Students show school spirit

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It seemed that at just about every Homecoming event people were saying "there's so much more people here than last year." That was definitely the case at the opening act of this year's "Celebration of the Century" — the Greek Extravaganza put on by the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC).

The Arena was full Sunday night with people wanting to step, stomp, and show off some moves. "There was more people there than I've ever seen at that event before," Marshall White, president of Alpha Phi Alpha, said.

Alpha Phi Alpha received first prize at the event and took home "bragging rights." This win was especially special to White because their main competitor, Phi Beta Sigma, has won top prize for the past three years. Finally, we had a three year burden taken off our shoulders," he said. "People felt the overall show was "tight". People said they've seen in a different light than in previous years."

The president of NPHC, Brian Jackson, who coordinated the event, said he was impressed with the support for the event. "It was wonderful how all UCF students came out to see it regardless of their ethnic background," Jackson said.

Jackson also said the problems with the lighting during the show affected some of the shows, but that it was done by an outside agency, not by NPHC.

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Contestment may delay meeting of new Senate

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The Judicial Council held a hearing Oct. 18 to review the contestment brought forth against the College of Engineering regarding the Senate elections. The contestment regarded a posting in a WebCT class containing several messages by an "Instructor" telling students to vote for six Engineering candidates, including the Main-At-Large Engineering candidate.

Whether or not the 32nd Student Senate will be sworn in and sitting Nov. 4 is being debated between members of Student Government. Some members are arguing that the contestment should delay the swearing in. Others say Engineering would have some representation in the new Senate and therefore the Senate should be able to proceed.

The Council ruled this action did have an affect on the outcome of the election for the College of Engineering and for the Main-At-Large seat.

The Council cited this broken Election Statute 605H. (No candidate shall accept free publicity from any media which does not offer the same service(s) to the other candidates for the same office.)

Therefore, the Council wrote, a new election shall be held for the College of Engineering and for the Main-At-Large seat.

In a memorandum from Chief Justice Laura Wharton to Chief Election Commissioner David Dobin, the Council explained the statute was broken because no one requested the posting be removed once it was known that it existed.

The Council went on to say the title "Instructor" would have caused almost any student to read the message, and that not every candidate had the ability to have something posted.

The SG definition for a medium is an audience in excess of 250 students. It's this stipulation that bothered Engineering candidate Larry Davis the most.

"Students in that class only check the board if a quiz is announced or if there is something pertinent pertaining to the class they know is on it," Davis said. "There has been no record of the number of hits made to that site and I don't think it was looked at by the required 250 students to make it.
CREOL association waits for SG funding

Matthew Treskovich
Staff Writer

The CREOL Association of Optics Students is working on projects to enhance its program after a formal separation from Engineering last spring.

CREOL Association of Optics Students (CAOS) President Gabi Popescu said, “We are trying to stimulate bright ideas and focus them into a coherent program.”

Now that CAOS has independent representation in the Student Senate, it is attempting to secure Student Government funding for a variety of technical and scientific projects.

The largest current SG-funded project is the Laser Scanner, a computer-controlled system for projecting video using a laser.

There are six other research projects pending approval in the Senate.

CAOS has also organized two series of lectures. Professor Boris Zel’dovich holds, weekly seminars on topics ranging from Physics and Optics.

The Student Seminar Series allows graduate students to share their research and polish their presentation skills.

Many CAOS members also constitute three local chapters of the Optical Society of America, International Society for Optical Engineering, and Laser and Electro-Optics Society. Some students are given the opportunity to present their work at these gatherings.

CREOL’s School of Optics Interim Director Eric Van Stryland said that CAOS unites both engineering and physical science students.

“I am certainly happy with the things they are doing,” he said. “They are showing leadership in Optics education and research.”

At the September meeting of the Optical Society of America, Sarun Somriddetchajorn was one of eight finalists for the New Focus student award.

His competitors included entries from Stanford, Berkeley and Purdue.

CAOS is seeking Student Government support for more travel grants so that more of its research can be presented at conferences.

Other current CAOS activities include providing tours and interaction for visiting scientists and students from around the world. The group also provides exhibitions in conjunction with the Orlando Science Center.

It has also organized local elementary and high school outreach programs, and helped to initiate a magnet program in Optics with University High School.

