indicated. However, that correction did not affect the final rankings.

The next tournament for the UCF women will be the Paradise Classic Women’s Intercollegiate hosted by the College of Charleston at Kiawah Island, S.C. Nov. 8-9.

UCF fares well against top talent
FAYETTEVILLE, ARK. - The UCF women’s cross country “A” team, comprised of just seven athletes, placed 13th against the nation’s top teams at the Chile Pepper Invitational on Saturday.

UCF raced the 5k against 22 teams at the Agri Park Cross Country Course, including No. 2 Arkansas and No. 5 Wisconsin, who took first and second.

Sonja Sheedon paced UCF as she sprinted to a 16th-place finish out of 161 competitors. Sheedon, who broke the school’s 5k record last weekend at the Gator Invitational, turned in a time of 18:11.

Brianne Harrington also cracked the top 50 by distancing through the course at 19:10 to garner 43rd-place honors.

Other finishers for the Golden Knights included Melissa Norris, 73rd, 19:46; Stephanie Cameron, 89th, 20:05; Gemma Dimery, 91st, 20:13; GeAna Rivera, 97th, 20:16 and Carmen Meyer, 99th, 20:19.

UCF fares well against top talent

UCF will send the men’s and women’s cross country teams head to Del and to compete in the Stetson Invitational.

Hurricane cancels tennis tournament
For the second straight week, the UCF men’s and women’s tennis teams were unable to begin their pre-season preparation. With Hurricane Irene moving along the space coast bringing heavy loads of rain to the Central Florida area, host Rollins College had to postpone the C.L. Verner Invitational until Oct. 29-31.

Last week, the South Alabama Invitational in Mobile, Alabama, in which UCF was to have competed in, was rained out.

“It’s frustrating,” said men’s head coach Bobby Cashman. “We’re working hard in practice and the guys need match experience right now.”

The players are also anxious to start the season. “I was eager to play at Rollins, especially when the first tournament raised doubts. Yes, obviously you can’t do anything about a hurricane,” said sophomore Johan Westin. “We have to continue to practice hard and be patient. There will be other opportunities.”

One such opportunity arises this upcoming weekend when the men’s team travels to Florida State and the Seminole Classic.

The Golden Knights will enter the tournament with juniors Federico Camacho and William Guerin, sophomore Westin, and freshman Augusto Sanabria. Despite the lack of match play, Westin is optimistic.

“The tournament is tough, but I hope we can do some damage,” said Westin.

No. 56 Florida State will lead a field that will also include Florida A&M and other programs that will test the Knights and provide a valuable pre-season measuring stick.

“I want us to gain match experience now in the fall,” Cashman said. “The team has suffered a little bit due to the bad weather, but they are working hard and waiting for the next tournament. There is not much more you can do.”

—DAVID WINBERG
Knights expect battles on nightly basis

UCF continued its season-long success in the Trans America Athletic Conference by cruising to an easy three-game match victory against Georgia State. The win moved UCF to 6-0 overall in the TAAC, but Golden Knights’ coach Meg Fitzgerald says her team is waiting for its next test of the year.

“There’s a lot of different people winning in the TAAC right now,” said Fitzgerald, who has led the Knights to an 11-10 overall record. “We still have yet to play Jacksonville, who is playing well this year. But the way how its been working this year, any team has a chance to beat anyone.”

The Dolphins host UCF on Oct. 30, marking the final game of the month for the Knights. Jacksonville has compiled a 3-0 record this season in the TAAC, second to UCF, and is 9-7 overall. But, Fitzgerald says the Knights are not looking ahead.

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Injury report

Sophomore Michelle Dayton, a defensive specialist, will likely miss the next two or three games. Fitzgerald said on Sunday that Dayton is suffering from a minor ankle sprain.

“She’s out right now and she’s going to be day to day,” Fitzgerald said.

“Knights expect battles on nightly basis”

Don’t even mention a streak

UCF’s six match winning streak in the TAAC is the Knights’ longest streak since 1997. Back then, UCF was in the midst of an eventual 65-match winning streak that was snapped last year. While the Knights have some time before they near the old streak, Fitzgerald is cautioning her team to take each game individually.

“We just try to talk about putting together good games one at a time,” she said. “Campbell wasn’t one of our best games and we didn’t do that well against Georgia State. We’re trying to put together two matches where we’ve put together six or seven good games in a row.”

Rosenberger, Sobczak show marked improvement

Fitzgerald gives credit to improved team play for the Knights recent success in the TAAC, but adds that two of UCF’s players have stepped up. Sophomore outside hitter Michelle Sobczak and senior outside hitter Susan Rosenberger were key in the Knights’ going 2-0 last week.

Rosenberger’s 15 kills against GSU led the team to a victory on Friday while her 20 kill, 16 dig performance helped UCF defeat George Mason on Oct. 11. Rosenberger has totaled 13 double-doubles (kills, digs) this season, which leads the team.

“Sue Rosenberger just finds a way to get kills,” Fitzgerald said. “She’s just athletic and got to the ball a little more last night. She jumps well and can hold her own out there.”

Sobczak played a key role in UCF’s first TAAC win this year, against Florida Atlantic. She had 20 kills and 17 digs against the Owls, 15 kills and 10 digs against Georgia Mason. 11 kills and 16 digs against Campbell.

