SG-bought computers collect dust

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The more than $500,000 in computer equipment purchased by Student Government this past spring still sits untouched in boxes in the Student Union and Engineering Building.

UCF administration ordered the equipment secured during the summer to be inventoried.

A memorandum from Amy Florin, president of the Business Administration College Council, to Dr. Sharon Ekeren, director of Student Government Administrative Services, explained what members of the college council believe the equipment should be used for.

Some of the suggestions were: each of the college councils use one set of recruitment displays, the video walls set up in the Student Union and also in either the Wild Pizza or Classroom Building, and the IBM Netfinity 5500 servers used as a primary domain controller for the college council domain.

After the inventory, property procedures were put in place for the first time at UCF.

These procedures (now Chapter VI of the SG Financial Manual) help define the ordering/receiving, issuance, inventorying and responsibilities involved with SG property.

All property items must be shipped to the SG Finance Office for CLUBS, Page 4

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The festival is one of the premiere concert venues held at the Canterbury Cathedral and in the Queen Elizabeth Hall. The 88-member chorus will perform Beethoven's "Symphony No. 7" and "Ode to the President and Future Days," a premiere piece written by UCF's 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 Pheortan 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 choir to the festival to sing the premiere of the piece.

"It's kind of a forward
Graduation planned for Dec. 18

Fall commencement will be held Dec. 18 at the UCF Arena.  
• 11 a.m. — College of Arts & Sciences
• 11:30 a.m. — College of Health & Public Affairs
• 12:30 p.m. — College of Business Administration
• 6:30 p.m. — Colleges of Education & Engineering & School of Optics

Candidates may order their caps and gowns at the UCF Bookstore or online at www.ucfbookstore.com. Excess tickets at the main campus may be picked up at the Constituent Relations, Administration Building, Room 328.

Candidates from the branch campuses may order tickets Nov. 15-19 and pick them up Dec. 6-9. Daytona Beach candidates should contact the Administrative Services Office (Bldg. 34, Room 105) for tickets; and Brevard campus candidates may contact the BCC Bookstore.

Tickets not picked up by the specified date will be given to candidates desiring extra tickets.

Candidates from all campuses may pick up unclaimed and excess tickets at the main campuses’ 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 100 and the Communications Building, Room 101.

Events:
• The College of Business Administration will host the UCF Business Education Fair from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 27 in the Business Administration Building Atrium. Faculty members and administration will be present.
• The Director of the Haunted Arboretum, Chris Kleih, has rescheduled the event for 3 p.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:
5. “Garden of Remembrance,” by Dr. Leslie Elms of the UCF Retirement Association.

Registration


Register by telephone using TouchTone at 407-823-2527 or call free at 877-823-2527. For assistance, call the Registrar’s Office at 407-823-3533.

Scholarships:
• The Nicholson School of Communication is offering a $2000 scholarship for the spring semester. Requirements are:
  1. Female
  2. preference given to handicapped students, must be certified by UCF’s Handicapped Student Services
  3. must indicate financial need by completing the appropriate paperwork through the Financial Aid Office, Administration Building, Room 120
  4. overall GPA 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 computer-printed essay on “The Future of Communication and the role I plan to play in the future”
  8. graduating seniors must apply in their final semester

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

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

For more information and application requirements, visit www.ucf.edu/scholarship

Florida Leader magazine is now accepting applications for Florida College Student of the Year. Nearly $50,000 in scholarships and prizes will be awarded. To find out about the requirements and get an application, log on to www.floridaleader.com/soty or send a self-addressed stamped envelope, along with $1 postage, to Florida College Student of the Year Award, c/o Florida Leader magazine, P.O. Box 14081, Gainesville, Fl. 32604-2081. The deadline is Feb. 1, 2000.

— compiled by staff
Branch campuses celebrate Homecoming Knighteen99

Maya Lazarovitz  
staff writer

Homecoming '99, "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.

"Spirit Day is a time for our small branch campus students to join in and participate and promote campus spirit," Public Affairs Officer Safia Kahn said.

"We like to show the students our appreciation by giving them an opportunity to participate in student activities," Student Government Coordinator Ian Thompson said.