“They are a very good bunch of people, trying to do good things,” CAOS faculty advisor Jim Moharam said.

 Elections under review

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student media.”

Davis went on to say he believes that this specific situation did not have an affect on the overall outcome of the elections and that the new elections being held for just the Engineering College is ridiculous.

“If you’re going to throw out the College of Engineering elections because of this, then the whole elections need to be redone,” Davis said. “This was small scale in comparison to other things that have happened during the election process.”

Despite Senate not being able to meet last week due to not having the rules required senators present, the Senate President (VP) of Student Government, Jaime Halscott, gave his take on what actions should take place.

“The old Senate is going to be sitting until Engineering is resolved, but all the new senators will go on the retreat as well as all of the people that are running in Engineering. And when it’s all done, we’ll work it out,” Halscott said. “I’m not going to have a Senate where one-fifth of this university is not represented, so I’m doing it. If anyone wants to take issues with that, feel free to appeal that decision to the Judicial Council.”

The Council wrote that there was at least one Engineering seat that was unopposed, and others that have opponents that have decided not to run again. Due to this, the Council members believe Engineering would have some representation in Senate.

Ultimately, the Council recommended the 32nd Senate will be able to sit Nov. 4. Which order will be upheld between either the vice president or the Judicial Council is still being thrown around for discussion at this time.

All that is stated in the statutes about terms of office for the Senate is that they should take office upon installation, and serve until the next election for the seat. It also says that the installation shall occur at the first Student Senate meeting following the elections.

This all comes after reception invitations were delivered last week by Student Development and Enrollment Services honoring the 32nd Student Senate and the Student Government Officers in the Key West Ballroom of the Student Union from 6-7 p.m. Nov. 4.

The only advice given for the new senators to determine if they will be sworn in tomorrow is to show up at that reception taking place an hour before the Senate meeting.

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More than 500 Knights inducted by Honor society

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The UCF chapter of the Golden Key National Honor Society inducted more than 500 members on Oct. 23.

The ceremony included a speech by A.J. Range, assistant vice president for Special Programs. He spoke of celebrating academic leadership and excellence. The ceremony took place in the Student Union's Cape Florida Room at 6 p.m.

Cindy Arnaud, who conducted the ceremony, along with Fabian De Rozario from Golden Key International Headquarters, heads the UCF chapter. Golden Key was established at UCF in April 1987 and currently consists of 1,088 Knights.

The reception also included honorary members Range, Dr. Gary Whitehouse, provost; Dr. Maribeth Ehasz, associate vice president for Academic Development and Retention; Dore Carter, assistant registrar and Jill Ziegendorf, assistant director for the Career Resource Center.

Membership to Golden Key is offered to the top 15 percent of college juniors and seniors in all areas of study. Golden Key is a non-profit, academic honors organization founded in 1977. It has formed more than 280 chapters at colleges and universities in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Australia, Canada and Malaysia. Its international headquarters are located in Atlanta, Ga.

The Society offers many services to its members such as undergraduate and graduate scholarship awards and opportunities for voluntary service. Many UCF students were pleased to have their scholastic achievements recognized.

"It is a great honor to be part of such a reputable organization," Tracy Chapin, senior, said. "The people I've met from other countries will definitely help me in my future career."

Greens raise 32,000 pounds for food drive

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Last week, students may have wondered what sorority members were doing tossing around watermelon at Lake Claire.

"Watermelon Bust," part of Lambda Chi Alpha's North American Canned Food Drive, was held Oct. 17. The contest included games such as the watermelon toss, trash toss, a watermelon stack and the relay race — the "Meatinator."

"I had a good time watching the watermelon games and it is fulfilling to know that all of this is for a great cause," Delta Delta Delta freshman Gina Cone said.

In addition to the games, UCF's fraternities and sororities raised 32,000 pounds for the North American Canned Food Drive.

All the canned food collected was given to Bread For Life, a food distribution center in Oviedo which helps low-income families.

The drive is the nation's largest philanthropy project, last year it raised more than 2 million pounds of food.

The goal for Lambda Chi Alpha this year was 50,000 pounds. The fraternity usually places in the top ten nationally.

"We try very hard to raise as many pounds of food as we can," Lambda Chi Alpha senior Brad Edwards said. "We have received a lot of help from the community as well as the help from the sororities."

