Hang time at UCF
Extreme sports on the rise among students

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There, two...one...and Jasmin Richer is flying. In one second she falls 35 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 50 seconds later, the sound of the wind is screeching and the girl can barely hear Richer's cries in Richer's ears.

One of the nearest airport hangars to UCF where people can experience tandem skydive is the Skydive Space Center in Titusville. Surfers and divers of the sky will 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," he said.

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Skydivers often feel the sport helps them live their lives with more fulfillment. "People jump in order to see what it's all about, to live on the edge, to feel more alive," CFL Burch, ESPN's sky-surfing world champion and two-time ESPN X-Games gold medalist said with over 7,000

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 a complete 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 boxes sealed 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.

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STAFF WRITER

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 says. "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 professor in Legal Studies

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• 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.

Step show planned for Homecoming

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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, stepping is a modern form of African dances that is an arhythmic 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 '92 & '93, 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 every day 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 prix and the bragging rights.

"Nobody comes to this show expecting to lose," he said. "Everybody 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:
Karla 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 McDaniel 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," McDaniel said. "We thought it should be more action-packed than the other movies suggested.

More information compiled by Shelley Wilson.
News briefs

Diversity Week

The Office of Diversity Initiatives is hosting the Seventh Annual Diversity Week, "Remembering Our Past, Creating Our Future" Oct. 18 - 24.

The following is a schedule of activities:

- Oct. 20, 6 p.m. at Student Union, Key West Rm. 218 Kappu Delta Diversity Dinner (invitation only), featuring Frances 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-Olson
- 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. Amiinah Beverly McClord, author of "African-American Islam"
- Oct. 23, 7 p.m at UFC Arenas Puerto Rican Sinfonia
- Oct. 24, 7 p.m. at UFC 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 more information, visit the Office of Diversity Initiatives' website at http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/-diver or call 823-6740.

Art exhibit

"Cloth, Paper and Rubber Collisions," by sculptor Johann Eyefelt 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, Bar-Ilan University professor of politics and religion, will discuss religious pluralism at 1 p.m., Oct. 19 in the Communication Building, Rm. 115.

Moshe Idel, professor of Kabbalah at Hebrew University in Israel, will speak on "Hasidism: Ecstasy and Magic" at 10 a.m., Oct. 21 in the Humanities and Fine Arts Building, Rm. 207E. Idel will also present "Kabbalah: Messianism and Mysticism in Judaism" at 7:30 p.m. that evening in the Visual Arts Building auditorium.

All events are free and open to the public. Contact the Judaic Studies Office at 823-5120 for more information.

College of Health and Public Affairs reception

The College of Health and Public Affairs reception 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 Atrium. Faculty members and administration will be present.

Library exhibit

The following exhibits will be on display during November in the UCF Library:


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

Early registration for spring 2000 begins Oct. 25. Register on-line at

POLARIS at https://polaris.ucf.edu Register by telephone using Touch-Tone at 407-823-2527 or toll free at 877-823-2527.

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

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. Officially enrolled in college and have at least one full academic year remaining
  2. Fully enrolled college sophomore or higher, freshmen are not eligible
  3. Can only apply for one scholarship
  4. Can be enrolled in any major so long as the career intent is television or radio news

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

- Florida Leader magazine is now 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 14851, Gainesville, FL 32604-2081. The deadline is Feb. 1, 2000.

RTNDA 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 UCFBrevard 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 Nontraditional 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.

Senator run-off election results

College of Arts & Sciences:
Seat #10: *Julio 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 Cavero / 9 votes / 100 percent (unopposed)
Seat #7: *Beth Barton / 10 votes / 100 percent (unopposed)
Diversity UCF —
Campuses celebrate students’ differences

MAYA LAZAROVITZ
STAFF WRITER

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

At UCF's main campus, the week began with a panel on international students Oct. 18. The day continued with a speech by Chairman Mel Martinez of the Orange County Commission, followed by a documentary and movie. Another speech by Carl Boyd, entitled "Nobody Rises to Low Expectations", ended the day.

The rest of the week will feature various panels on a range of topics, such as "Study Abroad," "Administrators in Targeted Schools," "Experience of Being an Exceptional Student" and "Beginning Teachers in Multicultural Settings."

