 Choir to perform in London festival

SHELLEY WILSON
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The university chorus will perform in the International Cathedral Music Festival, London in July 2000. The festival is one of the premiere concert venues held at the Canterbury Cathedral and in the Queen Elizabeth Hall. The 80-member chorus will perform Beethoven's 'Symphony PP' and "Ode to the President and Future Days," a premiere piece written by UCF Director of Choral Activities, Dr. David Brummer.

To say choir members are excited about performing in London would be an understatement. "It's been one of my life-long dreams to go to England and to perform in a cathedral," junior Lynsay Phoarson said. "The acoustics are incredible inside."

"I'm extremely excited," agreed junior Pedro Saliva. "It's not just a good thing for us individually, but also a good thing for the UCF community."

The Music Director of the Festival, Dr. Jeff Reynolds, asked Brummer, who is also a composer, to write a musical piece for the festival. Reynolds heard UCF's choir perform and mentioned to Brummer about bringing the chorus to the festival to sing the premiere of the piece.

"It's kind of a forward...

International students enrich UCF community

ROBERT STULTZ
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UCF is home to approximately 1,300 international students, representing about 112 countries. For international students, the challenge of adjusting to college can be more demanding than it is for American students.

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The primary manner in which students abroad hear about UCF is through word of mouth, especially from former students. According to Kurdy, who was once an international student herself, "We do not go out and recruit."

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They must also adapt to a new culture.

For Olga Ivanova, a student from Bulgaria, the greatest challenge she faced when she arrived at UCF was:

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- Making plans for Fall commencement
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Graduation planned for Dec. 18

Fall commencement will be held Dec. 18 at the UCF Arena.

• 6:30 a.m. — College of Health 
  & Public Affairs
• 9:30 a.m. — College of Arts 
  & Sciences
• 11:30 a.m. — College of 
  Education & Engineering & 
  School of Optics

The College of Business Administration will host the UCF Bookstore on a first-come, first-serve basis Dec. 13. A live telecast of the ceremony will be shown at the Computer Science Building, Room 101 and the Communications Building, Room 101.

Events:
• The College of Business 
  Administration will host the 
  UCF Business Education Fair from 
  1 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 27 in the 
  Business Administration 
  Building Atrium. Faculty 
  members and administration will be 
  present.
• The Director of the 
  Haunted Arbor Trường, Chris 
  Kiehle, has rescheduled the 8 a.m.-midnight, Oct. 29. Passes received last week will be honored at the re-opening.

Library display

The following exhibits will be on display during November in the UCF Library:
1. “Paw Wow: A 
   Gathering of Nations,” by Dana 
   Bruinley.
2. “Discover Islam,” by 
   Heba A. Ali of the Muslim 
   Student Association.
3. “The Military this 
   Century,” by Scott A. Shear 
   of the Office of Veteran’s Affairs.
4. “International Images of 
   Aging,” by Dr. Richard Tucker 
   of the Department of Psychology.
5. “Garden of 
   Remembrance,” by Dr. Leslie 
   Ellis of the UCF Retirement 
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6. “Cypress Dome,” by 
   Cypress Dome Editor David 
   Crepper.

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     Student Services
  3. must indicate financial 
     need by completing the appropri-
     ate paperwork through the 
     Financial Aid Office, 
     Administration Building, Room 
     120
  4. overall GPA 3.0 on a 
     4.0 scale
  5. undergraduate students 
     must have completed a minimum 
     of 90 hours toward a Bachelor of 
     Arts degree
  6. graduate students must 
     have completed a minimum of 15 
     hours in the graduate program
  7. must complete a two-
     page, typed or letter-quality com-
     puter-printed essay on “The 
     Future of Communication and 
     the role I plan to play in the 
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Branch campuses celebrate Homecoming Knighteen99

By Maya Lazarovitz

The Celebration of the Century will kick off with Spirit Day Oct. 27 at Brevard UCF. The all-day Homecoming and Halloween themed event will offer students free food, as well as gifts, such as Homecoming T-shirts and Knightro dolls.

Knightro himself will be paying Brevard a visit at 4 p.m., and students are encouraged to wear the school colors of black and gold.

Brevard UCF’s Student Government Association, in conjunction with campus life, is sponsoring the event.

“We’re working very hard to give students the best Homecoming they’ve been to,” Daub said.

For more information on E-PASS, call (407) 823-7277.

Homecoming Events

- Oct. 27 — Homecoming Carnival, UCF Arena, 4-10 p.m.
- Oct. 28 - Skit Knight, UCF Arena, 8 p.m.
- Oct. 29 — Spirit Splash and pep rally, Reflection Pond, 2:30 p.m.
- Oct. 30 - Homecoming parade, downtown Orlando, 11 a.m.
- Tailgating, Tinker Field, 1 p.m.
- Game against Eastern Michigan, 4 p.m.
- Crown the Homecoming King and Queen during halftime
- Lenny Kravitz concert, 8 p.m.
Clubs and organizations can check out equipment

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proper receipt, signature and attaching the decals. The equipment cannot be considered personal property for exclusive use. It must be accessible for use by the student and maintained on campus.

Property may be transferred to another funded club or organization, or it may be disposed of once it has become obsolete.

The financial officer, who is a student, becomes financially responsible for the equipment.

A form now exists that registered clubs and organizations can fill out to check out the equipment. The borrower (student), an advisor for the organization, director of SG and either the SG comptroller or SG president all have to sign off on the form before the equipment can be used.

Despite all of this, the equipment is still at a standstill.

“Just want our office back,” Paramandam said. “We were willing to take the equipment for the other college councils, but we were told all of the councils had to be registered or none of the equipment gets allocated.”

UCF administration contends that any of the registered college councils can check out the equipment, but the unregistered councils can not.

More than $500,000 in unused computer equipment is stored in the Student Union and Engineering buildings. No clubs or organizations have used the equipment since it was purchased by SG last spring.
Future educators meet the Dean

KRISTA ZILIZI
STAFF WRITER

The second annual Meet the Dean session provided an opportunity for education students to learn about upcoming events, programs, clubs and organizations within the College of Education.

Organized by the Education Student College Council, it also provided networking opportunities, information regarding education programs and offered advice to incoming freshmen about how to better coordinate their class schedules.

"Future educators, you are in the right place at the right time," Dean of Education Sandra Robinson, said. Currently, UCF's Education Department has the largest staff of all departments, employing 115 full-time faculty members. UCF was also invited to join the Renaissance Group, a prestigious national organization committed to the excellence of education in schools.

The Department now qualifies for many grants to fund education programs on campus, and within the community, seminars and presentations, and equipment, that it may not have received otherwise.

Likewise, Robinson said UCF is making a name for itself within the community. "UCF is considered one of the best teacher education for partnership programs," she said. "By working with schools, agencies and science centers within the community, the importance of what we're doing is finally getting the attention it needs."

The Education Student Council took the opportunity to address their goals, and to promote organizations within the Education Department. The Council, which was recently restructured, is now primarily focused on promoting student involvement. It also serves as a unifying organization among the Department's several clubs and organizations.

"The College of Education is not one of the most motivational departments," Kristian Cosme, Education Student College Council president, said. "A lot of time and effort is put into these majors so I understand where students are coming from. I'm just trying to get everyone involved."

For more information on UCF's education organizations, call 823-0421.

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**Campus crime**

**REBECCA GRILLIOT**
**ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR**

- Rachid Semmoun, 27, reported that he was the victim of battery on Oct. 19. At approximately 11:40 a.m., Semmoun was in a stall on the men's restroom on the 1st floor of the Math and Physics Building when some individuals entered the restroom and turned off the lights. The individuals ran to the stall that Semmoun was using and threw a bag of flour over the stall, still Semmoun in the head.

- By the time Semmoun turned on the lights, the individuals had left the restroom. There are no suspects at this time.

- Erica Veilleux, an employee of Domino's Pizza, reported a stolen pizza and pizza bag on Oct. 18.

Veilleux delivered a pizza to the SAE house on 4321 Greek Park Drive and returned to her car to discover that a pizza and the bag it was in was missing. The pizza bag, valued at $150, was returned to Domino's Pizza on Oct. 19 by UCFPD Officer Walton. There are no suspects at this time.

- The College of Business Administration reported stolen projections on Oct. 13 and 15.

At approximately 8 a.m. on Oct. 13, Marilyn McClellan was making her daily rounds checking the rooms in the Business Administration building, when she discovered that a projector was missing from the ceiling of room 355.

Another projector was reported missing in the Business Administration building on Oct. 15.

Robert Hubbard entered room 209 of the building sometime between 10 and 11 p.m. when he noticed that the fire hose box was broken and wires were hanging from the ceiling where the projector was mounted.

Upon investigating the area, UCFPD officer Sgt. McClure found a blue cap hanging on the fire hose box outside of the room which was collected for evidence.

The units are valued at $4,137 each. There are no suspects at the time and the College of Business Administration is willing to prosecute.

- A student reported a stolen wallet on Oct. 14. At approximately noon, Azzaoui left PC 2, room 109 where he was taking a test and inadvertently left his wallet on top of a desk. At about 12:15 p.m., Azzaoui realized that he forgot his wallet and returned to the classroom to discover that it was missing.

After checking with the administration office in PC 2 throughout the day no one turned in his wallet, Azzaoui found that his passport, his Moroccan social security card, Moroccan driver's license, check card and a personal check were in his wallet. He is willing to prosecute.

- The principal benefit of students studying abroad is that it gets confusing.

European students bring their knowledge and culture to American students, enriching our already diverse community.

For information about future events or general information, contact International Student Services at 823-2337.

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**US students one of least likely groups to study abroad**

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UCF was language. Even the simple hand gestures for yes and no differed in America from her native land.

In Bulgaria, the gestures for yes and no are reversed. Ivanova said, "Now I just say yes or no because it gets confusing.

The main areas that international students study at UCF are Engineering, Laser Optics and Business. The technology used in these areas make them popular with foreign students who may not have access to such equipment in their home countries.

The principal benefit for students studying abroad is ultimately the experience of a different culture.

"I feel that every student should have on his or her resume, 'I went to another country and studied and know another language,'" Kurdy said.

U.S. students are far less likely to go to other countries to study than foreign students are to come here.

In the United States, there are approximately 500,000 international students. However, only 5 percent of the students in the United States travel overseas to study.