Delta Delta Delta came in first place by raising 7,200 pounds of food. Zeta Tau Alpha was second with 6,100 pounds, and third place went to Delta Delta Pi with 5,500 pounds.
Students cool off in the Reflection Pond at the Pep Rally. The annual Spirit Splash is the only time of the year that students are allowed in the Pond.

The Homecoming Carnival outside of the UCF Arena offered rides, games and food.

Celebration of the Century
Homecoming KNIGHTteen99

Above, Skit Night featured sketches performed by UCF students.
Singer Lenny Kravitz gives fans a free concert after the Homecoming game.

Above, The class of 1974 makes an appearance in the Homecoming Parade "Partridge Family-style."

Right, UCF mascots Glycerine and Knightro were at the Citrus Bowl to get fans pumped up for the game.

Students march through Church Street in Downtown Orlando in the Homecoming parade before the game.

Students to showcase their talents at Skit Night.

The 1999 Homecoming court during half-time of the game.

Homecoming Winners '99

Small Organization (Small Organization):
1. Phi Delta Theta, Tau Kappa Epsilon, BPW
2. Alpha Kappa Psi
3. Quotes

Spirit Banner:
1. Alpha Kappa Psi
2. Phi Delta Theta, Tau Kappa Epsilon, BPW
3. Delta Tau Delta

Philanthropy:
1. Phi Delta Theta, Tau Kappa Epsilon, BPW
2. Alpha Kappa Psi

Skit Knight:
1. Alpha Epsilon Pi

Spirit Car:
1. Alpha Kappa Psi
2. Quotes
3. Wesley

Float:
1. Delta Tau Delta
2. Phi Delta Theta, Tau Kappa Epsilon, BPW
3. Pi Kappa Alpha

Overall:
1. Phi Delta Theta, Tau Kappa Epsilon, BPW
2. Delta Tau Delta
3. Alpha Kappa Psi

Large Organization (101 or more members):

Black & Gold Sign:
1. Delta Upsilon, Chi Omega
2. Sigma Phi Epsilon, Kappa Delta
3. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Delta Pi

Spirit Banner:
1. Lambda Chi Alpha & Delta, Delta, Delta
2. Student Alumni Association
3. Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Xi Delta

Philanthropy:
1. Sigma Phi Epsilon, Kappa Delta
2. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Delta Pi
3. Delta Upsilon, Chi-Omega

Skit Knight:
1. Sigma Phi Epsilon, Kappa Delta
2. Lambda Chi Alpha & Delta, Delta, Delta
3. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Delta Pi

Spirit Car:
1. URSAs
2. Student Alumni Association

Overall:
1. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Delta Pi
2. Lambda Chi Epsilon & Delta, Delta, Delta
3. Delta Upsilon, Chi-Omega

Point System to determine the overall winner:
Black & Gold Sign: 300 points
Spirit Banner: 300 points
Skit Knight: 600 points
Float: 700 points
Spirit Car: 500 points
Clean-up/Breakdown: 300 points
Organizational Meetings: 200 points
Philanthropy: 325 points

compiled by Shelley Wilson
Mummy of a movie for Homecoming

LISA CERICOLA

Bringing folding chairs, blankets, and even one brown plaid couch, more than 1,000 students gathered Oct. 31 for Movie Knight, part of Homecoming 1999.

The full moon and cool fall air was the setting for a showing of "The Mummy," starring Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz.

A 12-foot by 10-foot screen in front of the Administration Building projected the movie across the Reflection Pond to the fully packed lawn.

To get the crowd excited before the show, Campus Activities Board (CAB) gave away 100 copies of "The Mummy" on videotape, cups, glow-in-the-dark necklaces, and 75 pounds of popcorn.

"I'm very, very happy," CAB Homecoming Director Seth Daub said. "It was just an awesome turnout. I'm really glad so many people came out."

CAB Cinema Committee chose the movie after weeks of discussion. Other ideas included "Austin Powers II," and "The Blair Witch Project," but both movies would not have been released in time for Homecoming.

The Committee also took comments from last year into consideration when choosing a film. Many students thought that "Titanic," last year's feature for Movie Knight, lasted too long.