Other events include a multicultural fair on the green opposite main campus, with many cultures on campus, the more events there are on campus, the more students can be involved.

The differences between our campus and its cultures is what makes education fun.

"We wanted to spread diversity through the student body. The more events there are on campus, the more students can be involved. We're hoping for a good turnout this year."

This year's Diversity Week celebration will also feature a grand prize drawing. At the beginning of the week, each participant will receive a passport.

Students must go to two events on each page of the passport in order to compete in the drawing. They must also name at least one of the artifacts displayed in the College of Education display case. Prizes include passes to movies and theme parks.

At Daytona UCF, Diversity Week activities were held Oct. 19.

The day began with a networking function, at which European, American and Asian food was served. A timeline with the history of the Daytona campus was on display, as well as storyboards provided by Legal Studies, the Student Council for Exceptional Children and Future Teachers of America.

In addition, law professor Frank Ravitch spoke on the topic of religious diversity and the legal issues concerning it. Throughout the day, Daytona UCF hosted a blood drive. Donors received a $10 discount on tickets to Universal Studios' Halloween Horror Nights.

The Psychology Club and Daytona UCF's Student Government Association sponsored the Diversity Week event.

"A lot of our students are in internships on Wednesdays and Thursdays, so we decided to plan events for when there were students on campus," Karen Ehny, coordinator of SGA Daytona, said. "It's important that students be made aware of the diversity of this campus and its cultures. The differences between our students is what makes education fun. People from different cultures learn in different ways, and everyone learns more in the process."
Team competes against Ivy League schools

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fessor 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.

Lopez is confident the Team will be a contender for this year's AMTA National Championship.

"The difference between us and other organizations is that we are one of the very few clubs that compete 'intellectually' 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-examine 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 laden 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 drama 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 spending 30 to 40 hours a week together. The excitement they share for their accomplishments has spread to new members.

"I had class with a couple of students who were on the Team who seemed real excited about being ranked 14th in the country," freshman Lonnie Vitello, said. "I found my niche, tried out for the team and here I am."

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"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.

"You don't really realize that college is the best time of your life, and it's things like being a member of the Trial Team that makes it more memorable," Sudia said.

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

"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 it all to be done, and that's what they do to get older.

"We are designed to push the limits," Michael Manor, a retired Army veteran, 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."

Interestingly, John Delan said that a person jumping will usually fall 110 to 300 mph. "The less surface area you possess to the 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.

Regarded as one of the 20-year-old students at UCF who has wanted to go parachuting her whole life. However, years ago her father witnessed a skydiving accident first-hand while watching a father and son skydiving team perform at an air force base in northern Florida.

"The father and son jumped together," Ledford said. "The father's chute opened, and the sons didn't. And the son couldn't cut away his original chute fast enough for his parachute. He just struggled the whole way down, swinging his arms, until he hit the ground. He bounced off of the concrete like a basketball."

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Chris Cimaglia, a 23-year-old Skydiving instructor, agreed with Richter.

"Skydiving is a lifestyle," she said. "It's a way of seeing life, and being able to fly. You can see the earth from above, and see all of its beauty."

While skydiving is enjoyed 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 don't climb dangerous rocks to impress anybody," he said. "I do it all just for the rush. I love the challenge put on myself by climbing. Next, I'll try skydiving!"

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Cecil Davis, a retired member of the Army Special Forces, who served as a member of the Army Golden Knights and worked as a military free-fall (HALO) instructor. In his years of teaching skydiving, he has amassed 2,495 jumps. Davis 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 these things that most people would never even consider," Davis said. "After five knee operations, and surgery to sever tendons, I wouldn't trade one skydive for perfect knees."

"We're not out here to die from skydiving, we're out 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. According to Delan, there are over 3,000 jumps, said Delan. "We've got 200 jumps, and I've never had any trouble whatsoever. When you are trained to skydive, from your very first jump, you'll know exactly what to do in an emergency situation."

Approximately 75-80 percent of the fatalities in the sport occur with functional chutes. "Due to the state-of-the-art equipment, the computer, that is built inside of the parachute, now you don't hear of the person hitting the ground unconscious, or not opening up a parachute," Delan said. "Any skydiving accidents are the result of inexperienced instructors," he said. "You get people with too big of an ego problem trying to fly their high performance parachutes. That is always a recipe for death."