“Against Campbell, Michelle had a great game with 10 kills and 15 digs,” Fitzgerald said. “She’s a good athlete and will be a good player once she learns more each game.”

Number crunching

Golden Knights currently leading the TAAC in statistical categories;

Piper Morgan, middle blocker: blocks per game (1.23) and total blocks (74).

Becca Sandala, setter: assists per game (12.64) and 2nd in total assists (647).

Other Knights in the TAAC Top 10 in statistical categories:

Susan Rosenberger, outside hitter: 4th in digs per game (3.39), 2nd in total digs (267), 4th in kills average (1.41) and total kills (208).
**UCF FOOTBALL**

**WOMEN’S SOCCER NOTEBOOK**

**On the road again**

The UCF Women’s Soccer Team spent last week travelling, going on the road to take on TAAC opponents Jacksonville, Samford and Jacksonville State. The Golden Knights, who had struggled in road games this season, looked to reverse their fortunes and establish themselves as the top team in the conference.

Beginning the week on October 12 against TAAC preseason favorite Jacksonville, UCF put the game away in the early going by scoring three goals in the first half. Junior midfielder Cally Howell started the scoring in the 24th minute when she took a pass from freshman Amanda King and beat the JU goalkeeper in a one-on-one situation. Sophomore Michelle Anderson followed with two goals for the Golden Knights, and Nicole Cieslak finished off the game in the second half with a goal, bringing the final score to 4-0.

Against Samford on October 15, UCF once again put the game away in the first half, with goals from Cieslak and UCF’s leading scorer, junior Claire Kohake. In the second half, both teams went scoreless, and the Knights won 2-0. UCF’s defense held Samford’s Mitzi Mahan, the TAAC’s leading scorer, to just two shots and no points in the game.

The team ended their road trip in Alabama at Jacksonville State University. The Gamecocks boast the TAAC’s top goalkeeper, Adriana Pinelli, who has a microscopic 0.67 goals-against average. JSU, despite being outmatched by a powerful Golden Knight offense, managed to hold UCF scoreless in regulation by dropping a majority of their players back on defense. The game ended after two overtimes in a 0-0 tie.

With two wins and a tie, the Golden Knights (9-5-1, 5-0-1) established themselves as overwhelming favorites to finish first in the TAAC, with only three conference games left against the bottom three teams in the standings.

**Banuls shines in goal**

Returning to the starting lineup after a three week hiatus, sophomore goalkeeper Maria Banuls played an important role in the Golden Knights’ successful road trip. Her three consecutive shutouts against Jacksonville, Samford and Jacksonville State increased her season total to six shutouts, lowering her goals-against average to 1.39. She now ranks second in the TAAC in shutouts against average to 1.00.

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**Golden Knights return home**

The Golden Knights, who are undefeated at home, have three games remaining on their schedule this season against TAAC opponents. This week the team will return home to face Mercer (2-9-1, 0-4-1) on October 21, and Troy State (3-10-1, 3-4-1). Mercer and TSU are tied for last place in the conference standings. With two wins, UCF could clinch the #1 seed in the season ending TAAC Tournament, which will take place at the UCF Soccer Field on November 4-6.

Last week, Auburn University, who is coached by former UCF Coach Karen Richter, blew Mercer out 5-0. Mercer also dropped a 2-1 decision against Campbell (4-9-1, 3-3-1), and lost 3-1 to Georgia State (7-6-1, 4-1-1). Troy State also played GSL last week, losing 1-0, and took Campbell to overtime on October 16 before falling 1-0 to the Camels.

The struggles of Troy State and Mercer, combined with UCF’s 5-0 record at home should make for a good week for the Golden Knights.

—DAVID MARSTERS
Pontiflet pressure leaves Colonels offense in shambles

TRAVIS BELL
STAFF WRITER

Senior defensive end Raheem Pontiflet had a rare opportunity come his way in UCF's 28-0 win against Nicholls State. Normally used in pass defense situations, Pontiflet was forced into full time duty when starting defensive end Fred Harley left the game with an ankle injury.

"When Fred went down that was my opportunity to go in and take over where Fred left off," Pontiflet said. "I just try to make the best of my opportunities when I get a chance."

Since joining UCF last season from Northeast Mississippi Community College, Pontiflet has been in a battle for playing time among a defensive line that was already improving heading into the 1999 season. He played sparingly in 10 games last year, but has been more involved in the defense this year since injuries have plagued the defensive line.

"I understand the defensive line better this year than last year," Pontiflet said. "I understand what the coaches want out of me, so I think it just took a little time to get in the flow of the game and I'm coming along now."

He got his first true test on Nicholls State's opening drive of the second half, playing the full set of down. He was in exactly where Harley left off.

On the first play of the drive, he made a tackle to stop a 3-yard run. Then on 3rd-and-2 from the NSU 42, linebacker Tony Hendrick forced a fumble from NSU quarterback Brad Stewart and Pontiflet was there to pick it up.

"It was almost like it was in slow motion," Pontiflet said of the play. "I saw the ball on the ground, and I was just trying to pick up the ball and run and try to score a touchdown. But it didn't work out that way. I was just happy to get the chance."

He returned it 16 yards to set up the UCF offense on the NSU 17.

"I wanted (to score) bad," Pontiflet said. "The running back was trying to get me and I tried to stiff-arm him off me. He just got a hold of me, and it was slippery. Otherwise, I would have scored."