"We should encourage our students to study abroad," Kurdy said, "The role that international students play in the UCF community has a reciprocal nature. While foreign students benefit from all that UCF has to offer, they also bring their knowledge and culture with them, which only enriches our already diverse community.

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Members must raise $175,000 for trip

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looking - backwards looking piece without just being a millennium piece," Brummer said about "Ode to the President and Future Days." "It does have that looking here and looking there quality because of the nature of the words."

Funding for the trip has been a big undertaking. The Choir Department must raise $175,000.

Department members established several programs to raise the money.

One of these is an adopt-a-singer program, designed to lower the costs for the singer's trip. In exchange for a donation, donators will receive special seating at the UCF Spring Choral Concert in April, official personalized "adoption" papers and a postcard from their "child" while he/she is in England.

The Madrigal Singers is also hosting the Annual Madrigal Feast Dec. 9, 10, 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Resource Center's University Dining Room.

Many choir students said they believe Brummer's dedication and talent are the reasons why the Choir Department has received such recognition.

"Not many students get the opportunity to sing under the direction of a world-renowned director, such as Dr. Brummer," senior Jessica Smith said. "His guidance and selection of music have taken the choir to places no one thought we would go. This England trip shows just that."

Brummer calls the event a chance in a lifetime.

"It's an invitation you don't get very often," he said. "The significance of this is unlike many things that come our way."

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Police clash with UC-Berkeley protesters

Marika Benko
Daily Californian

After more than 60 University of California-Berkeley students and other participants marched from Sproul Plaza to the Berkeley Municipal Court Oct. 21, 23 students stormed the courtroom and were arrested.

Protestors took over the courtroom in an attempt to draw attention to the fact that many other students, in addition to the "Barrows Eight," were arrested and released on the same charges, said Amy Sadao, a twLF member.

But UC spokesperson Marie Felde said that the protesters' actions went too far.

"It is outrageous," she said.

The students at the hearing were among the eight students who face a student conduct trial on Oct. 29, Felde said. The ethnic studies department has been surrounded in controversy since its creation 25 years ago, said Julia Blackwell, an Alameda County public defender.

The hearing for the original six protestors, members of the third world Liberation Front, was moved to the judge's chambers and a criminal hearing date was set for January 2000. All six students pled not guilty.

The protesters were released from Santa Rita Jail Thursday at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Students said they plan to continue protesting, and will hold an 11:30 a.m. rally in front of California Hall Friday.

"We believe the eight students were unfairly singled out because of their leadership roles," Sadao said. "We are willing to be arrested in solidarity of those eight students."

But Felde said criminal charges against the students are the responsibility of the judge and district attorney, not the chancellor.

The protesters were going against the democratic process in taking over the court, she added.

"They dropped charges for 99 percent of the 103 students arrested," said Liz Lee, a twLF member.

"We have been showing the most disturbing film on Sproul Plaza, It illustrates, the charges were not justified; the charges are ridiculous."

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Although the price of vaccination should be provi­d ed or made easily available to those (first-year students) who wish to reduce their risk of disease," said Nancy Rosenstein, a doctor in the meningitis branch of the CDC in Atlanta.

ACIP cited two different 1998 CDC studies that identified the higher risk of infection among college first-year students in residence halls.

Both CDC and ACIP recommend those who provide medical care to this high-risk group also give information to students and parents about vaccination benefits.

Peterson stated vaccinations and information about meningitis are available to all those interested in learning more.

But the price of vaccination at the University is higher than most other Michigan universities. It costs students $87 to receive the bacterial vaccina­tion.

Robert Winfield, interim director of University Health Services, said in a written statement the University's administration of the vaccination differs from other universities that may not charge students because the University sees less urgency in the situa­tion.

"We have, fortunately, not had a case of the (bacterial type) since 1995, and we are making vaccination available to students at their request, but not as an emergency public health measure," he said.

Health officials remind students to remain watchful of typical symptoms of the viral and bacterial meningitis which include severe headache, neck stiffness, fever, aches and naus­ea.

In accordance with CDC and ACIP, the University now provides students with a hotline at 764-8320 and meningitis website at http://www.sph.umich.edu/sph /whatsup/ meningitis. html to answer any questions about meningitis.
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It appears that central Florida traffic planners still can’t figure out why our roads are so crowded, and they still don’t have a grasp on what makes motorists so angry, a.k.a. “road rage.”

Having just returned from another trip to beautiful Pittsburgh, Pa., I have a few observations that our noble traffic planners still can’t figure out, because she doesn’t like her trip to beautiful Pittsburgh, Pa., to do – like catching the aforementione
dmother stops asking me to go with her because it takes all day to get anywhere in THIS TOWN. We are angry because the local law enforcement agencies are having a perpetual field day with traffic citations, instead of being out catching murderers, rapists and heroin dealers, because they ostensibly want to make our roads “safer.”

Unlawful speed or not, I won’t consider our roads “safe” until my mother stops asking me to go with her to get a concealed weapon permit and a handgun, because she doesn’t like driving to work alone. I drove nearly 1,000 miles in a week’s time in Pittsburgh, and didn’t see one speed trap or traffic stop. I see at least one a week here in Orlando, and I only drive 30 miles a day.

Why is this?

Apparently, the police in Pittsburgh have more important things to do – like catching the aforementioned criminals instead of generating revenue with a radar gun.

My relatives and their neighbors know the local police by name, and are happy to see them patrolling the neighborhood. The only cops I see in my neighborhood are the ones writing tickets (and the few who live there).

Of course, the lack of traffic ticket revenue means the municipal police do have to cut corners – many departments have more economical Ford Taurus’, instead of the Crown Victoria’s that are ubiquitous here.

In the words of a relative of mine: “They don’t care if you speed, they only pull over people who drive crazy.” And despite all this, I didn’t see one traffic accident while I was there.

That’s not to say accidents don’t happen, but I can say I drove into downtown one morning, and the flow of traffic was 15 mph over the posted limit, and I saw no wrecks.

This makes one wonder why central Florida law enforcement agencies are so gang ho on traffic enforcement – especially in an area where forward visibility is often limited only by the curvature of the earth extending to Pittsburgh, where roads are built around nature – wandering up, down and around the mountains.

The other major source of frustration for central Florida motorists stems from the requirement to get a driver’s license.

Apparently, all candidates must have at least one good eye and a pulse. Traffic schools are a joke, and it seems most drivers have no understanding of concepts such as stopping distance or right-of-way. It should be apparent that the real problem stems from uneducated drivers.

A driver moving at 55 mph down Alafaya Trail is not unsafe, the driver who is moving 55 mph down Alafaya Trail while being six inches from the car in front of him (or her) is unsafe. And surely this same bozo will cross from the far-left lane to the far right, without a blinker, while slamming on his brakes so he doesn’t miss his turn. Why does he do this?

Because he was never taught any better.

Rest assured the current style of traffic enforcement won’t change his driving habits either.

Listen up, traffic planners! We want roads that are straight and fast.

And remember, speed doesn’t cause accidents! Careless drivers cause accidents.

Inattentive drivers cause accidents.

The real problem is not motorists who drive too rapidly, but rather drivers who are incompetent to handle a vehicle at high speeds in traffic.

So do everyone a favor – raise the speed limits, restrict enforcement, liberalize traffic flow, and make sure licensed drivers are competent drivers, careful drivers, and aware drivers.

—Matthew Trusnvich

Central Florida Future

Tipping makes good sense

Adam Shiver
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When was the last time you went out for dinner? Whether it was last night or last month, you undoubtedly had the worry of what to give your server as a tip.

Many times servers think college students are the epitome of bad tippers, so it is important we do a good job to overcome this stereotype.

“Some of my best tippers are college students,” Mike Zambito, a server at Hops, said. Let’s start with a short background in the area of tipping.

“A tip is a gift or a sum of money tendered for a service performed or anticipated,” as defined by Manny Gonzalez of The Original Tipping Page at www.tipping.org. This gratuity is paid to your barkeep or server to ensure prompt service (TIPS).

Tips originated in the early coffeehouses of England. Customers would drop coins into a large box labeled TIPS to attract the attention of the coffeehouse workers. The larger the coins, the more noise would be created, hence the quicker the service. This is why when you receive quick, prompt service you leave a larger tip.

Nowadays tips are thought of as a way to complement someone for a job well done. The unfortunate thing is most people haven’t had the opportunity to work in the food service industry and make a living based solely on tips.

Most people do not realize both servers and bartenders do not receive regular wage, but are working strictly for tips.

On the average, servers and bartenders make approximately $2.13 an hour, just enough to pay Uncle Sam his share. Servers pay their bills through their tips and depend solely on the generosity of their guests.

The amount of the tip depends on many factors. The number one thing to base your decision on is the total amount of your bill. You always want to go into the restaurant or bar expecting to leave a minimum of 15 percent of your total check.

The exception to this rule is if your server is outright rude toward you or your dining partners. Sometimes servers assume because you’re a college student, you either aren’t going to leave a good tip or simply cannot due to lack of money.

If this happens, just remember tip money is the only money they’re making, and leaving no tip is in very bad taste.

There are many reasons to leave your water or waiters more than the traditional 15 percent.

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Student Spotlight

What do you consider to be the most difficult major at UCF?

"I think being an art major is demanding. Art projects require a lot more time compared to an average class. An art project could take up to 20 hours or more."
Senior Brian Perrymond, 24, art major

"I think computer science is the hardest."
Matt Paster, 28, anthropology major

"English. There are too many grammar rules and spelling rules that don't seem to follow any order."
Danielle Hemminger, 22, forensic science major

"Physics, because nothing seems logical."
Trina Wise, 31, graduate student in exercise psychology

"I think finance is the hardest."
Adam DeMarco, 19, finance major

"I think accounting is."
Adam Mueller, 19, marketing major

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Stereophonics ready to begin British invasion

Maggie Gunther  Staff Writer

Stereophonics, the Welsh band who won “Best British Band” at the Kerrang Awards last year, have undeniably conquered Britain. What’s next? Make it big on the American music scene, of course! Stereophonics are currently making a quick blitz of North America, but only at the biggest venues in the biggest cities, including the Atlanta’s Concert Club, New York’s Bowery Ballroom, as well as Orlando’s very own Hard Rock Live, where I had the chance to see them.