Most skydivers prefer the rush that happens after, rather than during, their free-fall. Once a person's feet touch the ground, the arousal level kicks in. "When you first start to skydive, it has an extreme rush to it," Delan said. "As you get more experience, it gets to be more of a sport that I would equate with surfing. You learn how to fly your body, and that's an addictive thing."

"To me, it is the best rush ever experienced," Davis said. "Life isn't worth living if you are afraid of dying."

"It was so awesome, it's crazy," Calibuso, of the Skydive Space Center, said. "I was shaking for about 20 minutes after I landed. You don't get nervous until you have to climb out of the door. I kept hearing my mom saying maybe this isn't such a good idea, and that was my last thought before I jumped out the door."

John Smith practiced law for five years in Washington, D.C. However, he chose to give it all up to do maintenance work at the Skydive Space Center. "I came here for a weekend, and now I'm stuck here," he said. "It's a fantastic place to be."

"Every UCF student should come out and jump," Richter said. "There are a few who already come out and do it. Everybody should jump; the whole world would be a better place."

"Skydiving is the most fun thing you can do," she said. "Instructing is cool because you get students who really want to learn. You have to actually try in order to understand."
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 President, 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 opportunities.

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," a seminar on interviewing Tim Mauser, father of the Columbine High School victim 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. "This 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 doesn't have to be a requirement for all journalism majors," Silva said. "It's 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@ael.com

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Trams could solve the parking problem

Gina Lynne Carson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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

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

Well, the hellish 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.

Just use our tram. Think of this—the SEPS tram campus offering rides to those walking long distances in the dark, as protection from possible predators.

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

Our tram 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 that it is told as much 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 gate, and then having to pay $45 or more to get in. At least they give you a lift to the front gate.

While attending 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 students being left behind with a tremendous extra cost to get in. At least they give you a lift to the 65-degree rooms.

With the time it is taking, there is little chance that this will be solved anytime soon.

The construction is not only a hazard around the dorms, but also around the Student Union and other areas around campus.

Construction being so close to students, accidents are always a possibility.

Fortunately, UCF has made great strides to make this unhappy 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 by airborne materials.

With higher winds, dust still manages to rise above the fence guards and can affect 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, and I thought that the tone was inappropriate. This was a time to honor all graduates, not just those of the feminine gender.

One area that Corrine Brown spoke about was the 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.

I did not find this to be a feminist statement, but a chauvinistic one. It implied that the activities that girls have traditionally done somehow have less value to society.

Had President Hitt said, “We should not discourage girls from team sports if they so choose, but we should not 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 encouraged 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 sons 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 Tytner
UCF Alum
‘Fight Club’ packs good punch

John Bringardner
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

“Self-improvement is masturbation. Now self destruction...”

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

We all have our vices. Not the little pleasures that make our lives cheery, but those things we need to make life bearable, those things that we need to keep our psyches intact.

The lowly inhabitants of Trainspotting found their salvation in Fincher has created one of the most interesting film experiences to come out of Hollywood in years. Visually, Fight Club is the perfect vehicle for a natural aggression rendered impotent by society.

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After an unfortunate accident with his apartment, Norton finds himself living in his dilapidated mansion and feeding off of his chest-thumping anti-establishment rhetoric.

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Yet the feeling is never as gloomy as the color scheme. Norton’s monotonous narration amusingly comments on his absurd lifestyle. Durden’s spidery criticisms of the consumer lifestyle and his disregard for conventional manners are enough to classify this film as a black comedy with revolutionary implications.

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Fincher was the answer that Norton needed, a solution that only leads him to realize that his new counter-culture has become as corporate and shallow as the world he tried to escape.

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Dan Myrick and Eduardo Sanchez spoke at U. Florida last week.

"Blair Witch" filmmakers draw more than 3,000 to U. Florida speech

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 mini­

"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 they were going to be so physically and mental­

tly 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 charac­
ter 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 scar 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 atti­
dutes throughout their hour and a half presentation. When one female crowd 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 ques­
tion 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

CAB organizes a 'Blair Witch Project' inspired haunted house and maze and some other creative ideas in the mix

Maggie Gunther
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 FTU 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 tried very hard to give us a good scare. The first half of the walk is much like a traditional haunted house, with people jumping out from behind things and rustling the bushes. 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-solving up to your tour 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.