"It's our way of giving back to the students." At Daytona UCF, students plan to decorate the campus in honor of Homecoming and Halloween. They also plan to organize a carpool up to UCF's main campus to watch the game and participate in some of the main activities.

"The best we can do is encourage people to have a good time," SGA Coordinator Karen Ehny said.

In Orlando, Homecoming recently started with the Greek Extravaganza National Panhellenic Step Show on Oct. 24. Upcoming events for the rest of the week include the Homecoming Carnival, Ski Night, Spirit Splash, the Homecoming Parade and the Homecoming game. After the game, Lenny Kravitz will perform a live concert.

Throughout the week, promotional items, such as frisbees, cups and lanyards will be handed out in front of the Union from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We want to get as many students and alumni, as well as the community involved in building spirit at UCF," Seth Daub, the 1999 Homecoming director, said. "We're trying to make this year's Homecoming the best of the millennium, because it's the last of the millennium, and we wanted to save the best for last."
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 body 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.

It must be accessible for use by the student body and maintained properly.

Council representative Japheth Paramandam, wants the room where the equipment is stored back.

"We 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 equipment 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.

Funding for the other college councils can not.

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Future educators meet the Dean

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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 organizations 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 College 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 motivated departments," Kristian Coarse, 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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US students one of least likely groups to study abroad

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UCF was language. Even the simple head 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."

For information about future events or general information, contact International Student Services at 823-2337.
Members must raise $175,000 for trip

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looking - backward 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.

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Police clash with UC-Berkeley protesters

Sharanam Daneshvar
Michigan Daily

The Centers for Disease Control has declared a change in its vaccination guidelines to include more vaccinations, for preventing meningitis on college campuses.

After meeting with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Wednesday, CDC now encourages colleges to educate students about the potentially fatal bacterial meningitis in an attempt to supply students with the polysaccharide meningococca vaccine.

Prior to this meeting, CDC had issued no set guidelines or recommendations regarding the infectious disease.

"We are now saying that vaccination should be provided 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 based 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 high-risk groups also give information to students and parents about vaccination benefits.

Peterson stated vaccinations and information about meningitis is 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 $89 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 can 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 Web site at http://www.mhs.umich.edu/ahs /whatsup/meningitis.html to answer any questions about meningitis.

Of the six, two were charged with resisting arrest, unlawful assembly, trespassing and assaulting an officer, while the other four were charged with trespassing and resisting arrest, according to Liz Lee, a twlf member.

The protesters 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, Pelso 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 protesters, 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.

"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 students 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.”

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.

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Careless drivers cause accidents — not speed

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 civil engineers and the other powers-that-be should take to heart.

Most importantly, I can definitively answer the question, "Why are motorists angry?" We are angry 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 day 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 gung-ho on traffic enforcement — especially in an area where forward visibility is often limited only by the curvature of the earth, instead of being bound 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 the road 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.

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, liberate traffic flow, and make sure licensed drivers are competent drivers, careful drivers, and aware drivers.

-Matthew Tresekovich

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 compliment 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 partner. 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 waiter or waiters more than the traditional 15 percent.

If you feel your server went above and beyond for you and was there each time you needed him or her, let them know you appreciate their services with a 20 or 25 percent tip.

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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 that the communication, journalism, film and anthropology majors are probably the most well rounded individuals on campus.”

Matt Paster, 28, anthropology major

“I think computer science is the hardest.”

Leslie Rae Johnson, 28, journalism 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!

They have been playing together since they have ever heard of it. The band consists of lead singer and guitarist Kelly Jones, bassist Richard Cochrane, and drummer Stuart Cable. The three grew up together in South Wales. They have been playing together since their teens.

They signed with V2 Records in 1996, and released their first album, Word Gets Around in the summer of 1997. Word Gets Around rocketed the band from obscurity to royalty in Britain, but few in America have ever heard of it. Performance and Cocktails, their newest album, was released this year and has had limited play on American radio.

Stereophonics are currently making a quick blitz of North America, but only at the biggest venues in the biggest cities, including the Atlanta's Cotton 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 and 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 roll and singalong balladry.