The concert was with Our Lady Peace (who delivered quite a show also), with Stereophonics up first. They played most everything from Performance and Cocktails, to the delight of the audience. Kelly Jones’ raw rock voice (the roughness of Bryan Adams or Don Henley paired with a sweet British accent) was just as awesome live as on Performance and Cocktails. Some of the best songs they performed were “Pick a Part that’s New”, “I Wouldn’t Believe your Radio”, “A Minute Longer”, and “I’m Not Buying.” They finished up with “It Yesterday Tomorrow, Today?”, which combines a slow and composed narrative with rock n roll restraint. Although Stereophonics are still relatively obscure in America, there is no reason they should be. Get your hands on Performance and Cocktails and listen to it. Listen to it again, and repeat the process. You won’t be disappointed.

Performance and Cocktails: Stereophonics deliver promising sophomore effort

Maggie Gunther  Staff Writer

Stereophonics sophomore effort, Performance and Cocktails, is a great mix of heavy-hitting rock and soul and singalong balladry.

The album kicks off with the heavy “Roll Up and Shine” (the track which lends the title of the album and complete with thought with “The Bartender and the Thief.”)

“Hurry Up and Wait”, “Pick a Part that’s New”, “Just Looking”, and “A Minute Longer” could all easily make it big on American pop/rock radio with the right promotion.

The whole album, especially “The Bartender and the Thief” and “Roll up and Shine” are my personal picks to drown out unsavory noise from annoying neighbors—without losing your sanity. “Hurry Up and Wait” is a jewel of the album. It is easy to listen to from the first time you put the CD in your player to the 5,000th listen.

The song moves at the pace of a subway train, speeding up through a thousand thoughts, and stopping to wait for the next departure. Kelly Jones conveys life “so hurry up and wait/but what’s worth waiting for?”

“She Takes her Clothes Off” is the tale of an aging stripper’s dreams and their stark contrast with reality. “I’m gonna be another Marilyn/bleach my hair, get real thin/and everybody’s gonna want to dance with me.”

What draws one in to this album is its sound: Kelly Jones’ tough and ironic voice, well-orchestrated instruments, catchy choruses.

What makes you put the CD on repeat are Jones’ stories and the gifted way he conveys them to you.

If you were to give any single unqualified band’s album a chance, let it be Stereophonics’ Performance and Cocktails.
Orlando's Fizzbin fights for deserved exposure

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Since their founding in 1993, the music of Fizzbin can be heard everywhere from MTV's The Real World to Burdines advertisements. In the group's latest work they have released a new four track CD titled Cupid.

Although the cd is not very long, it still demonstrates the modern rock sound of the group that you may have heard elsewhere but not have realized it.

The band was formed in Savannah, Georgia by Russ Armstrong, vocals, guitarist, and songwriter, and drummer, Dave Messina. After four years of writing, working with several bass players, and relocating to Orlando, the group released a full length album entitled Left End Girlfriend, with Orlando, the group released a full length album entitled Left End Girlfriend, with several bass players, and relocating to Georgia by Russ Armstrong, vocals, guitarist, and songwriter, and drummer, Dave Messina.

In May 1998 MTV producers licensed the band's music to be used in The Real World and Road Rules. In that same month VH-1 named Fizzbin Orlando's "Big Break Unsigned Band Search" winners in which they received a slot on the Rock Across America Tour.

They performed with artists such as K'Choice, Corey Glover, and the Tortises at Planet Hollywood.

The beginning of 1999 the Disney Channel used Fizzbin's music in "Z-Games." Most recently they returned to Atlanta to showcase at the Atlantis Music Conference and "Left End Girlfriend" could be heard on Burdines Back to School ad campaign.

Cupid was released in June 1999 and although it is rather short the listeners gets a feel for the type of music the band is becoming so well known for.

The CD keeps a fast paced slow rock sound mixed with some great lyrics. Although all the tracks are well played and written, one in particular is an outstanding example of what the band can do. The song, titled Amelia Earhart, is slow at some points and fast at others, and some how somehow mixed with some great lyrics. The vocalist does a awesome job bringing out the lyrics, the guitar has it's very poweful riffs, all the while the drums bring it together.

"Cupid" exhibits Fizzbin's talent for modern rock music which has been heard almost everywhere over the last two years. With the release of their latest CD and recent exposure, it is certain that we will hear a lot more from Fizzbin in the future.

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Alexandra Nimetz, Jason Stanley, and Emily Starr wrote this cookbook as students at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. Insightful of the hectic schedules and various needs of a typical college student, these students collected over 200 simple recipes to fit every requirement for every type.

They did a commendable job of putting together such an effective book as students themselves with similar chaotic agendas as we all currently attempt to stick to.

Every college student, who is the exception of those studying in a culinary school, needs one of these handy cookbooks.

Access to the campus cafeteria is usually limited after freshman year, leaving many a student completely lost and helpless in an apartment or house kitchen.

This cookbook includes the very basics of healthy cooking, but does not limit the variety. You will learn the recipes of cooking from as simple a dish as a hard boiled egg to Harris Ranchers to teriyaki salmon over pasta.

The aspect of the cookbook that differentiates itself from others is the introduction. Not only does it describe the basics of cooking, but it gives a complete list (including elaborate descriptions) of cookware essentials, cooking terms, herbs and spices, conversions, and healthy substitutions. Each item contains a brief discussion with suggestions and recommendations on the techniques and usage of the ingredient or component listed.

"Mom’s Tips" are also found scattered through the pages presenting very helpful advice to the student along with a pleasant touch of home. Charming symbols let the reader know whether the meal is vegetarian, author’s choice, or super-quick.

Many of the recipes come with a tip on what to serve on the side. Each has nutritional information, presenting the calories, fat, protein, carbohydrates, cholesterol, and sodium. In essence, this cookbook consists of everything a beginner cook needs to survive on a college campus. Many first-year students who do have the (currently unknown to them) privilege of the cafeteria often face late-night hunger, stemming from the absurdly early dinners in the dorms.

Instead of squandering money on overpriced Ann Arbor pizza or running down for grease-coated goodies at the underground food bars in dorms, students can spend half the money and a couple of minutes preparing healthy microwave dishes like quick cold and tomato and pesto sandwiches.

For the older students with access to an oven and stove, this book introduces more than enough quick and easy recipes to fit every requirement of every diet of the typical college student. An inevitable success, this book deserves four apples, cooked any way you’d like.
The camera is shaking violently. Everything seems distorted and no one really knows exactly what is going on. No, I was not watching "when was-the-last-time-you've-seen-a-witch-project". It is the Halloween thriller, "Bats." And you can 'bat' on a movie with a predictable, flat-footed plot.

The eminent wildlife zoologist, Dr. Sheila Casper (Dina Meyer) is called in to investigate a series of grisly deaths with involvement of bats. Casper teams up with the legendary vampire brethren Dr. Marius (Dominic Purcell) to discover why those supposedly gentle mammals change their minds against humans.

Not only does the film lack realistic logic. They simply do not have the brain cells to follow their leaders. The overweight bats look like rejects from a haunted house and express various emotions on their faces. I burst into laughter when one of the laboratory bats creeps forward with its wings like a combat sol­dier in the line of fire.

It's not surprising that the government is once again behind the twisted experiment those laboratory bats received. Sounds like "X-Files" to me.

Of course, the predictable team of heroes was less than impressive. Casper being the only good looking person to balance out all of the ugly bats flying around killing Texans who don't know enough to run from these bats. Kimsey's character is too underdeveloped for anyone to care if he dies or not. Casper's assistant, Jimmy (Leon) is stuck with the stereotypical role for African Americans who bring comic relief.

Opera was a poor choice of music being played when the team is fortifying the bats from attacking.

After a while, the frequency of thousands of bats sounds like an incredibly annoying shriek that goes throughout the entire movie. Be warned of a cheesy production that will give you a headache.

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What is better than chocolate? Everyone has his or her own answer, and it probably involves sex. But that’s not what “Better Than Chocolate” is all about.

Instead, the movie revolves around several characters, each with his or her own subplot.

The central figure is Maggie, a 19-year-old lesbian who has just dropped out of school. Then there is Maggie’s mom, recently divorced because of her husband’s philanderous relations with a “tequila-slurping bimbo.”

The plot thickens immediately as Maggie’s mom announces that she and Maggie’s brother, Paul, will be moving in with her.

But it doesn’t stop there. Maggie has just met Kirn, her new lover, who is also probably involves sex. But that’s not what the movie is all about. “Better Than Chocolate” is ultimately a comedy. Wheeler uses both dialogue and props with expertise to keep the audience laughing throughout. This really is a hilarious film.

Most of the stories in “Better Than Chocolate” are about the search for love. Very real problems are presented concerning homophobia. It is not a completely ide­

One of the strengths of “Better Than Chocolate” is that each character gets the right amount of attention to develop. Maggie deals with telling her mom that she’s gay, while Kim is frustrated they have to hide their relationship. The mother has made the change from male to female, deals with adversity and her love for Pat, Maggie’s boss.

Each side plot, and there are several more, is original and fully realized. The audience is not sold short, while at the same time the plots are not predictable.

The strongest part of the movie is director Anne Wheeler’s ability to manipulate drama and humor even as they are presented in virtually the same moment. Wheeler effectively draws the audience into the emotional hardships of the characters but immediately afterward makes them laugh without jeopardizing the serious nature of the scene.

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The use of light was the most striking element. Many films stick with one type of lighting, be it natural or artificial. “Better Than Chocolate” has both.