Harley's ankle injury left a void at right end, opposite Marc Richardson on the left. In Richardson's assessment, the defense didn't miss a beat, as Pontiflet filled in nicely.

"He did a great job," Richardson said. "His pass rush is tremendous, and he makes big plays. He stepped up and made a crucial play when he recovered the fumble."

Pontiflet's play was consistently in the backfield during the second half. On NSU's opening drive of the third quarter, he recorded a tackle for a loss on a 2nd-and-7 that eventually led to a punt. Defensive line coach Andy Cox was most impressed with Pontiflet's play.

"He did an outstanding job," Cox said. "He's a senior guy and he gave some leadership on the field."

Pontiflet's final defensive tally came when he and Junior Moore sacked Smith for a 3-yard loss. His final numbers in an increase role consisted of three tackles, two for negative yards, one-half sack, and a fumble recovery. Most important to Pontiflet was the way the defense finally came together and played a solid game for 60 minutes.

"I think we played excellent," Pontiflet said. "This is the first game that we put everything together, and everyone was playing the way they were supposed to. I feel really happy about our performance tonight."

Scrimmages showcase exciting talent

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Scrimmages. Much of the attention during the drills was focused on the men's team, which showed off for the crowd with an array of high-flying dunks.

The teams participated in abbreviated scrimmage games, with each squad dividing its roster into two teams and playing against each other. The women's five-minute scrimmage ended in a 6-5 score, highlighted by the outside shot taken by sophomore guard Leslie Denon.

The men's game was much more high-scoring, with their two teams combining for more than 60 points in 12 minutes of play. While it wasn't the most fundamentally sound game ever played, the scrimmage did provide some fun basketball to watch.

Senior point guard Cory Perry sank a number of three-pointers, while freshman guard Al Miller showed off with fancy moves and some nice jump shots.

The highlight of the game was an alley-oop dunk from sophomore D'Quarius Stewart to junior Inyo Cee, which Stewart punched off the backboard for Cee, who took the pass in the air and slammed it home.

The UCF basketball teams will now return to normal practice schedules until November, during which they will play two exhibition games each before officially beginning the season. Both the men's and women's teams start their year on November 19 at the UCF Arena, with the women facing off against the nationally-ranked Miami Hurricanes at 7:30 p.m.
Knights need to rattle Rattay

Wednesday, October 20, 1999

Ratty

La. Tech has seen its share of good defenses this sea­son, playing two of the best in the Sun Belt in the season opener against the Aggies, falling 37-17. The tough slate paid off in their fourth contest, when a hail mary throw by backup quarterback Brian Stallworth as time expired sunk Alabama, 29-28. La. Tech has also taken care of I-A Sam Houston State (35-17), U.L.-Lafayette (41-31), and S.A. new­comer Middle Tennessee State (45-20). ‘I'd like to run the ball early, but we may open up pass­ing to get Vie (Penn) in a groove,’ Kruczek said. ‘Ideally, we'd like to keep their offense off the field, but we'd like to do that every game, so nothing is really different.’

Tailback Terrance Williams will again be questionable for the contest with a gimpy ankle, but Mack and Howard are capa­ble of handling the load. Mack comes off the first 100-yard game of the season.

“We know we have to keep the ball out of their hands, and we're confident we can do that with the run,’ Mack said. ‘We can control the ball with our backs, because we're all coming together and the offense is really starting to click’

La. Tech's Hobby Kay Bell is averaging over 100 yards per game on the ground, which Kruczek believes is a key to its’ off­ense’s improvement. Ironically, the two teams com­bined for nearly 900 yards pass­ing in last season’s game, but this year's game may have an entirely different undertone.

‘It will give us a chance to see where we're at,’ Kruczek said. ‘I'd say this is one of those games that's up in the air as to who should win.’

Which is to be expected from programs as similar as the Knights and Bulldogs.

Mack's 100-yard game gains place in UCF history

Jeff Jace

STAFF WRITER

Coach Mike Kruczek had a simple plan for junior tailback Edward Mack prior to UCF's game against Nicholls State last Saturday: just stay in the game.

“I told him before the game, maybe if you can have 60 minutes of healthy play, you can get something done out there,” Kruczek said following UCF's 28-0 win against Nicholls State. ‘He was able to make it over 100 yards. That was part of our plan and it worked out well.’

Officially, Mack scored twice and gained 108 yards on 17 carries, but to Mack, just getting back into the flow of UCF's offense was a treat.

“It's been a while since I've been able to be healthy and make and impact,” Mack said. “I got nothing out of last night. Before the game I was looking at all the time categories in his­tory, seeing who had the most total yards and the best 100­yard game. That kind of moti­vated me to come out and play well.’

By gaining 100-plus yards against NSU, Mack became the first rusher to reach that plateau since former tailback Mike Grant did it last year against Toledo-eleven games ago.

Saturday's performance was a welcome change for Mack after what has been a frustrating season at times. Mack leads the team with a 6.3 yards per carry average, but injuries have shortened the time he's had to display his skills.

As a quick-footed runner who is able to find gaps, Mack showed flashes of brilliance against both Florida and Georgia Tech earlier this year.