Through 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.

Across
1. Hit the slopes
2. Random
3. Bike
5. Daint
7. Attempt
9. One more time
12. Mauritius
14. Retrospective
16. Tartan...cliff
18. HMS Victory
21. Nilly
24. HBO's hockey team
26. Invert Whitney
27. Taurus worm
30. Passes over
31. Island instrument
35. Unwarp frut
36. Choose like Eminem
37. Geological periods
38. Grave robber
39. Geological periods
44. Mournful poem
47. Lez
49. Crusoe's creator
50. Munro
51. Center
53. McShane

Down
1. In the air
2. Actor
3. Your name in
3. Tornado
4. Nails of death
5. Zimbabwe's capital
6. Shows one's teeth
7. Kitchen appliance
8. State of Massachusetts
9. Hendo's mystery
10. Hugo's side
11. Lively enthusiasm
12. Tennis racket
13. Puts on front
14. Enthused
15. Loopers
16. Puts on front
17. Crunchy
18. Pasta
19. Emerald water's source
20. Asian capital
21. Red alert
22. Garnett's Grudge Match
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"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.

Problems arose 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 at least look into Mumford's credentials. Mumford passes muster with impeccably forged credentials and an air of 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 literal point of view in a shaky, grainy, cinema verité 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. Dismayed with himself, Mumford kicks the coke habit and creates a new identity.

Town shrink in the town of Mumford. His wife.

Problems had been 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 verity 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.

Loren Dean is Dr. Mumford; the only catch is that the "doctor" is not a real psychologist. He moves to Mumford and starts a new life helping people the only way he knows how: by listening.

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Angelina Jolie is Lily. She's not, nor has she ever been, a licensed psychologist. She is light, but not without substance.

She is an 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.
Hey! Wanna really scare your friends?
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October 20, 1999

Hey!
Wanna really scare your friends?
(No, no, no, keep your clothes on!)

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 a difference and that level 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.

Since you do work with her, you need to go about this in a manner that won't be completely uncomfortable. So, maybe you could explain your thoughts asking for her advice but not admit that she's the one you're thinking about.

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

Dear Nancy,

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Dear J.,

Pretty much everyone in my family is either a doctor or a nurse, and guess what? I ended up in the Pre-Med program myself. After two years of stressing out with bio classes I'm ready to quit. I'm afraid my parents will freak out when I tell them I don't want to become a doctor anymore. I still want to be college but I want to try something else. What do you think I should do? How do I break the news to my parents? I'm lost!
—Confused Pre-Med

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.

—Confused Pre-Med

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

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 stabilise 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 hoses, 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 to be their holy grail), huge Sumarian titianium plant blossom to produce the world's largest flower. It is also possibly the world's most perfect, resembling rotting flesh and luring not bees but dung beetles. Coincidentally during the run, renowned botanist Bastiaan J.D. Meeuse passed away in Kirkland, Wash., at age 83; he was best known for his work with the large vooodoo lily, which produces half-pound flowers that generate their own heat and a stench comparable to the titianium'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, Eichi Urata, 59, was rescued after being lost for 15 days on a 7,700-foot peak in the Japanese mountains near Nagano; for the last 14 days, he had nothing to eat except two jumbo zucchini-type of tomatoes, which he doused in 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 Schottner, 55, was arrested for prostitution inside a front seat of a man's car; she had temporarily placed her 2-year-old granddaughter in the back seat while she conducted business.

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Solutions to Jail Overcrowding

In April in Alberton, Prince Edward Island, Judge Ralph Thompson gave drunk driver Dennis Joseph Peters, 45, only a suspended sentence for his fourth conviction, citing Peters' medical claim that he should not be jailed because he gets claustrophobic.

And jailors in Quebec City sent drug trafficker Michel Racine, 57, home in July because the authorities, believe, have enough on him from his prior convictions, saying against his thigh, might appear to fifth-grade to be the Founding Father's penis.

Joseph Emanuel Leutze's famous painting against his thigh, might appear to fifth-graders to be the Founding Father's penis.