The scenes shot in Maggie’s apartment use beautiful natural light, which adds to the realistic quality of the film. Scenes shot in the nightclub are highly original in their choreography and use of artificial lighting. One scene has three characters on stage wearing wigs, lipstick and boots that put off a neon glow

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—Dedicated Roomie

Dear Roomie,

When you lay down like a mat, you can’t be surprised when people wipe their feet on you. Why should your roommate bother getting up for class when she already has someone doing it for her? And I suppose that you’re extra quiet so you won’t wake her. Well, start slamming the door! Turn your alarm clock up a few notches. Blow dry your hair in the room while sitting on her bed. You’re making it too easy for her to take advantage of you. Get up off the floor. Stop giving her the notes, tell her you didn’t take any. Tell her you fell asleep in class so you have no idea what’s going on. Tell her you needed to practice your Greek writing skills and connection. The first time can be real tricky because you’re always going to remember it. So it’s good that you waited when it didn’t feel right and I think you should do that again. Doubts are natural, everyone has them in every relationship at one point or another. But doubting if you’re going to scare him away by telling him the truth is not a doubt you want to have with the person you’re going to lose your virginity too. You should trust the person well enough to be open and honest with him. Maybe it’s just too early in the relationship and you should spend some more time getting to know each other better. I think you should at least wait to have sex until you spend enough time together to feel comfortable talking to him openly about yourself. So then if he takes off sprinting in the opposite direction you can be grateful he wasn’t your first.
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Pac-Man celebrates 20 years and gets 3D makeover

If you ask any of your friends to define the '80s for you, they are more likely to remember things like big hair bands, singers like Cyndi Lauper and Madonna or even movies like The Breakfast Club and Footloose. But if you asked me, I would say Pac-Man.

Pac-Man changed the way people played video games in the Big Decade. The first versions of the game landed in American arcades in 1980 in two different models, a regular upright console and a cocktail-style table. A year later Namco licensed the game for the Atari 2600 console, and that's when Pac-Man became a must-have among kids and teens.

The yellow hero who ran from ghosts and gobbled up dots and energy pills around the screen spawned a number of spin-off ghosts and gobbled up dots and energy pills. The original Pac-Man game, along with its music, was a hit and became a regular on the top charts.

The franchise also included the Pac-Man Plus, which was released in 1982. It included the scratch-off dots for Pac-Man to eat. "Pac-Man has one of the most addicting play patterns of all time," says Chris Downs, product manager for another 80's hit, Progger. "The game has huge retro appeal too."

The first Pac-Man arcades to arrive in the U.S. — the regular standup and cocktail table models — defined the cocktail-style table. A year later Namco released Pac-Man World, an updated 3D version of the original game. The new version includes three game play modes: Classic, 3D Maze and Quest.

Classic plays just like the original 1981 Pac-Man and it's a sure shot for game nostalgics out there. In the 3D maze Pac-Man gets a face, arms and legs and this time "runs" around the maze eating up dots and energy pills while trying to avoid old acquaintances, the ghosts I, Blinky, Pinky and Clyde. While both modes are fun to play, Quest mode is the real reason to go to the mall and waste $50 on a video game, instead of making a payment on your overcharged credit card.

This mode borrows the best from Nintendo's Mario Bros. and Sega's Sonic the Hedgehog. In his quest Pac-Man has to go through six different worlds on Ghost Island until he meets his nemesis, Toe-Man, in his mansion. The yellow hero, now in 3D form, has to find a key in each one of the levels in order to free his friends, Ms. Pac-Man, Professor Pac-Man, Pac Jr., Baby Pac-Man, Pooka and Chomp-Chomp. Another good news for back-in-the-day fans is that all the original sound bites were kept unchanged, from the chomping and energy pill sounds to the ghosts and the sound of Pac-Man actually "dying."

Pac-Man World will hit stores later this fall exclusively for the Sony PlayStation console, and my guess is that it will be awhile until a PC version of the game comes out. The revamped Pac-Man is sure to attract a new generation of chomping-dot fans and it's definitely good nostalgia for old video game die-hards.

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In October, Washington state’s Department of Labor and Industries began an investigation of Seattle’s Internet pornography giant, Clublove, according to a report in the Seattle weekly The Stranger. The investigation will focus on, among other things, Clublove’s workers’ break policy (less than the state-required one hour per eight-hour shift for its five-mode models) and allegations that female performers may have unsterilizable plastic equipped with micro-cameras.

In September, Pinellas County, Fla., officials unveiled what they hope will be a cutting-edge traffic safety program as a model for reducing pedestrian deaths and calming drivers’ road rage. The program asks pedestrians to extend their right hands (as if shaking hands) continuously through an intersection, while smiling, to get the attention of drivers. Said a worker in Clearwater, Fla., when the program was explained by a St. Petersburg Times reporter: “Nobody is going to walk across the street with their arm out. I’m not going to do it. Are you?”

DUI: The Next Level

In separate incidents in the same week in September, Debra Rodriguez, 41, of Ames, Iowa, and Kristin R. Smebak, 34, of Superior, Wis., both of whom had been drinking, forced their young kids to drive their cars home so the mothers would avoid DUI tickets if they were stopped. Rodriguez’s inexperienced 11-year-old daughter caused a rollover, injuring both occupants, but Smebak’s inexperienced 8-year-old son made it safely over the bridge connecting Duluth, Minn., to Superior before being spotted by a patrolman, who arrested Smebak.

Compelling Explanations

According to police who arrested Fairfax (Va.) High School math teacher Fred Benevento, 47, in April during a drug sting, Benevente said the 13 plastic bags of crack cocaine in his car “came flying through his open window” and that he was just looking at them when the police officers arrived.

Failed Murder Defenses:

In May, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled 5-4 to reject Brad Stone’s “autonomic” defense, that he was able to stab his wife 47 times only because he was in a robotic state brought on by the trauma of being called a bedroom failure. And in June, an Atlanta jury rejected Christopher Stobart’s claim of self-defense for shooting his boss in the head 14 times, then walking into another room, reloading and shooting him 30 more times.

Of Course! In July, just after the end of the war, Yugoslavia’s ecology minister said the uncomfortably warm and rainy spring and summer weather was caused by NATO aggression. And in May, a mother in St. Cloud, Fla., told police that the reason she let her teen-age daughter smoke marijuana was so they wouldn’t become alcoholics like her father. And Yuki Nishizawa, who hijacked the All Nippon Airways Boeing 747 in July in Japan and killed the pilot before being captured, told police his main motivation was to see how a real plane flew, after all the flight-simulation video games he had played.

West German criminologist Christian Pfeiffer, writing in the weekly Die Zeit in July, blamed East Germans’ proclivities for post-war Nazism and thuggery (they are four times more likely to engage in those activities than West Germans) on too-rigorous potty training. After World War II, the East German government issued manuals on toilet-training for kindergartners, requiring virtually synchronized movements that stripped the kids of their individuality and reinforced government control.

The Litigious Society

Muriel Milne’s trial began in Aberdeen, Scotland, in September against the Westhill Golf Club for maintaining a badly designed course, an opinion she came to in 1994 after a ball hit her struck a 2-inch-high rock and bounced back, hitting her in the eye and causing severe damage. (The trial is recessed until November.)

Escapee Jimmy Haakansson, in court in Stockholm, Sweden, on a theft charge and who broke a foot leash through a courthouse window before being recaptured, filed a lawsuit against the police in September for failure to prevent his foolishness. One week earlier, in Roseville, Mich., Cassidy L. VanHorn filed a lawsuit against homeowner Diana Folbigg, whose house he had broken into in July 1997, according to the lawsuit, Folbigg jour­ned VanHorn back to the house the next day, saying all was forgiven, but when he arrived, several of Folbigg’s friends beat him up.

Alcohol Was Involved

According to a Cox News Service report in August, citing official state records, 21 people were fatally run over last year in North Carolina while lying in the middle of the road. (Most incidents occurred around midnight, in the summer, to very intoxicated men.) A few days later, the British Health Education Authority announced that 41 people had been killed in 1998 fying up chips late at night. (The vast majority of victims were intoxicated.)

Update

Last year, News of the Weird named “Dr.” John Ronald Brown “Chief Surgeon to the Weird” upon disclosure that after having had his license revoked for incompetence in 1977, he became the underground surgeon of choice for apetinemophiles (who get sexual gratification from having an arm or leg removed). However, one of his patients had died, and in October 1999, a San Diego jury found Brown guilty of second-degree murder. (That same week, Miami Beach’s “Dr.” Reinado Silvestre, who unlike Dr. Brown was never licensed, was arrested after botching several plastic surgeries, including one in which he used a spatula to cram breast implants into a former Mr. Universe runner-up who was expecting pectoral implants.)

Animals With Unusual Tastes

Police in Full River, Mass., have been unable to find, since May, the dog owner who trained his pit bull to sharpen his teeth on trees and consequently killed more than 30 in a city park.

And in July, an Irish wolfhound freed itself during a United Airlines flight into San Francisco and gnawed through landing-gear wires, but pilots landed the plane safely. And in July, after a Spanish Fornt, Alta., police officer pepper-sprayed an alligator that was creating a public menace, the gator hit a $500 chunk out of the officer’s cruiser.
**Handsome Boy Modeling School**

**So... How’s Your Girl?**

A name such as Handsome Boy Modeling School is one way to get attention from the hip hop community. But what’s more attractive than the name of this pseudogroup is the list of people associated with it, the main two being Dan “The Automator” Nakamura and Prince Paul. While Prince Paul’s resume is enough testimony to spark interest from anyone interested in hip hop’s more credible but less publicized underground musical scene, the list of artists featured on the album “So...How’s Your Girl?” is just insane.

Everyone from Mike D and Mito Hatori of Ciba Mato to Del tha Funkee Homosapien, DJ Shadow of De La Soul, Money Mark and Grand Puba and Sadat X of Brand Nubian are foisted up to the 16 tracks on “So...How’s Your Girl?” Of course, that list isn’t quite as shocking when you consider what Prince Paul has done in the past. He’s worked with some of the hottest underground hip hop groups in recent musical history, including De La Soul, Gravediggaz and Kool Keith (Dr. Octagon). His last album, “A Prince Among Thieves,” was well embraced by the hip hop community.

That being said, Handsome Boy Modeling School is almost a mirror’s reflection of Prince Paul’s eclectic nature seamlessly woven with Dan “The Automator” Nakamura’s innovative mixing skills.

Overall, the album is more a collage of sounds and styles than a straightforward hip hop record. Starting with “Rock n Roll (Could Never Hip Hop Like This),” an organ-fueled explosion of steady beats and scratching mixed in with vocal samples, the album runs the gamut of musical experimentation.

The quality continues with “Magnetizing,” the album’s second track that is equally as catchy as the first one but built on a simpler beat and rhyme-focused structure featuring Del tha Funkee Homosapien, who spins some of the most intelligent lyrics on the record.

From there, “So...How’s Your Girl?” switches back and forth from basic beats and rhyme formats to more technically involved sample-heavy tracks and even stops for a few slowed-down soul numbers.