He capped opening scor­ing drives at both games that gave the Knights early 6-0 leads against UF and GT, but little went right for Mack from there. He often found himself on the bench by halftime as back spasms and muscle strains got the best of him.

Despite injuries shortening his playing time, Mack said he'll always remember his experience against the Gators.

“It was a good feeling to score on them because they resembled me pretty heavily out of high school, and then they backed off,’ he said. ‘A lot of teams did that to me, So whenever I get the chance to play against one of those teams, I always try to show them what they were missing out on.’

The Gators have missed out on more than a speedy running back, but also a team player. Mack is the oldest member in a tight knit group, although Mack said it didn't start out that way.

“It started out kind of (unfriendly competition), but I told them I'm going to help them learn all that I know,’ Mack said. ‘That way, no matter who is in the game, we can all count on each other. It's worked out great and we all pull for each other.’

While Mack remains the Knights' No. 2 back behind Williams, it has not kept Mack from competing for the starting spot. As he says, the No. 1 tailback spot is up for grab every week.

“Every week, it depends on who does the best in practice that gives the nod in the games,’ he said. ‘It's good because it gives each one of us time to recover and someone's in there who knows as much about the offense as you do.”
UCF fans enjoy wet, festive evening

ERIC ELLISON
STAFF WRITER

Hurricane Irene caused havoc this weekend in Florida, and although it managed to postpone the University of Miami’s game with Rutgers, it couldn’t interrupt the Golden Knights plan. The game time was pushed back one hour to avoid the storm as much as possible, but that’s all the damage Irene would do. A solid back­ ing of football hungry fans invaded the Citrus Bowl to see the Golden Knights show Nicholls State how football is to be played in what football enthusiasts would call perfect weather.

Neil Brady went crazy with his group of friends as UCF got all it’s guns firing in a 28-0 win over Nicholls State.

“We are all hardcore coming out here in this hurricane,” Brady said. “Rooting on our team as they’re tearing it up. The team is doing well and we need us (fans) here tearing it up.”

The game was played in blustery winds combined with a constant downpour. To many viewing the game this was how football was meant to be played and viewed. Sebastian the “Bandito” could not have imagined better weather to have his chest and root on his favorite college program.

“Everybody who is here is tough,” Sebastian said. “It’s rain­ ing. It’s cold. We’re barechested. Everybody who is here is a hardcore fan. The team is looking great. I think we are doing alright and taking care of business.”

Dwane Packer of Lawton, Michigan brought a northern perspective to the conditions of the game. He not only enjoyed the weather but the way in which UCF fans showed their devoted attitude towards their team.

“I came down here to enjoy the game and the weather. Compared to Michigan this is quite mild. It’s not snowing and there is no ice on the field,” Packer said. “I am enjoying the game and the fans like all the boys over there throwing their friends in the air with every UCF touchdown. I think it’s great. This is football weather and makes watching a game indoors up north seem unnatural.”

It was impressive to see such an inspired performance displayed by the football team in tormenting conditions. It was an equally impressive experience to enjoy this play with fans that enjoy seeing football played in conditions that bring out the heart of football. I have to admit that this was the best UCF game I have experienced in seven years of watching the program.

Nicholls State gets blanked in rainy weather

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drove 80 yards in 11 plays with Penn again connecting with Lee for a score, this time from 21 yards out. Nicholls State played hard,” defensive end Mary Richardson said. “They had their moments where they could have scored and we could have let up. But we stopped it up, and that shows a lot of character on our defense.”

The Golden Knights received an all around effort from the defense as Hardman and Deasberry DeVine returned to the lineup at linebacker. Those two players combined for 11 solo tackles, three for losses, two sacks, and one forced fumble.

Also for the first time this season, the defensive line was able to consistently put pressure on the opposing quarterback. They combined for nine tackles for losses, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, and four sacks. UCF’s six sacks were the most since recording eight against Southeastern Louisiana on October 24, 1998.

“This is expected of us every game,” defensive end Rahoon Pontiff said. “If we run the defense like we’re supposed to, this is gonna happen every game. They just told us to go out there and keep playing hard, and everything else would take care of itself.”

Of the Colonels 15 possessions in the game, UCF held them without getting past midfield on all but three occasions. Two of those three drives resulted in NSU turnovers - one on the UCF 24-yard line and another being forced fumble that resulted in a touchback.

“This helped us gain confidence in ourselves,” Richardson said. “This is the first time the starting squad was out there that the coaches thought would be out there. We knew that we had to go out there and make big plays, and we did.”

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Same old show for UCF against Colonels

Jeff Case
Staff Writer

Quarterback Vic Penn has only been a Golden Knight for six games and he already knows how UCF takes care of business.

"You know how we like to do it here," Penn said following UCF's 28-0 win against Nicholls State. "We like to keep everyone in suspense."

True. Vic. Saturday's win against Nicholls State was more of a cliff hanger than many UCF fans would have preferred. The Knights held a minuscule 7-0 lead at halftime, a disappointment considering Nicholls State is just a I-AA team.

The fact UCF blew away the Colonels in the second half, 21-0, failed to wash away the bad taste left by another of UCF's sub-par first halves. It's nothing new. For as long as can be remembered, UCF has seemed to have problems burying opponents early. It's something we've grown so accustomed to that it's almost scripted.

Knights enter stage right, fans cheer, band plays, crowd is hyped up and Division I-AA team is shaking in its boots.