Cox News Service reported in August that Florida courts are split on whether jailors in the tough guys stitch, knit and crochet blankets and 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 Schottner, 55, was arrested for prostitution inside a front seat of a man's car; she had temporarily placed her 2-year-old granddaughter in the back seat while she conducted business.

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311 Soundsystem

With its newest release, Soundsystem, 311 proves innovative songwriting and musicianship can distinguish itself. Though there is a plethora of rap/rock fusion bands making its way in the music industry today, 311 has definitely evolved and the members have put themselves head and shoulders above the rest.

311 built an enormous national following, with little help from the media, through constant touring and its first two albums, Grassroots and Music. But it wasn’t until the group’s self-titled LP that the quintet from Omaha, Neb., started spurring mainstream interest. With the single “Down,” 311 burst onto MTV and the Billboard charts, leaving longtime fans toward mainstream success. Instead, it has seemed to become fuller.

While 311 has produced a few catchy tunes, which wound up on radio airwaves, “Down” was merely a precursor of what was to come.“Down” is one of the 311 sound. Its urgency and driving drums, smells of “live favorite,” and if the archetypal indie pop 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 VonBohlen says on “Arms & Danger.” What, is he viewing a career in politics now? Anything’s possible. After Very Emergency, VonBohlen and Promise Ring ought to have the world in their palm.

—Tony Lauer

The Promise 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 back up April I thought was a lock for album of the year. Then along came the Flaming Lips’ “The Soft Bulletin,” which was even better. It doesn’t stop there, either. Milwaukee’s The Promise Ring’s third album, ‘Very Emergency,’ completes a trifecta of perfect pop albums you can look for on my year-end top ten list.

If 1999 is any indicator, we may soon be looking at a five-album year. As in 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 cries 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.

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
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**MEN'S SOCCER NOTEBOOK**

**UCF ends wireless 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. Plain, not having Antti (Laitinen) in goal hurt us."

Heikki Ritvanen 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.

Ritvanen 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 54th 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 stopped a shot with two minutes remaining to ensure the victory. Laitinen recorded six saves, outdoing FAU's Thomas Turnheim, who transferred from UAB.

"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.

Ritvanen 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, Ornulf Olsen received a red card in the 48th minute, and Campbell finally got on the scoreboard when Tom Robey took a corner 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 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 over 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 in net.

"It was disappointing to not have Antti in net for those games," Winch said. "We thought Antti could have differed with him in the game.”

Three of UCF's five one-goal losses have occurred in conference play (Jacksonville 3-2, Stetson 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 26 shots with 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 distinction this year and is the seventh Player-of-the-Week.

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 (49).

Heikki Ritvanen, 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.

—TRAVIS BELL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

There will be a public meeting on the student health fee Thursday, October 14, 10:00 a.m. 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.
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 11-0 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 him 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.

"That match is a while off, but we've got Stetson (Oct. 19), Mercer (Oct. 21) and Florida Atlantic (Oct. 26) between those games. That's our focus."

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.

"We hope to have her back by the time we play Mercer or at least Jacksonville."

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 George 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:

- Becca Sandala, setter: assists per game (12.64) and 2nd in total assists (647)
- Piper Morgan, middle blocker: blocks per game (1.23) and total blocks (74)
- Beca 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 (207), 4th in kills average (1.41) and total kills (208)

—JEFF CASE
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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 Kohske. 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 Knight’s 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. Banuls is currently riding a 300-minute consecutive shutout streak, the longest streak for a UCF goalkeeper this season. Banuls and freshman goalkeeper Jessica Kuhlman have dominated the TAAC this year, combining for six shutouts in UCF’s six conference games. No TAAC opponent has scored against the Golden Knights this season.

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 COLONEL OFFENSE IN SHAMBLES

TRAVIS BELL
STAFF WRITER

Senior defensive end Rabeen 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. He took full advantage.

"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 in transition heading into the 1998 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 downs. He filled 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 Hardman forced a fumble from NSU quarterback Brad Smith 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 the ball up 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. 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 Marv 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 final defensive tally came when he and Justin 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 real 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 shooting of sophomore guard Leslie Detain.