“The Truth,” featuring Rosin of Moloko and J-Live, is a spaced-out melodic and sexy soul track that sounds more like Portishead than anything.

Ironically, the subject of modeling is only mentioned on this album during “Look At This Face (Oh My God They’re Gorgeous)” and “Modeling Sucks,” both of which feature a barrage of samples from Chris Elliott’s canceled TV series “Get A Life.”

Overall, the only time the album gets a bit tedious is during “Waterworld,” featuring Et creo, and “Magnet B-Boy 2000,” featuring Alec Empire and El-P of Company Flow. Both songs are almost 5 minutes long but get old after the first minute, making them little more than filler on a record that’s already quite long.

The album ends with a plony advertisement for The Handsome Boy Modeling School by Father Guido Sarducci that fully illustrates the overall lighthearted nature of “So...How’s Your Girl?”

Despite having a few boring tracks, the album is still extremely fun and intriguing, both musically and lyrically.

And the best thing about “So...How’s Your Girl?” is that it’s cheaper than actually attending a Handsome Boy Modeling School, but still just as flashy.

—Jason Hardy
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BASEBALL NOTEBOOK

LSU on 2000 home schedule

A three-game home series against LSU, three games at Alabama (53-16 in 1999) and a bid to the ACC/Disney Baseball Blast highlight the 2000 University of Central Florida baseball schedule announced last week.

A round-robin Trans America Athletic Conference schedule will give the Golden Knights (38-21, 19-11 TAAC in '99) another challenge.

Each of the other nine member schools play UCF in a three-game series either at the new Jay Bergman Field or at their home campus sites.

The Golden Knights open their season Jan. 28-30 across town at the Disney Wide World of Sports Baseball Stadium where they will face Clemson (42-27), Wake Forest (47-16) and North Carolina (41-18). Tournament times have yet to be announced and daily passes will be available at a future date either through the UCF athletic ticket office or the Disney complex.

"We have been invited to become a host member of this tournament at a facility that's second to none. The ACC chose to have it here at Disney because of the weather and the facility," assistant head coach Greg Frady said.

Florida Atlantic (54-9, 26-4 TAAC) should prove a good test for the Golden Knights when UCF visits Boca Raton Apr. 21-22. UCF also plays at Jacksonville (41-23, 22-8 TAAC) Mar. 31-Apr. 1. Jacksonville won the TAAC Baseball Championship in its first year of TAAC membership and advanced along with FAU to the NCAA Tournament, which has hosted at least two TAAC teams in four of the last five seasons.

UCF starts TAAC play with a home series against Sarnoff Mar. 10-11. "I think that we'll be challenged with some difficult road games in conference," Frady said. "Last year's number one and two schools in the TAAC will be tough places to play this season. It will be our first trip to Jacksonville in a conference situation." The Dolphins played a three-game series at UCF last season but the last time the Golden Knights visited Jacksonville was in 1992 when both teams were members of the Sun Belt Conference.

Senior first baseman Dustin Brinson (Wellington/Wellington HS), junior left fielder Matt Bowser (Palm Harbor/Truro Springs HS), junior pitcher Jason Arnold (Melbourne/Melbourne HS) and an excellent supporting cast beat FAU in the TAAC Tournament but were eliminated by Jacksonville. The aforementioned trio earned All-TAAC first team honors.

UCF has won 40 games in four of the last five years and garnered consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances from 1995-97.

The 56-game regular season schedule also includes non-conference home dates against Western Carolina, Bethune-Cookman, Tennessee Tech, Siena, Lehigh, Cornell and South Florida. Other road dates out of conference include: Bethune-Cookman and South Florida.

"When we build the schedule, we are trying to build the RPI (NCAC rating points index)," Frady said. "The schedule is one we're excited about and hope to have some success with." Schedule difficulty is a crucial factor in the RPI and UCF has many 40-win opponents slated.

The 2000 TAAC Baseball Championship will be played May 17-20 at Jacksonville's Brest Field on Jacksonville's campus. The top six teams based on conference winning percentage will advance to the double-elimination tournament. A highlight of the winning bid from JU includes the broadcast of the championship game on Sunshine Network.

Scout day set

The team set its annual scout day for Thursday, Nov. 11. An intrasquad scrimmage starts at 10 a.m. to provide a first glimpse of the team for the season and showcase the potential stars. Practice starts Oct. 31. The Veteran's Day holiday is a convenient choice because classes are suspended and most invites are available on the national holidays.

Recruiting class receives honorable mention

UCF received honorable mention for its 2000 recruiting class from Collegiate Baseball Newspaper. The Golden Knights have garnered recruiting recognition each of the last four seasons.

Southern California captured the top spot in the 17-year history of the evaluation by CBN. Points are awarded to recruits who were drafted, received All-American, All-State and All-Conference recognition as well as points for Players of the Year nationally or state-wide.

Additional points are awarded for landing top pitchers since many opt to sign pro contracts out of high school or junior college.

"I'm very proud of the recruiting class we have," Frady said. "It provides in a great foundation for the future with young players and fills in our positional needs with junior and four-year college transfers." Frady is UCF's recruiting coordinator.

Preparation for Jay Bergman field underway

The Golden Knights will have a new stadium to call home this season. Jay Bergman Field will have an initial 1,600 seat capacity with expanded festival seating. The "Gateway" to the university's future sports complex is being constructed by DLR Group Sports. Highland Golf has been contracted to work on the field.

Despite the recent rain, DLR has been working on grading the area and will begin the footing for the foundation within the week. Highland Golf anticipates the field itself to be ready approximately eight weeks after its Nov. 1 start date, which means that the stadium is scheduled for UCF's Feb. 11 home opener against Western Carolina.

Project status meetings between DLR principal John J. Carran Jr. and UCF Senior Associate Athletics Director Art Zubek are slated for each Monday through the project's completion.

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MEN’S TENNIS

Guerin, UCF men have solid showing at FSU

DAVID WINBERG
STAFF WRITER

The old saying that good things come to those who wait materialized for UCF junior William Guerin and the men’s tennis team this past weekend at the annual Seminole Fall Classic.

After having the South Alabama Invitational in Mobile, Alabama rained out and Hampton tennis postponed, the C.L. Varner Invitational at Rollins College. Finally, the UCF men’s tennis team opened their season at the Seminole Fall Classic hosted by the Florida State University at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center in Tallahassee.

Guerin led the way for the 75th-ranked Golden Knights as he advanced to the semifinals of the tournament’s main draw, which saw competition from seven schools in the southeast including 74th-ranked Auburn, TAAC for Florida Atlantic, Florida A&M, 56th-ranked Florida State, Middle Tennessee State, and Valdosta State. Guerin, a native from Lyon, France, started against Florida State senior Michael Ingham in the first round. After a light first set, Guerin easily ran away with the victory, 7-5 and 6-0.

“That was a good win for William against an experienced player,” said head coach Bobby Cashman, who experienced his first tournament at the helm of the UCF men’s tennis program.

Guerin continued his fine play and knocked off Florida Atlantic’s Ben Cooper in the second round, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2. Cooper had defeated No. 4 seed Nicolai Sablowski from Middle Tennessee State in the first round.

“I tried to take advantage of the opportunity I had when the draw opened up,” said Guerin.

The Frenchman, who had an impressive preseason showing last fall, scored another huge win when he upset No. 5 seed Mark Kova, who had defeated the native from San Salvador, El Salvador in straight sets, 6-0, 6-2. Westin and Sandro Spotti from Florida Atlantic defeated the duo, 8-4. Westin and Sarabia lost in the second round against Florida State.

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Coach Cashman felt good about the tournament and got some answers he looked for.

“Tournament showed us that we are on the right track,” Cashman said.

Guerin and Camacho were two players in the semifinals. Junior Federico Camacho from San Jose, Costa Rica defeated Auburn’s Julian Curatella in straight sets in the first round. In the second round, Camacho topped sixth seeded Seminole Chad Moody, 7-6, 2-6, 6-4 to reach the tournament’s elite eight.

“Mooney had a strong showing at the Southern Collegiates in Athens recently,” said Cashman. “Federico was a little bit down after the second set, but he did a good job coming back to win the match in the third.”

Camacho’s dreams of reaching a semifinal showdown with teammate Guerin got shattered by Sablowski. The German from Valdosta State beat Camacho 7-5, 6-1, and went on to claim the title byumping Atlantico’s Juan Ros in the final.

“I had my chances to win the first set, but I simply didn’t handle the pressure well enough,” Camacho said.

Freshman Augusto Sarabia reached the second round after a heroic first round encounter against Offe Nystrom, Middle Tennessee State. Nystrom dictated the match from the very beginning and had a match point at 6-5 in the second set, Sarabia fought off the match point and forced the second set into a tiebreaker, which he won. Sarabia then broke Nystrom’s serve twice in the third set to win the match, 3-6, 7-6, 6-2. In the second round, Sarabia lost to seventh seed Estevam Strecke from Auburn. Strecke topped the native from Sam Salvador, El Salvador in straight sets, 6-0, 6-3.

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UCF events TAAC record

The UCF men's soccer team recorded two Trans America Athletic Conference wins against the second and third place teams this past week, evening its conference record at 3-3. The Golden Knights defeated Mercer 2-0 on Thursday and beat Georgia State 2-0 on Saturday, both of which came on the road.

"The game against Mercer was the most important because we had to have that win," Coach Bob Winch said. "It was nice to be able to determine our own fate against Georgia State."

Against Mercer, Arno Nurministo assisted on both goals for the 2-0 victory. UCF (9-6) got on the board early in the eighth minute when Nurministo sent a pass to Jorgen Mclntire, who scored from 10 yards out for the eventual game-winner.

UCF nearly missed allowing a goal in the fifth minute, but keeper Antti Laitinen received some help from the crossbar to help in the shutout. The Golden Knights received an insurance goal in the 38th minute when Remi Hariz sent a cross that deflected off of Ari Nurmi and Laitinen before making its way into the net. It was Laitinen's 14th goal of the season.

UCF received an insurance goal in the 69th minute when Nurmi sent a cross to Vehtma. Vehtman then ripped a shot from 25 yards out to beat the GUS keeper.