Knights fail to capitalize on boot-shaking opponent gains confidence, and voila, the expected blowout ends up being a tight game at the half.

Coach yells at players, players get fired up, UCF blows away opponent in second half.

While it's not always that bad, Knight players and coaches know they've struggled to put together a solid first half all year. But worse yet, UCF is done with its home game cream puffs and will face its next Heisman-caliber quarterback this Saturday.

Up next for the Knights is Louisiana Tech, which boasts one of the nation's best passers, senior Tim Rattay. It's no secret that the Bulldogs will pass almost exclusively, which could be trouble early with UCF slow start syndrome.

Against Nicholls and Eastern Illinois, the Knights did little to distinguish themselves from their I-AA foes, disappointing for a team who had just come off a one-point loss to nationally-ranked Georgia. Worse yet, the Knights' coach Mike Kruczek has struggled to find answers to his team's poor start.

"Part of my job is teaching these guys how to be emotional for a football game, how to get up for it," Kruczek said. "If you're not an emotional person, at least I can look in these guys' eyes and they're in another world. Once you get to that point, it's tough to come out of it."

Unlike their game against Eastern Illinois, the Knights showed glimpses of the spark Kruczek spoke of. But all too often, it wasn't the rainy weather that put out the fire, but rather UCF's mistakes.

In the first quarter, senior defensive end Justin Moore intercepted NSU QB Brad Smith in the first quarter and had a clear path to the endzone. However, Moore's should've-been-touchdown turned into an option play gone horribly wrong with NSU recovering its mistake on the ill-advised pitch.

The Colonels fumbled the ball five times on Saturday, but UCF could only get to three of those miscues. Whether that can be chalked up to the bad weather is unknown, but UCF must capitalize on every mistake upcoming opponent Louisiana Tech makes.

Granted, La. Tech is not known for its ability to stop other teams but one thing it can be counted on to do is score.

In a loss to UCF last year, Tech managed 30 points and Rattay passed for more than 500 yards, despite his team getting crushed, 64-30. UCF lost only one fumble that day and used its ground game to run over the Bulldogs. Most notably, the Knights were up for the game and grabbed a 27-10 halftime lead from which it never looked back.

Despite UCF's dominance of the Bulldogs, it is Louisiana Tech who have gained the nation's respect. The Bulldogs have actually completed an upset, taking out Alabama earlier this season. They also have momentum having won four consecutive games after losing to No. 1 Florida State and No. 11 Texas A&M to start the season.

The Knights will look to end that string of victories, as they themselves try to run the table the rest of the way. A win against La. Tech would give Knight fans every reason to believe they can.
FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Slow starting Knights

The UCF offense got off to a slow start against Nicholls State, falling to score in the first quarter of play for the first time in thirteen games.

The last time the Golden Knights were unable to score in the first quarter was September 19, 1998 in a 35-7 loss to the Purdue Boilermakers.

Coach Mike Kruczek attributed the lack of offense in the early going to mistakes and poor execution.

"Dropped passes and lack of protection in the first quarter-you can't do that," said Kruczek. "Nicholls State gave us some different looks that we hadn't seen and we didn't pick it up, and they got to [Quarterback] Vic [Penn]. We had people open all night, but if you don't have the time to get it down there, then they've done their job on the other side of the football." 

Senior defensive lineman Justin Moore blamed the weather for the offense's first quarter woes.

"We can't really pass in that wind, and we're not of a passing team so it's understandable that the offense didn't produce in the first half, but they came out and produced in the second half and that's all that matters."

In the first quarter, the Golden Knight offense produced just 24 total yards, including negative three yards rushing. Penn completed only two of his seven attempts for 27 yards.

"We were definitely out of focus...we definitely have to prepare better for next week," said senior wide receiver Charles Lee.

They turned it around in the second quarter, however, and finished the game with 401 total yards of offense and 28 points. Junior running back Eddie Mack joined the UCF attack, rushing for 108 yards on 17 carries. His 100 yard game was the first for a Golden Knight since Mike Grant gained 101 yards against Toledo on October 3, 1998.

Defense has Colonels singing the blues

While UCF's offense struggled early in the game against Nicholls State, the Golden Knight defense did just the opposite, earning their first shutout of the season. They allowed Nicholls State only 196 total yards of offense for the game, forced five fumbles, sacked Colonel quarterback Brad Smith six times, and blocked a punt.

"It feels great. Anytime you get a shutout on defense it feels great," said Justin Moore. "We played hard, we played our butts off."

Of the five forced fumbles, UCF recovered three of them, and also had one interception. In the first quarter, defensive lineman Justin Moore picked off Colonel quarterback Brad Smith's shovel pass at the UCF 27 yard line, and returned it to near midfield before unsuccessfully attempting a lateral that hit the ground and was eventually recovered by Smith.

The four turnovers forced by the UCF defense was their best effort of the year.

"We made a bunch of big plays out there," said Moore. "I made that interception-I should have taken it to the house, but I tried to give my friend a little bit of glory and he dropped it."

The Golden Knights also had a season high six sacks.

"We thought that the weakness of the [Nicholls State] offense was the offensive line and we exploited that pretty well," said Kruczek.

Ricot snare

In the first quarter of the game, sophomore free safety Ricot Joseph broke through the Nicholls State offensive line and into the UCF record books. On 4th-and-6 from their own 24-yard line, the Colonels elected to punt.