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 senior D'Quarius Stewart to junior-inyo Cuc, which Stewart bounced off the backboard for Cuc, 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 season on November 19 at the UCF Arena, with the women taking on in-state rival South Florida at 5:15 p.m., and the men facing off against the nationally-ranked Miami Hurricanes at 7:30 p.m.
Knights need to rattle Rattay

average of 13 receptions and 160 yards which was Edwards' average output last year. Back to run the offense is All-America candidate Tim Rattay, one of the nation's leading passers. Rattay threw for over 500 yards against the Knights last season, one week after torching Nebraska for 590. "We've got to get pressure on him," defensive end Justin Moore said. "We know they are going to throw the ball a thousand times a game, so we should be able to stop them if we know what's coming. Rattay is a good quarterback though, he's tough." Defensive captain Jeff Fye, who returned to the lineup after missing Nichols State due to a torn collagen, said he was still not completely healed for the contest against the Colonels, but knows he needs to get it together in preparation for Rattay's attack. "Last year they threw the ball all over us but we had that big lead," Fye said. "Still, we have to remain focused and set the tone. They don't have that one receiver (Edwards) anymore, so we'll have to bottle up 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 Bobby Ray Tell is averaging over 100 yards per game on the ground, which Knuczek believes is a key to its' offense's improvement. Ironically, the two teams combined for nearly 900 yards last in last season's game, but this year's game may have an entirely different outcome. "It will give us a chance to see where we're at," Knuczek 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

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," Knuczek 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 impact," Mack said. "I got missed out on last night. Before the game I was looking at the all time categories in history, seeing who had the most touchdowns and the last 100-yard 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 New York high school player of the year Terrance Williams and former UCF's 100-yard rushing game of the season, gaining 108 yards against Nicholls State. 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. "It's been a good feeling to score on them because they reconized 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 we were really looking at." The Gators have missed out more than a speedy running back, but also a team player. Mack is the oldest member in a UCF running back platoon that includes JUCO player of the year Terrance Williams and former New York high school player of the year Omar Howard. As the team's returning leader in rushing yards, Mack could have expected to be the focal point of the Knights' rushing attack. Instead, UCF is using all three backs almost equally and effectively this season. The three tailbacks are a tight knit group, although Mack said it 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

By Eric Eliason

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 backing of football hungry fans invaded the Citrus Bowl to see the Golden Knights show Nicholls State how the sport 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 its guns firing in a 28-0 win over Nicholls State.

"We are all hardcore coming out here in this hurricane," Brady said. "Roofting on our team as they're tearing it up. The team is doing well and we need you (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.

Sabastian, the "Bandito" could not have imagined better weather to bare his chest and root on his favorite college program.

"Everybody who is here is tough," Sabastian said. "It's raining. 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 diehard 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 Handman and Deontray 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 Southwestern Louisiana on October 24, 1998.

"This is expected of us every game," defensive end Raeboom 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."
Hey, all you Knights Fans...Be a part of the UCF pre-game Party of the Season! Join together to cheer on the KNIGHTS when they meet Eastern Michigan for the biggest homecoming ever at the Citrus Bowl on

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Fan Fair starts at 1pm and goes until kick-off!

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Same old show for UCF against Colonels

JEFF CASE
SPORTS 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 UCF's coach Mike Kruczek has struggled to put together a solid first half. It's all year. But worse yet, UCF has seemed to have problems burying opponents early.

"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 see the focus and clarity and your intent. Sometimes 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." 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.

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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 held without a point 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 us. 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.

"You 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 what matters."

In the first quarter, the Golden Knight offense produced just 24 total yards, all that a 34-yard pass down the sideline by wide receiver Charles Smith.

"I was disappointed with the ball and I got a good take off on the snap," said Joseph. "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 six times, and blocked a punt.

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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 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." The 44-yard attempt came up short, but was a very difficult kick, as it was done, the snap was good, it was placed 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.

"I was disappointed with 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 tired of everyone saying that we're not good," said Joseph. "We made it a point that we have to be on our 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 the all night in the windy conditions, completing only 14 of his 35 passes for 204 yards.

Kicking woes continue
Sophomore place-kicker Javier Becolegui 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 effort.

"I was disappointed with Javier missing that [31 yard] chip shot field goal," said Kruczek. "That's something that a 1-A 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's time 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.

—DAVID MARSTERS
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, are considered a dangerous foe, play 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, same kind of situation. They got to I-A a few 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 64 points again...these are two entirely different teams."