The Golden Knights conclude its season this weekend at the Florida Atlantic Invitational. UCF plays Alabama A&M first in the tournament, and will play Western Illinois to finish the regular season. UCF has already defeated Western Illinois 3-1 earlier this year in the Oneida Bingo and Casino Classic in Wisconsin.

"I want to get a chance to play some people in the FAU tournament to get them some quality minutes," Winch said. "But I also want to get two wins to give us 11 heading into the conference tournament."

Playoff bound

With an 0-3 start to the conference season, the TAAC Tournament was going to be a stretch for UCF to make. However, after reeling off three consecutive conference victories, the Knights have assured themselves a spot in the tournament as either the third or fourth seed.

Goalkeeper Antti Laitinen recorded two shutouts this past weekend propelling UCF to a pair of victories and a berth in the TAAC Tournament.

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UCF's seeding depends on the result between Georgia State and Jacksonville this week. Jacksonville sits atop the standings with a 4-1 record, while Mercer is in second at 4-2 and GUS is 3-2. If Georgia State beats Jacksonville, or the game ends in a tie, UCF will be the fourth seed. If Georgia State loses, then UCF will be the third seed because the Golden Knights and GUS would be tied at 3-3 and UCF's victory over them would serve as the tiebreaker.

"It's not a bad position for us, and we could have still been the second seed if Mercer had beaten Mercer," Winch said. "Losing Antti for the first two conference games hurt us, but on our own merit, we deserve to be there (three or four seeds)."

Florida Atlantic finished the season 3-3, but will be the fifth seed despite any of the results by virtue of their losses against UCF and GUS. Stetson will be the sixth seed, and Campbell, who defeated UCF, failed to make the playoffs with a 1-5 record.

Balanced offense

UCF has received balanced scoring for the first time in a number of years. Heikki Ritvanen had rewritten the record books during his first three seasons, but this year the Knights have received scoring from a number of sources on the senior-laden team.

Seniors Ritvanen and Ari Nurmi are tied for the team lead with 14 goals apiece. Ritvanen is fourth in the conference in scoring with 31 points, while Nurmi has added 11 assists to be the TAAC's leading scorer with 39 points. Nurmi also ranks second in the NCAA in scoring.

Senior captain Rami Vehtman has scored in each of the last two games and has five goals and eight assists. Vehtman also became to school's all-time assist leader earlier this season. Fellow senior Arno Nurministo has added seven assists.

"It's been real important to have all those seniors on the field," Winch said. "This is the last chance for some of them to play in an organized level of soccer, so they're looking forward to playing in the TAAC Tournament."
WOMEN'S SOCCER NOTEBOOK

Seniors play regular season finale

Against Troy State on October 23, UCF seniors Wendy Wiltsey, Margrette Auffant, Monica Holtschauer and Allison Thomas played their final regular season home game in a Golden Knight uniform last Saturday. The game, which ended in a 7-0 UCF victory, was preceded by a ceremony honoring the four players.

"The whole team was really pumped and energized today," Wiltsey said. "I felt the emotions of being a part of something big for the past four years as I was coming out to the field today."

After being honored, all four seniors played a big part in the team's win. Wiltsey had her biggest game of the season, leading the Golden Knights with two goals, while Auffant scored UCF's first goal, which turned out to be the game-winner. Holtschauer tallied an assist for the Knights, and Thomas scored her first goal of the season, 34 minutes into the first half of play.

It was overwhelming," Thomas said. "I have wanted to score all season and it makes it all the more special that this was the game where it finally happened."

Emotions were high before the game, as the team wanted to play well for their departing veterans.

It was a bit emotional, but at the same time it was just a feeling of team camaraderie. Everyone was telling us how much they'd miss us," said Wiltsey. "We really felt like we had a role on the team. It was a good feeling."

Class of the TAAC

With one final conference game left, the UCF Women's Soccer Team clinched a bye in the first round of the upcoming TAAC Tournament with two victories last week. The top six teams in the conference qualify for the tournament, with the top two teams receiving a first-round bye. With a 3-0 victory against Mercer and a 7-0 shutout against Troy State, the Golden Knights improved their conference record to 7-0-1, guaranteeing them at least a share of the regular season TAAC title. Georgia State, whom UCF defeated 2-0 earlier in the season, occupies second place with a 6-1-1 conference record.

"Our goal is to win the TAAC," said UCF Coach Amanda Cromwell. "Obviously every team that's in there is shooting for that."

UCF's biggest strength this season has been the depth of its bench, which will provide a boost for the team during the TAAC tournament. Keeping players fresh will be important, as the team will have to play two games in two days to win the championship, something they have not done this year.

"Having two games in two days - that's tough," said Cromwell. "I feel very confident with our players coming in off the bench. Having some depth maybe is going to help us win the TAAC Tournament."

UCF's final TAAC regular season contest before the tournament takes place on October 29, on the road at Florida Atlantic. The Golden Knights have outscored their opponents 25-0.

Getting defensive

In their eight conference games this season, the Golden Knights have outscored their opponents 25-0. Goalkeepers Maria Banuls and Jessica Kuhlman have yet to give up a goal in TAAC play. With one final TAAC game left this regular season, UCF is looking to go an entire season without being scored upon in conference.

"Still undefeated, still unscorched," said Coach Cromwell after UCF's 7-0 victory over Troy State. "[Our defense] is really important. I can stick four or five players back there and they can all step in and do the job. That's been the toughest position to pick a starting lineup for."

UCF's defensive rotation includes freshmen Jackie Van Looven and Brooke Asby, sophomore Noelle Brown, junior Sarah Farris Leathers and is led by Auffant. Defense wins championships, and that is no different in soccer. That group, along with Banuls and Kuhlman, will have to continue their high level of play if the Golden Knights are going to win the TAAC Tournament.

—DAVID MARSTERS

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Rosenberger does it her way, blossoming despite goofy footing

**Jeff Case**

Senior Susan Rosenberger, a senior on UCF’s volleyball team, has played with a disability throughout her career. It was not until last season that Rosenberger found out about her problem.

"It's called goofy foot," said Rosenberger, who transferred to UCF after playing two years at Indian River CC. "The footwork is supposed to be left (foot)-right (foot) -left (foot). When you approach the ball, I'm eight inches left-handed, so I have the footwork of a left-handed hitter although I'm a right-handed hitter." Former UCF coach Miriam Ochoa, who coached the Golden Knights last year, spent most of her time with Rosenberger trying to cure her goofy footed approach. But Rosenberger said this year’s team, which may have been fighting a losing battle.

"The coaches this year didn’t really say they were surprised I was doing well because I'm goofy footed," Rosenberger said. "Last year Miriam tried changing it and things just didn’t work out because I've been playing like I've been playing since I was in 5th grade and last year was the first time I was told that.”

Knights’ coach Meg Fitzgerald said that when she first arrived on UCF’s campus last spring, replacing Ochoa, she noticed Rosenberger immediately.

"She stood out in my mind because she was goofy footed and I wondered if we would need to change in order for her to be extremely successful," Fitzgerald said. "She has a lot of power as a hitter and she's improved tremendously on her passing." The play of Rosenberger has helped UCF to an undefeated season and was second on the team in errors.

A year's time has changed a lot for Rosenberger as she has now become one of the best outside hitters in the TAAC. She is among the TAAC's Top 10 in digs (3rd, 2.33 per game) and kills (4th, 3.60 per game). She's also played in all but one of UCF's matches this season and leads the Golden Knights in attacks (78).

Despite her success, Rosenberger said she still sees room for improvement, especially in her hitting percentage.

"First of all, I want us as a team to win the TAAC back," Rosenberger said. "Then we go to our individual goals that Meg had us set. My hitting percentage isn't quite where it should be, I haven't reached my goal there. But I feel with working hard in practice and we still have the rest of the season that I can surpass them." Rosenberger's success has not been a surprise to Fitzgerald, who said she expected contributions from Rosenberger. While Fitzgerald admits Rosenberger’s success despite her goofy footedness puzzles her, the coach doesn’t see any reason to change how one of her senior leaders plays.

"We thought if we could change her goofy footedness, she’d be able to contribute, but she’s doing it anyway," Fitzgerald said. "Her defensive play, especially her digging, has put her beyond the other outside hitters. She has a tremendous ability to get after balls (on defense) and does a great job defensively. So far, though, she’s proven me wrong that she can be a pretty good outside hitter and be goofy footed."
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VOLLEYBALL NOTEBOOK

Sandala steps it up

Coach Meg Fitzgerald expected her freshman setter, Becca Sandala, to go through the normal freshman routine this season. Fitzgerald was prepared for up and down play, homesickness and at times, nervousness from Sandala. Luckily, those expectations have not been met.

What she has gotten from the freshman from White Lake, Mich., has been nothing but clutch play all year. Sandala, who essentially took over the quarterback position from one of UCF's all-time greats, Amanda Fielding, has been a constant on the team.

She currently leads the conference in assists per game average with more than 12 a game and is second to Oksana Gresyltner of Georgia State in total assists.

"She's taking on a big load as essentially the quarterback on our team and she's done a nice job with it overall," Fitzgerald said. "She's a stable factor in that she does what she's supposed to do well and she does it with consistency.

"It was my hope she could do that, but with a freshman, you have to worry about riding the ups and downs in a season."

If anything, Sandala has made steering UCF's ship easier for Fitzgerald as she has registered 61, 46, 50 and 38 assists in the Golden Knights' (13-10, 7-0 TAAC) last four matches.

"We expected to have to make regular adjustments with her as a freshman, so we really haven't had to make any," Fitzgerald said. "We haven't really ridden any ups and downs with her in a while."

Owls up next

The Knights' three game shutout of Mercer last week marked their seventh consecutive TAAC win of the year. Even better for UCF, it has not lost a match in more than two weeks: Up next for UCF is Florida Atlantic, which has struggled to an 11-10 record overall, including a 4-3 record in the TAAC.

The Owls, who won the TAAC Championship last year and advanced to the NCAA Tournament, will host UCF on the 26th. Fitzgerald said she expects a strong performance from Owls' setter Sarah Chandler.

"I think both of these teams like to play each other, so we're expecting a tough game from them," said Fitzgerald, who is her first season in Knights' couch. "They're setter is really good at looking around and finding ways to get her hitters in position to be in one-on-one situations with a defender." "If we can serve tough and force them to run more of an option offense, I think we'll be okay," Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald said she expects a hostile environment at FAU Gym as it will be her first trip there. Earlier this year, UCF defeated FAU in four games to start the Knights' conference win streak.