A wise move in theory, yes, but Joseph made it look bad. He raced in and completely blocked the punt, which only travelled 21 yards, giving the Golden Knight offense very good field position. It was Joseph's second of the season, tying him with five others for the school record in that category. The last UCF player to block two punts in a season was Darryl Lantimore in 1997.

"Coach came up with a good plan the whole week, how we just run the gap between their legs, and we got free every time," said Joseph. "I was just looking at the ball and I got a good take off on the snap, and they weren't ready for it. [The punter] was taking his normal steps and I just blocked it. I would have blocked every one of them, but the punter started to take only one step."

When asked about having a UCF record, Joseph expressed his happiness.

"It feels great," he said.

The block was vindication for the UCF special teams, who had been criticized in past weeks for their mistakes.

"We got tired of hearing everyone say that we're not good," said Joseph. "We made it a point that we have to be on special teams - we take pride in the special teams, just like the offense and defense." 

Lee puts up big numbers

One of the bright spots for the UCF offense was senior wide receiver Charles Lee, who finished the game with 5 catches for 76 yards and two touchdowns.

Lee, who is eighth in the nation in receptions per game and 25th in receiving yards per game, kept the passing attack going when other receivers were having trouble catching the ball in the rain. His touchdown catches of 19 and 21 yards were his second and third of the season, which leads the team.

"On the touchdown passes, the offensive line did a great job blocking and Vic put the ball in the right spot and enabled me to make a play," Lee said.

Penn had problems throwing all night in the windy conditions, completing only 14 of his 35 passes for 204 yards.

Kicking woes continue

Sophomore place-kicker Javier Beorlegui continued his struggles against Nicholls State, missing two field goals from 44 and 31 yards. He made all four of his extra point attempts, but Coach Kruczek was disappointed with the efforts.

"I was disappointed with Javier missing that [31 yard] chip shot field goal," said Kruczek. "That's something that a 1A kicker has to get done, the snap was good, it was placed properly, you can't miss that. And he knows that, he's as disappointed as anybody. But it has to be consistent, and he needs to continue to work hard."

The 44-yard attempt came up short, but was a very difficult kick, as it was kicked against the heavy winds that hampered the entire game.

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UCF, La. Tech hook up in offensive showcase

TONY MEJIA
SPORTS EDITOR

Louisiana Tech joined Division I-A in 1989, but it is considered the program which most closely mirrors that of UCF's. The Bulldogs remain an independent, and considered a dangerous foe, playing tough schedules annually, and have a potent offense. Sound familiar?

If there is any team that can be considered UCF's natural rival, it's the Bulldogs.

"Yeah, we're similar. Same kind of problems," said Coach Mike Kruczek, "but the Bulldogs haven't been doing as well as we have for some years before us, but the programs are at a similar level." Coach Mike Kruczek said. "Is there a rivalry? I think so. The fact that we went up there and kind of embarrassed them in their house last year probably gives them a revenge factor. They are going to want to do the same thing to us." UCF destroyed Louisiana Tech in Ruston last season, winning 64-30 in its season opener. The Bulldogs had just come off an impressive performance against Nebraska and came in with a lot of confidence, but got rolled by a Daunte Culpepper-led Golden Knight offense. "Maybe they didn't quite give us much respect, having just played Nebraska," Kruczek said. "It sure didn't seem that their defense came out to play. This year's defensive unit is much improved. I sure don't anticipate us putting up 60 points again...these are two entirely different teams." The Golden Knights lost offensive cornerstone Culpepper, Mike Grant, Siaha Burley, and Mark Nonsant, but have gotten tremendous production from Vie Penn, running backs Terrance Williams, Edward Mack, and Omar Howard, and receivers Kenny Clark and Charles Lee. Meanwhile, the Bulldogs have changed coaches, with Jack Bicknell taking over for Gary Crowton, who left to become the offensive coordinator of the NFL's Chicago Bears. Leading receiver Troy Edwards, who torched Delwyn Daigre have done a nice job replacing his production, combining for an average of over 15 completions each game. The Bulldogs are coming off their first loss of the season, a 30-27 defeat at the hands of Nebraska. The Golden Knights on the other hand have won their first two games.

NEXT UP

STAFF WRITER

While the UCF offense struggled with the sluggish play of its offensive line against Nicholls State, the defense thrived on the opportunity to show that they have what it takes to shut someone down. The defense led UCF to a 28-0 win over Nicholls State, much-needed confidence before heading into a key game against Louisiana Tech on Saturday.

"Obviously when you get a shutout, you have to be pleased," linebacker coach Bill D'Ottavio said. "The kids were executing the plan and doing what we asked them to do. They played together and it looked like they had fun playing." Despite being on the field for over 32 minutes and facing 60 offensive plays from NSU, the Golden Knights held the Colonels to only 108 yards, the fewest allowed by UCF since yielding 196 in a 48-0 shutout of another I-A school, Eastern Illinois, on September 12, 1998.

More important than the yards allowed, the defense forced three turnovers, recorded six sacks, and had 12 tackles for losses, NSU converted only 2 of 14 third downs and had only 12 first downs.

"Luckily we got a couple of turnovers and kept them out of the endzone, so it's important to remember that we can take the load," defensive coordinator Andy Cox said. "I think our guys believe in themselves now, and the defense did a good job setting the tone.