The Golden Knights lost offensive cornerstones Culpepper, Mike Grant, Stasha Burley, and Mark Nonsant, but have gotten tremendous production from Vie Penn, raining back 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 UCF for 13 receptions and 206 yards, is now sitting out on Sundays for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Receivers James Jordan and Delwyn Daigre have done a nice job replacing his production, combining for an average of 10 catches per game.

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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 pop-music 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 Adesione Johnson, a member of the WNBA's Orlando Magic.

"Beat the Pro" is a timed, one-on-one, three-point shooting competition for fans. The top three shooters, as judged by student-athletes, receive a free ticket to a UCF basketball game. The top overall shooter receives a free ticket to a UCF football game.

UCF defense steps up to pitch shutout

TRAVIS BELL
STAFF WRITER

While the UCF offense struggled with the lofty field condition 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, a much-needed confidence booster heading into a key game against Louisiana Tech on Saturday.

"Obviously when you go up a shutout, you have to be pleased," helmscooch Bill D'Otto said. "The kids were execution 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 158 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 13 first downs.

"Luckily we got a couple of turnovers and kept them out of the endzone, so it's good to know that we can tote the load," defensive coach 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-21 passes for 69 yards, with his longest pass completion going for a mere nine yards. The defense made its presence felt early as Justen 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 3 and forced them to punt. UCF scored five plays later on a 3-yard TD run by Edward Mack. Early in the third quarter, Tony Hardinman forced a fumble at the NSU 40, and four plays later, UCF was in the end zone, as quarterback Vie 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 it went through the back of the endzone for a touch backup. On the ensuing drive, UCF
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 3-6% 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.

College of Arts & Sciences
Seat 1
Kyle Mattingly
Seat 2
Chris Reuhl
Seat 3
Katie Campbell
Seat 4
Anna Burger
Seat 5
Brian McCue
Seat 6
Stacy Hughes
Seat 7
Brooke Arnold
Seat 8
Joe Hilson
Seat 9
Dianne Sapp
Seat 10
John Dech
Seat 11
Amanda Harkin
Seat 12
Patrick Dougan
Seat 13
Elyse Shiduk
Seat 14
Eric McCray
Seat 15
Matthew Bornfeund
Seat 16
Seth Davis
Seat 17
Kelly Levison
Seat 18
Karen Brenden

College of Business
Seat 1
Angela Raila
Seat 2
Clare Savner
Seat 3
Shelly Cowen
Seat 4
John Santo
Seat 5
John Newsstreet
Seat 6
Marco Pena
Seat 7
Marcia Hoffman
Seat 8
Brian Butts
Seat 9
Amy Forni

College of Education
Seat 1
Michael Kellen
Seat 2
Kristian Comme
Seat 3
Jennifer Harvey
Seat 4
Melissa Lust
Seat 5

Seat 6
Robert Messinger

Letter From the President

Dear Fellow Knights,

I trust everyone is having a good semester and staying safe. It has been hard to catch our breath here in Student Government with all that has been happening. With elections done and the executive cabinet selected, 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 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 working hard, to rectify the above mentioned concerns. Thank you for your patience as we collectively transform UCF SGA into a premier, student oriented association.

Serving you,

Andy Cupicha

p.s. Homecoming is just a few days away......I hope you’re ready to party!
CAB Events

Calendar of Events

Mon-Fri, Oct 18-22
Diversity Week

Wednesday, Oct 20
Theatre Knight
“Side by Side by Sondheim”
7:45pm
UCF Theatre

Sun-Sat, Oct 24-30
Homecoming Week

Thursday, Nov 9
Mr. UCF Pageant
Student Resource Center Auditorium

Tuesday, Nov 16
Volunteer UCF
Interest Session
1-3pm
SU 218A

Thursday, Nov 18
Thursday Night Live
Poetry Reading
7:30pm
UCF Bookstore

Monday, Nov 22
Theatre Knight
“A Soldier’s Play”
7:45pm
UCF Theatre

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Seat 4  Selena Ali
Seat 5  Julie Walk
Seat 6  Javier Cavero
Seat 7  Beth Barton

Main at Large

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Brevard at Large
Seat 1  South Orlando at Large