Quiet leader emerges

Susan Rosenberger, who played a minor role in UCF's offense last year, has been key to the Knights' re-emergence in the TAAC conference.

The senior transfer from Indian River Community College leads the team in kills and digs, but has also emerged as a team leader.

"She's not as vocal like Sobs (sophomore Michelle Sobczak), but that's not a bad thing Michelle is loud because you need leaders like that," Fitzgerald said. "But you always can hear Sue talking and keeping her teammates up."

Rosenberger said she's never considered herself a leader in the past, but added she has become more vocal this season.

"I've never been one to be real loud, but I've started to become a little more vocal this year," she said. "I just tell the team to keep their head up and to come on and pick it up on defense because defense is important to me."

Number crunching

Knights currently placed in the Top 10 in the Trans America Athletic Conference's individual statistics.

Piper Morgan, a sophomore middle blocker, 1st, blocks per game (1.32 per game, 20 assisted blocks, 82 single blocks). She is also fifth in the TAAC in kills per game (3.37 per game, 260 kills).

Susan Rosenberger, a senior outside hitter, 4th, kills per game (3.5 per game, 280 kills) and 4th, digs per game (3.2 digs, 253 digs). Sandala, 1st, assists per game (12.67) and 2nd, total assists (1992).

—JEFF CASE
FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Unbalanced attack

In Louisiana Tech's 46-35 victory over UCF, Bulldog quarterback Tim Rattay threw for 561 yards and five touchdowns, and wide receiver James Jordan threw for another 36 yards on a trick play, totaling 597 yards passing on the night. However, Louisiana Tech finished the game with only 550 yards of total offense.

But in a game where nothing seemed to go right for the UCF defense against Rattay, they dominated the other aspect of the game. Louisiana Tech, holding them to -7 yards rushing. Coming into the game, Louisiana Tech was averaging 106.8 yards on the ground per contest.

"I've always said if you can't run the football, you can't win games," said UCF Coach Mike Kruczak. "I guess that was a lie."

Rattay's numbers made it a record setting night for the Heisman Trophy candidate. His 561 yards fell 29 short of his career high, a 590 yard effort against Nebraska in 1998. His yardage total and 46 completions were the most ever allowed in a game by the Washington Redskins quarterback in the state of Louisiana.

Pennington also passed for 100 yard touchdowns by a record. He trails only current Marshall quarterback Chad Davis (114) and former Grambling and Washington Redskins quarterback Doug Williams for most career touchdown passes by a quarterback in the state of Louisiana. His 10:02 yardage total and 46 passing completions were the most ever allowed in a game by the Washington Redskins quarterback in the state of Louisiana.

"I've never seen a kid throw the ball with that kind of rhythm and timing," said Kruczak. "I've never seen a kid throw the ball with the kind of rhythm and timing," said Kruczak. The Golden Knights have faced five Heisman Trophy candidate quarterbacks this season, including Drew Brees, Joe Hamilton, Doug Johnson, Quincy Carter, and now Rattay. Senior defensive lineman Justen Moore put Rattay on the same level as the other four: "He knew exactly what we were running before we ran it, and we had never run it before," said Moore. "He knew where we were coming and he put some passes on the money. You couldn't ask for a better quarterback."

TD breaks out

No, not Terrell Davis, besides, he's injured. Not to mention he has no idea how to do with the UCF program.

It's sophomore wide receiver Tavis Davis who had his coming-out party in the loss to Louisiana Tech, catching five balls for 61 yards and a touchdown. Davis had spent most of the year in a backup role and seen few passes thrown his way until Saturday's game. That changed as Davis made a key contribution to the comeback effort made the Golden Knights in the fourth quarter. Trailing 30-21, the Golden Knights were given a chance to get back into the game when Bulldog kicker Kevin Kruczak missed a 42-yard field goal attempt with 10:02 left in the fourth quarter. Davis gained the last 30 yards on the ensuing drive, including a 19-yard catch to move the ball to the Tech 11-yard line, and then a touchdown catch that made the game 39-28.

"I ran a post, and I was supposed to go over the top of the safety, but he ran out so I ran under, and Viic just found me in the seam for the touchdown," said Davis.

Despite his big night, however, Davis focused on the team's accomplishments. "I really don't count the touchdowns because we lost," said Davis. "If we had won, it would be a very different story - we'd be celebrating. I'm not enthusiastic about this loss."

Davis will see a lot more action in the future, as he is in line to succeed Charles Lee when he graduates after this season.

3rd down woes

The UCF offense had a lot of success against Louisiana Tech, but when it struggled, it struggled at all the wrong times. The Golden Knights converted on only 4-of-13 3rd down situations, a dismal 31%. UCF was forced to punt six times in the game. In comparison, the Bulldogs were successful 6 of 12 3rd downs, including a touchdown pass on one of them. Last season, UCF led the nation in 3rd down conversion percentage.

"When you've got third and a yard and a half, you've got to come up with a running play that can get a first down," said Coach Kruczak. "We stress third down efficiency - its huge, especially when you're playing a team where you have to possess the football to keep it away from a great offense."

Louisiana Tech's offense made very few mistakes in the game, and UCF was unable to capitalize on the mistakes they made. On the Bulldogs first drive of the third quarter, Justen Moore intercepted a Tim Rattay pass and returned it to Tech's 28 yard line. The turnover set up the Golden Knights for a 27-yard field goal. That made the game 39-28.

"I thought we could run the football," said Coach Kruczak. "We ran the football early pretty well."

UCF's total of 155 rushing yards would have been much higher if they hadn't had to play catch-up in the fourth quarter, attempting to score quickly through the passing game.

The Golden Knights have gained 698 yards on the ground in their past four games, and average of 174.5 yards per game.

Comeback kids

Trailing 39-14 early in the fourth quarter, quarterback Victor Penn led UCF on a comeback trail that, while unsuccessful, provided its fans with some exciting moments. Penn threw for 159 yards in the fourth quarter, including two touchdown passes to Tavious Davis and Kenny Clark. He also tucked the ball away after being flushed from the pocket and ran for a 28-yard touchdown in the quarter.

"It's very frustrating to lose this game, especially after we started to come back," said Penn. "It was tough not to be able to come away with a victory tonight."

In losing, the Golden Knights offense produced its best output of the season with 491 total yards and 35 points. Penn finished with 326 yards and two touchdowns on 27-48 passing, his second highest yardage total of the season.

—DAVID MARSTERS

Eagles feature balanced offensive attack

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"When you think about it, we're going to have a 5-foot-9 defensive back against a 6-foot-5 receiver. That's going to be the problem we'll have to face." The Eagles have a more diverse offense than Louisiana Tech, although it is not as explosive. Eastern Michigan runs the ball with juniors Eric Powell and Reggie Gage, who have combined for 576 yards and six touchdowns this season. Gage scored the game-winner against Toledo and is more of a slasher, while Powell is a straight-ahead banger.

"They mix up formations and will look to run more than Louisiana Tech did," Kruczak said. "They'll provide an interesting change from last week. More conventional!"

UCF expects a big turnout for this week's Homecoming contest, which will feature a Lenzy Krawitz following the game. The average attendance for UCF's homecoming games the last two years is about 35,000. The Knights have won their last four Homecoming contests.
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Fans fail to show for big show at Citrus Bowl

**Eric Elison  | Staff Writer**

UCF supporters were left wondering where their Knights disappeared to on Saturday night. Actually, the Golden Knights themselves may have been wondering the same thing about their fans. It appears much of UCF’s support base has found it preferable to stay away from the Citrus Bowl all together.

Jenn Read, a steadfast UCF fan, is disappointed in the weak turnout for a tough opponent like La Tech. Calo said, “I feel so bad for the team when they look to the crowd for energy and they don’t get a reply.”

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Only 16,535 showed up for UCF’s loss to La. Tech, a ‘name’ opponent with a Heisman Trophy candidate QB. The lack of fan support was even more disappointing considering it was a beautiful night for football, a sharp contrast to the hurricane conditions of the Nicholls State matchup.

While their Knights disappeared to on Saturday night, it is a call to drag your friends to the game who said they wanted to watch another game on tv or that they wanted to go to the beach. It is a call to realize that UCF needs more die-hard fan support.

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Rattay caps UCF’s encounters with star quarterbacks

In the now famous first month of UCF’s schedule, the Golden Knights faced a steady diet of potent offenses. Purdue, Florida, Georgia Tech and Georgia not only taught valuable lessons to UCF’s young team, but also showed them four different ways to play quarterback.

From Drew Brees of the Boilermakers to Quincy Carter of the Bulldogs, each quarterback made life difficult for the Knights. But, now that UCF is done with its fifth Heisman candidate signal caller, Louisiana Tech’s Tim Rattay, which one was the toughest?

“I’d have to say Joe Hamilton at Georgia Tech,” said defensive end Fred Harley. “He was definitely one of the best all around quarterback, especially with his mobility. He could run as well as he could pass the ball. He ran a lot more than anyone we saw all year.”

Hamilton did make for a forgettable night for Harley and his defensive teammates, as Georgia Tech’s Hessman hopeful gathered 160 passing yards and 100 rushing yards against UCF. Georgia Tech went on to beat UCF 41-10 that night, but the other QBs the Knights faced in their first month weren’t any easier to stomach.

Purdue’s Brees torched UCF’s defense for 273 yards and four touchdowns while Florida’s Doug Johnson collected 271 yards and four scores. UCF’s QB Vic Penn out-passed Johnson, but Penn’s 379 yards couldn’t stop UCF from being defeated 58-27. Carter, a sophomore, likely played the worst of UCF’s first four QB opponents, managing only 219 yards and a 58-27 loss. In UCF’s 48-35 loss to Louisiana Tech on Saturday, Tech QB Tim Rattay may have surpassed Hamilton on the Knights’ list of hated quarterbacks. Rattay rolled up 361 passing yards, the most ever against UCF in addition to five touchdowns.

For senior defensive end Justin Moore, it seemed like Rattay could read the defense’s mind.

"This guy is just as good as any of the one’s we faced at the start of the season," Moore said. "He put up some crazy numbers on us. He seemed to know exactly what we were running before we ran it, and we had never run it before."