UCF pressured NSU quarterback Brad Smith all night as he completed only 10-of-20 passes for 49 yards, with his longest pass completion going for a mere nine yards. The defense made its presence felt early as Josten Moore picked off Smith late in the first quarter. The defense gave the Golden Knights offense comfortable field position all night as UCF's average starting field position was its own 41. Despite having a short field to work with, the Golden Knights led only 7-0 at halftime.

Midway through the second quarter, the defense held NSU at the Colonels own 5 and forced them to punt. UCF scored five plays later on a 5-yard TD run by Edward Mack. Early in the third quarter, Tony Hardman forced a fumble at the NSU 40, and four plays later, UCF was in the end zone, as quarterback Vic Penn connected with Charles Lee from 19 yards out for a 14-0 lead.

The defense secured the shutout late in the third quarter when Smith broke free for the UCF 9-yard line, but Asante Samuel's hit from behind jarred the ball loose, and they went through the back of the endzone for a touchback. On the ensuing drive, UCF

Basketball teams make debut

DAVID MARSTERS
STAFF WRITER

Basketball season has officially begun.

At 12:01 a.m. on the night of October 15, the beginning of the 1999-2000 college basketball season became official. Students at schools around the country flocked to Midnight Madness, the traditional tip-off for college hoops, and UCF was no exception.

The festivities got underway at 10:30 p.m. in the UCF Arena, amidst a pep rally atmosphere, consisting of games for students and performances by the UCF cheerleaders, dance team and band. Contests for the fans ranged from drawings for UCF-related prizes, to the ever-popular "dizzy bat" relay, to "Beat the Pro," in which UCF students tried to make as many free throws in 30 seconds as Adelene Johnson, a member of the WNBA's Orlando Miracle.

Junior Vic Penn's play last Saturday pleased Coach Mike Kruczek, who praised his quarterback for taking care of the football and effectively running the offense in adverse weather conditions.
New Senate Ready to Start

Nearly 1700 students casted their votes for the SGA Senate this past week.

Senate elections were held this past week for the Thirty-second Student Body Senate. Tents were set up in front of the Student Union, the Math and Physics building, the Business building, and the Education building for the elections. 1674 students voted for what they felt were the best candidates. I felt this was one way I could get involved and voice my opinion,” said sophomore Joseph Barbito.

Senior Sandy Baker said, “I wanted to run but with my classes and work, I didn’t have the time needed to serve as a Senator. By voting, I at least can have some say in what goes on in Senate.”

With only 5-6% of the Student Body voting, some of the 50 seats up for election were decided by less than 20 votes.

“I think that the low turnout was due to the bad weather and apathetic feelings towards the Senate. If students would take a look at the actual numbers of votes, they would see that a few more votes would have made a huge difference,” said senior Jessica Smith.

Many students are excited about the new Senate and looking forward to an exciting year.

Following are the results of the 1999 elections for the Thirty-second Student Senate.

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Elections Commissioner Kim Carroll assists sophomore Phil Berry during the elections.

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Dear Fellow Knights,

I trust everyone is having a good semester and staying safe. It has been hard to catch our breath after the 1998 elections. With elections done and the executive cabinet in place, we are gearing up for an exciting year. We have many plans to serve you, the students, and it is my hope that we can work with Senate and the Judicial branch to put away past issues and strive towards a better Student Government for the millennium.

I have recently vetoed several spending bills that have come across my desk and I would like to inform you as to my justification for such action. I am concerned about the magnitude of spending that Senate has approved. The reason being, is that next year’s Activity and Service Fee budget is going to be approximately 1-1.5 million dollars less than it is this year. I am trying to address big issues that are effecting UCF now and in the future, i.e. transportation, parking, and the new Student Activity Center. We need to take some of the extra money we have this year and use it for those types of issues. I also want to help insure that each of you will receive as much back from your Activity and Service Fee as possible.

Student Government’s primary goal is to provide a variety of services that will enhance your educational experience. I will not condone small organizations receiving large amounts of money. I am working diligently with the old and new senators, who I might add are very patient, as we collectively transform UCF SGA into a premier, student oriented association.

Servicing you,

Andy Cupicha

p.s. Homecoming is just a few days away....I hope you’re ready to party!
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**SGA Needs You!**

UCF students (from left) Jason Lubbe, Keith Nash, Jan Braga, and Ian Phillips volunteer in quite the unconventional way. The SGA golf cart’s battery died and these willing students helped push it back to the battery chargers.

Look in future Quest issues for ways you can get involved in YOUR Student Government.
Clubs and Organizations as to addition, raising the awareness to and how to receive this funding dent Activities, Student Legal Lab, Knightro's Copy Kingdom, will be part of my duties.

Eddie Ruiz
Director of Campus Relations

As Director of Campus Relations, my primary concern is providing the means for students to get involved with Student Government events. Since SGA is here for the students, I will ensure everything we do will be in the best interests of the Student Body. This means that I will be working closely with the Director of Promotions.

In addition to this, I also want to build better relations with the branch campuses. I would like to involve them in SGA more than they already are and keep them updated regularly. Even though they are separated from us physically, they are still an integral piece of our University. Together, I believe we can make UCF a premier University.