The album kicks off with the heavy “Roll Up and Shine” (the track which lends the title of the album and completes the 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 completes 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/dye 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 melody, 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 unfa­miliar band’s album a chance, let it be Stereophonics’ Performance and Cocktails.

Stereophonics played a full house at Orlando’s Hard Rock Live last week. The band opened for Lady Prove but headlined in all other dates of their tour. The tour is in support of Stereophonics’ sophomore effort Performance and Cocktails released on the British label V2 Records earlier this year.
Orlando’s Fizzbin fights for deserved exposure

PATRICIA CANEDO
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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 groups 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.

In 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 somehow each part of the band is well represented. The vocalist does a awesome job bringing out the lyrics, the guitar has it’s very powerful 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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How do you like them apples? Apple oatmeal, apples over cereal, apples with honey butter, in fruit salad, apple chicken, apple cobbler, apple custard, apple cinnamon puree, apple sweet potato, or applesauce? Every imaginable apple recipe, along with numerous other heart-smart recipes, flavor “The Healthy College Cookbook” by Alexandra Nimetz, Jason Stanley, and Emily Starr.

This is a book that could be a valuable tool for all beginning cooks, picky eaters, healthy individuals, money-conscious students ... everyone who has an ravenous appetite for a quick, cheap, easy, healthy, and delicious meal. 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 tick to.

Every college student, maybe 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 can learn the recipes of cooking from as simple a dish as a hard boiled egg to heaves rancheros 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.

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The story line has two laboratory bats. Their downfall is the overall lack of logic. Anyone who thinks with their 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 crept 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.

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 their fighting zone against bats. I was hoping for some music to install some tension or at least a high frequency of the opera music to disorient 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.
‘Better Than Chocolate’ lives up to title

Shelley Mika
Contribution writer

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 recently divorced because of her husband's out at times.

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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 idealistic movie, which justifies the end.

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 sells her way through her divorce in order to find herself. And Maggie's friend Judy, who is making 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 humor, drama, social significance and artistic qualities are a good experience for everyone.

So what's better than chocolate? Quite possibly, "Better Than Chocolate."
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Dear Nancy,

My roommate is in one of my classes but she never gets up in time to go to it. So when I get back from class she asks for any notes and what she missed in class. I thought it was okay the first few times but now she’s driving me over the edge. How do I get her to stop or even better, tell her that this bothers me and that she should go to class herself?

—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 you don’t have time to translate the notes for her. She should get the hint unless she’s not only lazy but stupid as well. Ideally(for me anyway) you could make a plan so that one day you sleep in and she goes to class then the next time-vice versa. That way you’ll both be sharing, caring and loving roommates who are equally devoted and dedicated to one another. Then you can stop worrying about her muddy shoes.

—Dedicated Roomie

Dear Nancy:

I am a 22 year old virgin. I’ve had a few short term boyfriends in the past but it didn’t seem right so I didn’t go through with it. Lately I’ve been dating a guy who’s a few years older than me. He’s been open about his sexual history and he’s a lot more experienced than I am. I think he’s the one I’d like to share myself with but I’m afraid I’ll scare him away if I tell him the truth. What should I do?

—Scared

Dear Scared:

Well, you’re waiting this long what’s the rush now? My grandmother always used to say what you’ve never had, you won’t miss. Which I think is true in the big “V” situation. 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 thankful he wasn’t your first.

—Scared
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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.

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In October, Washington state's Department of Labor and Industries began an investigation of Seattle's burlesque pornography game Camp Chlove, according to a report in the Seattle newspaper The Stranger. The investigation will focus on, among other things, Chlove's workers' break policy (less than the state-required one hour per eight-hour shift for its five-mode plastics) and allegations that female performers must use 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, Debbie Rodriguez, 41, of Ames, Iowa, and Kristen 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, Benevento 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 "autonomy" defense, that he was able to stab his wife 47 times only because he was in a toxic state brought on by the trauma of being called a bedroom failure. And in June, an Atlanta jury rejected Christopher Stobbart's claim of self-defense for shooting his boss in the head 14 times, then walking to another room, reloading and shooting him 10 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 daughters smoke marijuana was so they wouldn't become alcoholics like their father. And Yuji Nishizawa, who hijacked the All Nippon Airways Boeing 747 in July 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 Pfinster, 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 leaping 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 lured 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 flying 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 apotemnophiliacs (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." Reinaldo 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 Fullerton, Mass., have been unable to find, since May, the dog owner who trained his pit bull to sharpen his teeth on trees and consequently shot 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 June, after a Spanish Fort, Ala., police officer pepper-sprayed an alligator that was creating a public menace, the gator bit a $300 chunk out of the officer's cruiser.

Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

October 27, 1999

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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 Miso Hatori of Cibo Matto to Del Tha Funkee Homospian, DJ Shadow, Dave 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 (De 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 Homospian, 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 techni-cal involved sample-heavy tracks and even stops for a few slowed-down soul numbers.

“The Truth,” featuring Rossin of Moloko and J-Live, is a spaced-out mellow 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 Ercore, and “Meganon 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 plonky advertisement for The Handsome Boy Modeling School by Father Guido Sarducci that fully illustrates the overall light-hearted 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 cheap-er than actually attending a Handsome Boy Modeling School, but still just as flashy.

—Jason Hardy

The title of the Cowboy Junkies’ latest album, Rarities, B-Sides and Slow, Sad Waltzes, could describe just about any song in the band’s catalogue. Afterall, what Cowboy Junkies song isn’t rare, slow and sad?

This collection of songs contains typical Cowboy Junkies songs, making one wonder why such a collection of rarities is needed.

Most rarities compilations usually contain songs that are different in style or experimental in some way.

Rarities is just the opposite. Each song sounds just like the next, making for a relatively boring album.

The Cowboy Junkies’ greatest asset is lead singer Margo Timmins’ voice. Her smooth, soothing vocals may be a joy to listen too but track after track of the same singing style, her crooning begins to annoy.

The formula for a Cowboy Junkies song is easily conveyed: a guitar starts things off, then Timmins’ vocals come in, and after that its just a matter of verse, chorus, verse.

The only differences are how twangy the guitar riffs might be or how much country accent Timmins lays on.

Listening to Rarities all the way through is not recommended.

A more sporadic approach is in order - listen to a few tracks, take a break, then listen to a few more.

—Ian Young

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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 (36-21, 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 but tentative plans include the Wake Forest game being televised on Sunshine Network at 11 a.m. on Jan. 29. Miami and Rice are the other schools participating in the tournament. Full tournament 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 its 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 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 Bowers (Palm Harbor/Tampa Springs HS), junior pitcher Jason Arnold (Melbourne/Melbourne HS) and an excellent supporting cast have 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, 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 (NCAA ranking 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 Bost 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 holiday.

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 CBS. 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."

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 DLK Group Sports. Highland Golf has been contracted to work on the field.

Despite the recent rain, DLK has been working on grading the area and will begin the footers 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 DLK principal John J. Carran Jr. and UCF Senior Associate Athletics Director Art Zenkelski are slated for each Monday through the project's completion.

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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 Hurricane Dennis postpone 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 southeastern including 74th-ranked Auburn, TAAC for Florida Atlantic, Florida A&M, 76th-ranked Florida State, Middle Tennessee State, and Valdosta State. Guerin, a native from Lyon, France, started against Florida State senior Michael Lighthall in the first round. After a tight 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, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2. Cooper had defeated No. 4 seed Sanabria, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 in the second round against Valdosta State’s seventh seed Estevan Strecker, 6-0, 6-3.

“I had a good comeback in the first round, but I was not able to rebound against Streczer,” said Sanabria, who played in his first collegiate tournament as a Golden Knight.

Guerin and Camacho teamed up in the doubles competition and reached the quarterfinals where TAAC rivals Ros and Sandro Spotti from Florida Atlantic defeated the UCF duo, 8-4. Westin and Sanabria lost in the second round against FSU’s Men’s and women’s teams now prepare for the C.L. Varner Invitational at Rollins on October 29-31.
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 Nurmiro assisted on both goals for the 2-0 victory. UCF (9-6) got on the board early in the eighth minute when Nurmiro sent a pass to Jorgen Midttveit, 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 Oyvind Thorin sent a lead pass to Nurmisto, who centered a pass to Rami Vehmas. Vehmas then ripped a shot from 25 yards out to beat the GSW keeper.