Daytona at Large
Seat 1  Daniel Harshbarger

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

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Homecoming Week Events

Sun, Oct 24  Greek Extravaganza
     8pm, UCF Arena

Mon, Oct 25  Out door movie “Mummy”
     8pm, Reflecting Pond

Tues, Oct 26  UCF “Student and Alumni Knight”
     at Have a Nice Day Cafe

Wed, Oct 27  Homecoming Carnival
     2-10pm, UCF Arena
    Parking Lot

Thu, Oct 28  Skit Knight
     8pm, UCF Arena

Fri, Oct 29  Spirit Splash
     2:30pm, Reflecting Pond

Sat, Oct 30  Homecoming Parade
     King and Queen Crowning
     Lenny Kravitz Concert
     11am, downtown Orlando
    half time of Football Game
    8pm, Citrus Bowl
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.

Reggie Thomas
Judicial Advisor

As Judicial Advisor, I am available to advise all students appearing before the Judicial Council or any other hearing agent established by the Student Body Constitution in any action or disciplinary hearing. Because of this role, I remain neutral and non-partisan at all times.

My office is always open to any student needing advising for any reason relating to the school.

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.

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.

Dave Scharf
Director of Technology Services

As the 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 website. Through the use of email and Pegasus, I hope to increase student feedback concerning SGA making it a better Student Government to serve the needs of students into the millennium.

Michele Fernandez
Attorney General

As the Attorney General, I am primarily the legal advisor to the President. With that responsibility, I also advise students on the Student Body Constitution and the Student Body Statutes. I will be making revisions to the Student Body Statutes where needed and will investigate cases involving violations of the student body and university rules and regulations.

Squishy
Ex.ectuive branch, I promote the name suggests, my primary responsibility is to promote Student Government. I plan on doing this through the monthly publication of the Quest, the SGA website, advertisements in local media, and through various other promotional materials such as the Squishy Knitshirts, t-shirts, and other give-aways.

Even though I work for the Executive branch, I will be promoting all 3 branches of Student Government keeping you, the student body, informed of what's going on in Senate and the Judicial Council. I will also be promoting any events that SGA hosts such as concerts and seminars.

Stephenie 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.

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Richard Payne
Comptroller

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Your 1999-2000 Executive Cabinet

After reviewing several applications and interviewing many qualified candidates, the following people were appointed by Student Body President Andy Cupicha and confirmed by the Thirty-First Senate as Cabinet members.

Each of them has a heart for the students and a desire to serve them in their respective roles. Positions range from Alumni relations to Judicial Advisor to Technology. Despite what their job descriptions may be, each of them has at least one thing in common: they are here to serve you!

Brian McMahon
Director of Promotions

As the name suggests, my primary responsibility is to promote Student Government. I plan on doing this through the monthly publication of the Quest, the SGA website, advertisements in local media, and through various other promotional materials such as the Squishy Knitshirts, t-shirts, and other give-aways.

Even though I work for the Executive branch, I will be promoting all 3 branches of Student Government keeping you, the student body, informed of what's going on in Senate and the Judicial Council. I will also be promoting any events that SGA hosts such as concerts and seminars.

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.

Stephanie Levinson
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Michele Fernandez
Attorney General

As the Attorney General, I am primarily the legal advisor to the President. With that responsibility, I also advise students on the Student Body Constitution and the Student Body Statutes. I will be making revisions to the Student Body Statutes where needed and will investigate cases involving violations of the student body and university rules and regulations.
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

Want to be an aerobic instructor?

**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
- Disc Golf Scramble: Mar 27
- Billiards: Apr 15
- Golf: Apr 24
- Edge 4 on 4 Flag Football: Apr 30

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**Summer 2000**
- Comm. Volleyball*: May 15
- Tennis Singles: 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

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**
- 9/4 Purdue L, 47-13
- 9/11 at Florida L, 58-27
- 9/18 at Georgia Tech L, 41-10
- 9/25 at Georgia L, 24-23
- 10/2 Eastern Illinois W, 31-21
- 10/16 Nicholls State 6pm
- 10/23 Louisiana Tech 6pm
- 10/30 Eastern Michigan 4pm
- 11/6 at Auburn 2pm
- 11/13 at Middle Tennessee St. 7pm
- 11/20 Bowling Green 1pm

Bold games indicate 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 snack bar with an outdoor deck, administration 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.