"We're trying to make it bigger and better every year," David Cerbon said. "I looked up at all my sisters and saw Tri-Delta and Lambda Chi standing up. We were teamed up for Homecoming and my family's here and this is just such a special night."

Some students thought the weather being a little cooler helped bring out the Carnival watchers. "Crowds of people gathered in front of the Library to meet up and hang out." said Prescott. "We're having fun, but we're not watching much of the movie." freshman Mindy McLennan said laughingly.

Turnout for Homecoming events greater than in previous years

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the Scorpion, the Yo-Yo, the Super Slide, and the Ring Fire. If students weren't waiting in line for one of these, they could have been playing games to win a stuffed animal, or getting some of the food carnivals are famous for, sno cones, cotton candy, or candy apples.

Despite some reservations about the rides, many students stayed so they could ride them all.

"I've been here at least four hours," David Cerbon said. "This is so much better than last year's. A lot more people showed up. I've heard people express their concerns about the rides, but I'm not really that concerned."

Some students thought the weather being a little chilly helped bring out the Carnival too. "There's clear skies and it's a little chilly...just beautiful weather for a carnival," sophomore Brett Hart said.

"Hearts were racing at halftime during the football game for the crowning of this year's Homecoming King and Queen."

Chris Scheeren, sponsored by Lambda Chi Alpha, and Jason Jones, sponsored by Tri-Delta, were crowned. Both were amazed and shocked to hear their names announced.

"It's just so flattering to be on this court with some of the finest people here at UCF," Scheeren said. "It's amazing and humbling to win."

"I was in total disbelief," Jones said. "I looked up at all my sisters and saw Tri-Delta and Lambda Chi standing up. We were teamed up for Homecoming and my family's here and this is just such a special night." Both said they believe UCF's Homecoming went very well.

"This is the best Homecoming we've ever had," Jones said. "There was a lot of spirit yesterday at Spirit Splash. The Executive Board has been very wonderful and worked very hard to put on the best show for the students."

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Sorting differences between the sexes

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Bridging the void between men and women was the topic at the third annual Gender Gap Seminar.

SGA sponsored the seminar Oct. 27 in cooperation with Phi Mu National sorority and UCF's Emerging Knights mentor program. First introduced in 1986, the idea of the Gender Gap seminar was to help improve communication between college-aged men and women.

"At a time when men and women claim to be more enlightened and liberated than ever before, men and women still understand very little about the opposite sex," sophomore Amanda Retske said.

Phi Mu was responsible for procuring volunteers to mediate the presentation, while the Emerging Knights assembled a panel of UCF students: Mike Delta, Larry Macon, Chris Rehl, Brian Jones, Jenn Kram, Dawn Myers, and Anna Berger.

The panelists introduced and discussed a variety of topics relating to men and women.

"At the beginning [of the presentation], it was interesting, a lot of joking and laughing, and not a lot of honesty from the students, but as it progressed, people really began to open up," said Associate Director of Student Activities Meg Dutnell.

Panel members shared many of their personal experiences and offered advice to questions from the audience. A variety of topics, including dating, courtly traditions, equality among males and females and the secret behind the mutual phone games men and women engage in with one another were introduced and discussed in the hour-long presentation.

"The initial rush of getting a phone number wears off when it comes time to call the girl," panel member Chris Rehl said. "Maybe I have bad conversational skills, I just don't know what to say to her when I call."

Heated debates raged among individual audience members regarding certain topics.

"A lot of relationships fail because women don't have hobbies," senior Robert Smith said. "I would like to see women become involved in different things outside of men."

Panel member Jenn Kram responded to Smith, "What you're talking about is called mothering, and guys do it too."

The topic that dominated the greater portion of the presentation was the issue regarding courtly tradition and dating. All males on the panel, as well as the majority of males in the audience, agreed that even today men should be responsible for dating expenses.

"Men are being held to a standard they should be held to," freshman John Hobble said.

Many women in the audience argued that they felt uncomfortable being "put on a pedestal" and being "held at an unequal standard."

While the gender gap may never be completely filled, most students walked away form the presentation with a better understanding of the opposite sex.

"I believe students will walk away with something that they will be able to discuss through round tables or other organizations," Dutnell said. "When you can bring a program with minimal cost that people want back every year—that's what it's all about."

Panel member Brian Jones summed up the event when he said: "Guys will never fully understand girls and girls will never fully understand guys. That's why relationships are so difficult."