The Golden Knights conclude its season this weekend at the 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 the chance to play some people in the FAA tournament to get them some quality minutes,” Winch said. “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.

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

Its 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 GSW is 3-2. If Georgia State beats Jacksonville, 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 GSW 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 two seed if Mercer had beaten Mercer,” Winch said.

“Losing Anti for the first two conference games hurt us, but on our own merit, we deserve to be there (three of 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 GSW. 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 Nurmisto are tied for the team lead with 14 goals apiece. Ritvanen is fourth in the conference in scoring with 31 points, while Nurmisto has added 11 assists to be the TAAC’s leading scorer with 30 points. Nurmisto also ranks second in the NCAA in scoring.

Senior captain Rami Vehmas has scored in each of the last two games and has five goals and eight assists. Vehmas also became to school’s all-time assist leader earlier this season. Fellow senior Arno Nurmiro 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.”

—TRAVIS BEIL
Senior play regular season finale

Against Troy State on October 23, UCF seniors Wendy Wilsey, Margrette Auffant, Monica Holshauer and Alison 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," Wilsey 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. Wilsey 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. Holshauer 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 seniors.

"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 Wilsey. "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 their 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 may be 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 won three of the last four TAAC Tournament.

"I think we have a really good chance of winning the TAAC and getting onto the NCAA Tournament," said Wendy Wilsey. "I don't think we're going to accept anything less than that."

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.

"Our defense is really important," said Coach Cromwell. "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 Faur 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
Rosenberger does it her way, blossoming despite goofy footing

JEFF CASE
SPORTS WRITER

Susan Rosenberger, a senior on UCF's volleyball team, has played with a disability throughout her career. But 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 seasons at Indian River CC. "The footwork is supposed to be left (foot)-right (foot)-left (foot) [when you approach the ball]. I'm right-left-right, so I have the footwork of a left-handed hitter although I'm a right-handed hitter.

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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 (6th, 2.33 per game) and kills (4th, 3.60 per game).

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.'

Knights offense stalls until 4th

The Knights' offense has struggled throughout the season, but was unable to convert the field position advantage to scoring opportunities. The Golden Knights were forced to punt six times, compared to only three for Louisiana Tech.

Rattay's five touchdown passes increased his career total to 98, moving him ahead of former Grambling and Washington Redskin quarterback Doug Williams formost career touchdown passes by a college quarterback in the state of Louisiana. He trails only current Marshall quarterback Chad Pennington (100), former Florida Gator Danny Wuerffel (114), and former BYU star Ty Detmer (121) for the NCAA F-A record.

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**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 time, 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 Groydinger 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' (11-10, 7-0 TAAC) last four matches.

"We expected to have to make regular adjustments with her as a freshman, so we really hadn'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 as Knights' coach. "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 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).

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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, 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 Kruczek. "I guess that was a lie."

Rattay's numbers made it a record setting night for the Bulldogs. Rattay's five touchdown passes by a quarterback tied a Louisiana Tech record, and five passes increased his career touchdown passes by a Florida Gator Danny Wuerffel to an all-time record.

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Louisiana Tech's offense made very few mistakes in the game, and UCF was unable to capitalize on the mistakes they did make. On the Bulldogs first drive of the third quarter, Justin Moore intercepted a Tim Rattay pass and returned it to Tech's 28 yard line. The turnover set up the Golden Knights with a chance to get back into the game, as they only trailed 23-7 at that point, but they were unable to convert the turnover into points, ending what seemed to be a shift in momentum.

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 on 6 of their 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 Kruczek. "We stress third down efficiency - it's huge, especially when you're playing a team where you have to possess the football to keep it away from a great offense."

When you think about it, Louisiana Tech had a lot of success against UCF's defense, allowing 27-48 passing, his second highest passing output of the season despite not having to throw the football to keep it away from a great offense.