Stephanie Levinson
Director of Alumni & Graduate Affairs

My primary objective as Director of Alumni and Graduate Affairs is to keep open the lines of communication between Student Government and the Alumni Relations Office. I will also be responsible for recruiting graduate students to take a more prominent role in Student Government.

I plan on creating an annual luncheon with the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, the Alumni staff and Student Government to exchange ideas and information. I would also like to reinstate alumni scholarships and increase alumni support for Student Government events.

Reggie Thomas
Judicial Advisor

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Your 1999-2000 Executive Cabinet

Akiva Johnson
Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs and Women's Studies

As director, I will be responsible for facilitating greater cultural awareness among students, faculty, and staff of the University.

Eddy Scharf
Director of Technology

As Director of Technology Services, I will maintain the student government computers and other SG equipment. I am also in charge of SG computer programs and the SGA web site. Through the use of email and Pen-Gus, I will hope to increase student feedback concerning SGA making it a better Student Government to serve the needs of students into the millennium.

Fred Piccolo
Director of Governmental Affairs

As the Director of Governmental Affairs, I am responsible for organizing voter registration drives on campus and answering any voting or election related questions outside of UCF. On top of my campus duties, I will also be responsible for going to Tallahassee and Washington, DC to lobby both state and national legislatures on issues relating to student needs.

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Freddy Cano
Director of Student Services

I will be overseeing the management of the SGA Computer Lab, Knightro's Copy Kingdom, and the Ticket Center. I will also be working with the various SGA agencies such as the Office of Student Activities, Student Legal Services, and the Student Union. In addition, raising the awareness to Clubs and Organizations as to what type of funding is available and how to receive this funding will be part of my duties.

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Judicial Council

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### Intramural Sport Schedules

#### Fall 1999
- **Badminton**: Oct 21
- **Volleyball**: Nov 1
- **Tennis Singles “A”**: Nov 4
- **Soccer**: Nov 8
- **Bench Press**: Nov 15
- **Tennis Singles “B”**: Nov 18

#### Spring 2000
- **Comm. Baseball**: Jan 6
- **Comm. Volleyball**: Jan 6
- **3 on 3 Basketball**: Jan 10
- **Basketball Bonanza**: Jan 18
- **Tennis Doubles**: Jan 20
- **Wiffleball**: Jan 24
- **Racquetball Singles**: Feb 1
- **Track and Field Meet**: Feb 7
- **Kickball**: Feb 7
- **Schick Super Hoops**: Feb 9
- **Floor Hockey**: Feb 14
- **Softball**: Feb 21
- **2 on 2 Sand Volleyball**: Feb 28
- **4 on 4 Flag Football**: Mar 6
- **Bulliards**: Mar 6
- **Wrestling**: Mar 27
- **Bowling**: Mar 27
- **Golf**: Apr 3

#### Summer 2000
- **Comm. Volleyball**: May 15
- **Tennis**: May 15
- **Comm. Tennis Singles**: May 15
- **3 on 3 Basketball**: May 15
- **2 on 2 Sand Volleyball**: May 15
- **4 on 4 Flag Football**: May 15
- **Golf Scramble**: May 22

* Fee Based Community League

#### Want to be an aerobic instructor?
- **Aerobics Aqua Aerobics**
  - UCF pool
  - Monday - 5:30pm
  - Tuesday & Thursday - 12pm

- **Aerobics**
  - (beginner step, intermediate step, Power step, combo with weights, and kickboxing)
  - Fitness Center
  - Monday-Friday
  - 10am, 12pm, 3pm,
  - 4:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:15pm,
  - 8:30pm

**Check Rec Services for specific times and days.**

#### UCF Football 1999 Schedule

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**Bold games indicates Home games.**

All times subject to change.

UCF Home games are played at the Florida Citrus Bowl.

#### Rec Services Building Update

The 90,000+ sq ft building set to open Fall 2001

UCF is in the middle of planning for the $14 million building to be constructed beside the current Rec Services building. Construction is set to start in April or May 2000 and should be finished in June of 2001. 2 months will then be needed to furnish the building and it will be open for the Fall semester of 2001.

**Plans for Phase I include a snackbar with an outdoor deck, administrative offices and classrooms, an indoor track overlooking four basketball courts, a climbing wall, locker rooms, two racquetball courts, weight room, aerobics and fitness rooms, and a wellness center.**

Mark Hall, director of the Student Union, said, “This building will be on the same level as other nationally known recreational complexes.”

10,000 square feet will be devoted to weight lifting alone, increasing the current weightlifting space by more than 500%. In order to make room for the new building, the varsity athletics fields will be relocated to the area by the UCF Arena. The baseball stadium is currently under construction.

Phase II of the Recreational Services building will double the space provided by Phase I and will provide an indoor pool, additional aerobics and martial arts space, a lounge, and much more. Plans for this phase are still in the preliminary stages so dates, costs, and specific details are not available.

“I think it’s awesome! I wish it was already built,” said sophomore Christina Velez.

Call 1-800-Aerobic to register

### Want to be an aerobic instructor?

- **Sign up now for an Aerobic and/or Kickboxing Instructor Certification.**

  **When:**
  - October 23, 24
  - 8am-5pm

  **What:**
  - Aerobic and Kickboxing Certification

  **Where:**
  - Rec Svs Rm 117

  **Cost:**
  - $179plus books