At a time when men and women claim to be more enlightened and liberated than ever before, men and women still understand very little about the opposite sex.

—Amanda Retske
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Letter to the editor

‘Celebration of the Century’ a success

This Homecoming was trying at times. Some of the hard work that went into making this come true for students ranged from signing contracts, getting advertisements, and keeping students interested—all stressful tasks.

Overall, I thought this week was awesome. I, along with the rest of the Executive Board and CAB, worked our butts off this year to bring students what we believed is the ‘Celebration of the Century.’ I hope students and the rest of the UCF community enjoyed it.

I want to thank the UCF Alumni Association, CAB, SG, Laura Waltrip, Jean Holt, all the sponsors, all members of the Executive Board, the organizations involved, the King & Queen candidates and my family and friends.

Seth Daub
Homecoming director

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'House on Haunted Hill' a horrendous Halloween flop

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One of the most disappointing things in this world is when great actors and great producers get together to make a big pile of cow manure. This cow dung is a really awful horror movie plagued by worthless characters and overdone special effects. This is what’s wrong with The House on Haunted Hill.

The beginning is very promising when theme-park tycoon Steven Price (Geoffrey Rush) takes reporters on a tour of his new roller coaster. His scare antics are impressive but he makes the unforgivable promise that “the fun is just beginning.”

Broken promises come to fruition when the action moves to the Vannacutt Psychiatric Institute for the Criminally Insane, known as the House on Haunted Hill. Four guests have been invited to the birthday party of Price’s wife, Evelyn (Famke Janssen), at the dreaded asylum.

Watson Pritchett, played by Saturday Night Live’s Chris Kattan, is the former owner’s ancestor and believes the house is alive. Everyone in the group believes he is overreacting until the house begins to liven up.

Actors Taye Diggs, Peter Gallagher, Ali Larter, and Bridgette Wilson are the lucky guests to the party. They learn when they arrive at the house that if they stay the night they will be awarded one million dollars. They believe the task will be all too easy even though the crazed owner, Pritchett, insists that the house is alive.

Crazy things do start happening. One by one everyone starts dying as in Agatha Christie’s novel And Then There Were None. The only difference here is that you wish they would all die in the quickest possible manner.

The characters in this movie are as shallow as the baby pool I swam in when I was 5 months old. They breed as much excitement as the entire chemistry department’s lectures.

Academy Award winner Geoffrey Rush has no business being in such a disgrace of a movie. Actors Taye Diggs and Ali Larter are promising, but will not come close to furthering their careers with this movie.

Robert Zemeckis, director of Forrest Gump, is the producer of this remake of the 1958 classic of the same name. That movie starred horror master Vincent Price. Zemeckis’s special effects talents are wasted in the often gore-filled scenes.

The ending and resolution of this movie is the worst I have ever seen. Let's just say being adopted could save you if a large black monster tries to kill you.

File this baby in the category of worst movies ever made.
'Bachelor' O'Donnell says he loves the married life

TERRY TANG
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With such a boy-scout reputation, it’s not like Chris O'Donnell to be late. The dozens of reporters waiting in a small conference room at the Four Seasons Hotel were willing to overlook his tardiness, however. Still shooting a movie on-location in New Zealand, the actor had just arrived from LAX in order to discuss his latest gig, "The Bachelor."

When one journalist asked O'Donnell if he really flew all the way from New Zealand for the press junket, the actor said, "Just to talk to you.

What a guy.

While wearing a long-sleeved gray shirt and sipping a smoothie from Jamba Juice, the happily married O'Donnell talked about his role in the film as the commitment-shy Jimmie Shannon.

Set to open Nov. 5, "The Bachelor" is a romantic comedy and a more fleshed-out version of Buster Keaton's silent film, "Seven Chances."

In the meantime, he tries to convince his girlfriend, Anne, (Renee Zellweger) that he loves her more than bachelor life itself.

In real life, O'Donnell's personal life is much less chaotic. Still basking in the glow of the birth of his three-month-old daughter Lily, O'Donnell can't imagine not being a husband.

"I love being married. I really do. It's just scary because it's the rest of your life," O'Donnell said. "I knew Caroline was the right girl right away, I really did. But, I waited three years partly because I was too young and you just want to be sure.