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

"We have won, it would be a very different story - we'd be celebrating. I'm not enthusiastic about this loss," said Davis. "If we had won, it would have been a much bigger story - we'd be celebrating."

UCF expects a big turnout for this week's Homecoming contest, which will feature a Lenny Kravitz following the game. The average attendance for UCF's homecoming game the last two years is about 35,000. The Knights have won their last four Homecoming contests.

"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 a problem we'll have to face," said Davis. "They mix up formations, and force us to run more than we would have liked."

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 runner.

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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 found it preferable to stay away from the Citrus Bowl all together.

Boca Ratn native Gayle Gorcheck, one of the few fans present at the game, made it apparent that her excitement for the team is enhanced when the Knights take on quality programs and that her attention is important for the future of the program.

"I'm glad I made it up this weekend, this is a tougher team to beat, and it's more exciting," Gorcheck said.

Despite the disappointing 46-35 loss, Greta Syster, a sophomore at UCF, sees the positives in being a UCF fan and also rides with the ups and downs that must be endured to wear the black and gold.

"We played a tough team in Louisiana Tech," Syster said. "This was a tough loss but the overall series with them still has UCF ahead 2-1 so I can still feel confident about the team."

UCF sophomore Jack Calo was more disappointed in the weak turnout than in the Knights' performance. He displayed his angst about the fan turnout.

"It is hard to endure any loss but what compounds the pain is the lack of fan 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 response."

"I feel sad for the team when they look to the crowd for energy and they don't get a reply," Jenn Read, a steadfast UCF fan, is waiting for the day when the Citrus Bowl will be filled for a game like La Tech. "I see games on TV where the stadium are full," Read said. "I wish I could have been there to support my Knights."

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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 327 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 beating defeated 58-27. Carter, a sophomore, likely played the worst of UCF's first four QB opponents, managing only 219 yards in UCF's 24-23 win.

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 kill you with the pass," 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 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 QBs the Knights have played all year. Then again, maybe that's not such a bad thing.
Demps tackles role as defensive standout

Travis Bell
Staff 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 five tackles and breaking up two passes in the Bulldogs' 46-35 win.

"I was a good job by their coaching staff," Demps said. "They exploited and found the weaknesses in our coverages. Tim Rattay is a good quarterback this season in Tech's Tim Rattay. He lit up the Golden Knights in tackles as a sophomore. This season, nothings changed, as he has been looked upon to do the job his second consecutive year leading the Golden Knights in tackles.

UCF faced it's 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 team 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 after the game against Michigan on Saturday. "We need to get in the game early (against Eastern Michigan)."

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

"You have to know where the ball's gonna be," Joseph 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."

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Davis breaks through in losing cause

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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 ones being 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 to extend the drive, and then pulled Davis said.

"It's a great job tonight, but he did have a 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 looks 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 looking 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.

"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."

Sophomore receiver Tavirus Davis is stepping up as another option at wideout, making up for a costly first half fumble against La. Tech by scoring his first career touchdown on an 11-yard reception in the fourth quarter.

"It's a bittersweet moment for Davis because of the 46-35 loss," Lounsberry said. "Travis has been one of those guys and he's really stepped up. It was a bittersweet career score. It was a bittersweet story." Against Louisiana Tech, sophomore receiver 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.

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"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."

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Rattay’s rifle arm lifts Bulldogs

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 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 Taviris 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 touchdown.

Knights welcome EMU for Homecoming game

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SPORTS EDITOR

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 C.

“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.

Quarterback Walt Church, EMU’s captain, has passed for 1,486 yards through seven games this year and ranks 45th in the nation in total offense, ranking up 200.71 yards per game. Conversely, UCF’s Vic Penn is 13th averaging 286.29 per contest. His favorite target is 6-foot-5 Jermaine Sheffield, a pro prospect, who has caught 30 passes for 563 yards and a team-high four touchdowns this year.

“Certainly we’re concerned about his height advantage against our cornerbacks,” Kruczek said.

Walt Church, EMU’s quarterback, is a Detroit Lion starter.