"He made some great checks at the line of scrimmage and like Purdue, he gets the ball in there really quick."

Even UCF’s offensive players were amazed at Rattay’s efficiency in the pocket. Rattay, who connected on 46-of-62 passes against the Knights, looked familiar to receiver Charles Lee.

"The other quarterbacks seemed the same to me, but Rattay reminded me of Brees because he can just stand in there and throw the ball. He can just stand in there and throw the ball," Lee said. "I’ve never seen anybody throw the ball like him and he always seems to know where his receivers are."

"He’s a field general, deserving of all the praise and credit he gets as a passer because he earns it. I’d definitely pick him to be a high pick in next year’s NFL Draft."

Knights’ coach Mike Kruczek said UCF’s defense struggled in trying to stop Tech’s five-wide receiver sets. It was through those formations that Rattay gained most of his yards and also some of his 17 touchdowns.

"I’ve never seen anyone throw the ball with that kind of timing ever," Kruczek said. "A lot of times, his receivers hadn’t even turned around when he’s already got the ball in the air on the way to them. I saw a young Kenny Stabler (who played for the Oakland Raiders in the 1960s) play and he was a hall of famer in the NFL."

"This guy throws the ball exceptionally well and he’s got some big time receivers to catch the ball." 

Unfortunately for the Knights, Rattay is a senior like Brees and Hamilton. That means UCF will not get another crack at trying to beat Rattay, admittedly one of the most difficult Qb’s the Knights have played all year. Then again, maybe that’s not such a bad thing.
Demps tackles role as defensive standout

Travis Bell
SPORTS WRITER

Damian Demps emerged as a cornerstone of the UCF defense last season, leading the Golden Knights in tackles as a sophomore. This season, nothing has changed, as he has been looked upon to maintain leadership in an injury-plagued defense, and has provided the same results.

Demps leads the team with 52 tackles during the difficult 2-5 start. He also did his part against Louisiana Tech, recording five tackles and breaking up two passes in the Bulldogs' 46-35 win.

"It was a good job by our coaching staff," Demps said. "They exploited and found the weaknesses in our coverages. Tim Rattay is a good quarterback (against Tech), but he made a lot of great decisions and good throws."

UCF faced its fifth Heisman-caliber quarterback this season in Tech's Tim Rattay. He lit up the Golden Knights defense to the tune of 597 yards passing and five touchdowns in 62 pass attempts, and Demps says it was difficult to defend against him.

"It's difficult mentally because you have to learn a lot of formations," Demps said. "You have to know what they like to do and don't like to do and use it to your advantage. That's part of the game, and you just have to try to beat them at their own game."

The junior strong is one of UCF's vocal leaders and has been a steady influence on some of the younger defensive backs. Redshirt freshman free safety Ricot Joseph is one of those younger guys that Demps has taken under his wing.

"He's a great help on the field because he knows a lot about what teams are going to do," Joseph said. "He's helped a lot on what to watch for and on certain coverages who to key in on and how to make plays."

Demps has not only contributed to the defense with tackles. He leads the team with two interceptions, and has recorded four pass break ups, a quarterback hurry, and a blocked kick.

"I would like to be the leader, and I've been trying to step my game up to be that leadership type of person," Demps said. "I think I played all right (against Louisiana Tech), but since we lost you never think that you played up to what you should be."

Demps played a good amount of time as a freshman, and the experience helped with him in recording 92 tackles last season. He has just looked to improve each season on what he can do to help the team, and will continue to do that through his senior season.

"I'm trying to step up and be the best player that I can be right now," Demps said. "Joseph says it must be something instinctive that makes Demps such a good player on the field.

"He just has a nose for the ball, and somehow he always knows where the ball's gonna be," Joseph said.

However, Demps knows that after the game against Louisiana Tech that he and the rest of the defense have some things to work on. He also says that the team will need to get a quicker start against Eastern Michigan on Saturday.

"We need to get in the game early (against Eastern Michigan)," Demps said. "Sometimes we've come out a little sluggish, so next game in the first quarter we need to try to get on top of them early."
Davis breaks through in losing cause

**Travis Bell**

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Entering the 1999 season, UCF knew that its passing game would rely heavily on Charles Lee and Kenny Clark. With the two go-to guys established, the Golden Knights looked to fill the void of a third wide receiver to help draw defenders away from them to open the field.

Through the first six games, Lee and Clark were the main receivers, double-teamed because of a lack of options for quarterback Vic Penn. All of that changed last Saturday.

Against Louisiana Tech, sophomore Tavirus Davis stepped up to fill that role after returning from nagging injuries that had plagued him early in the season. He caught five passes for 61 yards with a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

"I came off my injuries and was able to be more productive in the offense," Davis said. "I ran good routes and was patient. I also took what the defense was giving me."

Davis was looked upon late in the game during a scoring drive that cut Tech's lead to 39-28 with 7:52 left in the game. Davis caught a 19-yard pass for a first down during a scoring drive that cut Tech's lead down to extend the drive, and then pulled Davis said.

"It was a bittersweet moment for Davis because of the 46-35 loss. "It really doesn't matter since we lost," Davis said. "If we had won, it would have been a different story." Davis allowed the field to open up for Lee and Clark, who combined for 15 catches, 196 yards, and one score. Lee says it was helpful against Louisiana Tech that Davis made his presence felt.

"It helps a lot (to have more than two main receivers) so teams can't double up certain receivers," Lee said. "It's nice having someone that can come in and complement other receivers. He's been working real hard and he's gonna be a fine receiver."

Davis had played in all six games before the contest against the Bulldogs, but injuries limited his time on the field. When healthy, he had been productive, pulling down 16 receptions for 142 yards, providing another deep threat as well as a key possession receiver.

"As much as we throw it, we need to have five or six receivers that we have faith in to go to," offensive coordinator Paul Lounsberry said. "Tavirus has been one of those guys and he's really stepped up. He did a great job tonight, but he did have one fumble and we need to correct that."

Davis is one of many receivers that UCF will count on more in the future, considering Lee is a senior and UCF will need someone to be on the field alongside Clark next season, Davis looked to be one of the receivers stepping to the forefront.

"As he matures he's gonna be a go-to guy," Lounsberry said. "I think he can handle that job and I think it's expected of him."

After the difficult 0-4 start, UCF had won two straight games and was hoping for a repeat of last year's victory over Louisiana Tech. Despite the loss, Davis was happy with what the offense was able to accomplish against the Bulldogs.

"We did everything that we wanted to do tonight, but you just come up short sometimes," Davis said. "The Louisiana Tech game was very difficult," Davis said.

"We wanted to finish the season with a 7-0 stretch, but now we need to regroup for next week against Eastern Michigan."
LAST WEEK — L, 46-35

Rattay’s rifle arm lifts Bulldogs

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STAFF WRITER

ORLANDO— If anyone should know that an independent program can feature a Heisman Trophy candidate at quarterback, UCF should, boasting record-breaking quarterback Daunte Culpepper for four years. However, if the Golden Knights needed a reminder, they got one on Saturday night.

Louisiana Tech quarterback Tim Rattay lived up to his billing as a Heisman Darkhorse, leading his Bulldogs to a 46-35 victory against UCF in front of 16,535 at the Florida Citrus Bowl.

Rattay completed 46 of 62 passes, torching the Golden Knight secondary for 561 yards and five touchdowns. His 46 completions and 561 yards were the most ever allowed in a game by a UCF defense.

“I’ve never seen a kid throw the ball with that kind of rhythm and timing,” said UCF Coach Mike Kruczek.

Despite scoring first for the fifth time in seven games this season, UCF (2-5) could not maintain its lead as Louisiana Tech (5-2) responded quickly to Omari Howard’s 3-yard scoring run with a Tim Rattay to Kruczek. Rattay's rifle lifted Bulldogs

fourth quarter, quarterback Victor Penn led UCF on a late comeback by throwing two touchdown passes and running for another score, but the lead proved to be insurmountable.

“His very frustrating to lose this game, especially after we started to comeback,” said Penn. “It was tough not to be able to come away with a victory tonight.”

In a losing effort, the Golden Knight offense produced its best output of the season with 491 total yards and 35 points. Penn threw for 336 yards and two touchdowns on 27-48 passing, and Edward Mack led the UCF rushing attack with 60 yards on 11 carries.

The Knights gained a total of 155 yards on the ground. Howard scored two rushing touchdowns, and sophomore wide receiver Tavarius Davis had a breakout game with five catches for 61 yards and a touchdown.

The UCF defense held Louisiana Tech to an anemic -7 yards rushing for the night, but failed to have an answer for Rattay’s pinpoint passing. The Knights were unable to get consistent pressure on the Bulldog quarterback, sacking him only once.

Senior defensive lineman Justen Moore caused the only dent in Rattay’s armor, intercepting a pass on Louisiana Tech’s first drive of the second half, and returning it to the Bulldog 28-yard line. The turnover set up the Golden Knight offense.

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NEXT UP — 4:00 p.m. Saturday, Florida Citrus Bowl

Knights welcome EMU for Homecoming game

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After a 24-23 loss at Georgia cost them their bowl eligibility, an emotional UCF team swallowed hard and proclaimed that running the table by winning its final seven games of the season was the main goal for the remainder of the year.

Well, Louisiana Tech’s 46-35 win last weekend foiled that plan, forcing the Golden Knights to switch to goal C- finish with a winning record.

Auburn, Middle Tennessee State, and Bowling Green remain on the schedule, but this week’s Homecoming contest against Eastern Michigan is step one of the four-step plan to get to 6-5.

“Certainly our biggest goal is to win the rest of our games,” senior fullback Page Sessoms said. “I think it helps that this is Homecoming. We should get a big turnout and be able to feed off them. But more than anything, we have to focus on our opponent and keep improving.”

Eastern Michigan has improved, coming off a 20-14 victory at Toledo, its’ second consecutive victory, and comes into the Florida Citrus Bowl at 3-4.

Redshirt junior quarterback Walt Church has completed 129 of 241 passes this season and is second in the Eastern Michigan record books in passing attempts, completions, yards, and total offense to current Detroit Lion starter Charlie Batch, who played there from 1994-97.

“Church is a good quarterback,” Coach Mike Kruczek said. “I think Batch was more mobile, but Church has a good arm and can be effective.”