Unlike his character, O'Donnell went all out to give wife Caroline, a teacher, a perfect wedding proposal. While visiting her in Washington D.C., O'Donnell flew to New York and back to have an engagement ring carefully set. Later, after picking her up from school, he couldn't wait.

"I had the ring in my possession for, literally, two hours. I just couldn't contain myself," O'Donnell said. "I said, 'You know I was looking at this ring you said you liked, and I don't think that's that good-looking.' She said 'You're nuts! It's a great-looking ring. How can you say that?' Then I (said) 'Well, I just like this one better.' Then I pulled out the ring.

Professionally, O'Donnell also feels more grown-up. Together with the production company George Street Productions, the actor served as executive producer on "The Bachelor."

As a result, he was able to oversee everything, including picking out his leading lady. Ever since "Jerry Maguire," Zellweger was amazed by Zellweger's on-screen charisma.

"I remember watching it and saying 'I gotta work with that girl.' I remember sitting there thinking, 'I'll bet you I'll work with her someday,'" O'Donnell said. "Usually, when I read a script, I'll pick out somebody to put in the other role and kind of imagine it. And she was just always the girl I read the other role and kind of imagine it. And she was just always the girl I read ('The Bachelor') with.

Although open to marriage, Zellweger isn't looking to settle down any time soon.

"We were having a ball and it was evident. I think everybody kind of took it from there and made my life a whole lot more interesting than it is. But, I adore him. I think he's one of the most special and wonderful people I've ever met in my life. And I will care about him forever and ever." British director Gary Sinyor, ("Stiff Upper Lips") married and now a father, thinks American men plan in bigger proportions when it comes to popping the question.

Although still romantic, with all the different proposal stories, Sinyor feels he owes his wife compensation.

"For this sort of thing, you hope you only do it once in your life and everyone is trying to come up with this fantastic vision. And my vision in England was (to) rent 'When Harry Met Sally.' I thought I was quite romantic," Sinyor said. "But, compared to what people do over here, it's staggering."

I'm completely blown away by what people do on Valentine's Day or Mother's Day. Fling off to see their mothers on Mother's Day.

"There's a passion with which people get involved in these things which is very interesting to me," Sinyor continued. "Also, here, I think it gets quite competitive. Meanwhile, Arrie Lange (ABC's 'The Norm Show') who plays Jimmie's buddy, Marko, is rather indifferent about the matter."

"I'm not in a rush to get married. I'm 31. I figure right now, my (future) wife is about 29," Lange said, eliciting laughter from the entire room.

"I guess I got a romantic side. Yeah, I'll take a bread out to dinner"
Dear Nancy:

I'm part of a fraternity here on campus. I decided to dress in drag this Halloween with two other brothers as a joke. But when the rest of the guys found out, my two other "friends" backed out saying they were only joking. I got the heat for it myself. That made me think about this brotherhood stuff they make you believe. Are these people really my friends forever? When they backstab me on something this stupid it makes me think, "Am I hanging around the wrong (or not right for me) crowd?"

-Not so much of a brother!

Dear not so much of a brother,

You poor thing. Who told you you're capable of making your own decisions? I mean deciding all by yourself what you want to dress as for Halloween, you are out of control! I think you're expecting too much. Of course "they're" going to feed you a bunch of lines about how you will be eternally bonded with your brothers. That's the big net they use to catch all of you little fish, I who want to belong. Once you join it's only a matter of time until you think like the other guys, talk like the other guys, and act like the other guys. Then of course you'll all be great friends because you're all the same person.

And don't forget you pay for this type of treatment. I can think of a thousand things I'd rather spend money on, like a car's supply of Tang, several packs of gum, a root canal (just name a few). Oh, I know, it's experience, it's the connections you'll have once you graduate. Yeah, uh-huh. Well, you need these kinds of connections. Greek life reminds me of good old high school except it's worse. Not only do you have to conform to what everyone else does, you have to pay a fee, memorize a bunch of useless crap, attend a five hour weekly meeting and here's the worst part—you have to sing.

Yeah I think you're in the wrong crowd. But then again I think everyone in America who's involved with these twisted types of organizations is in the wrong crowd. It sounds like you have a brain, use it and get out. Especially if you want to find out who your friends really are.

-Looking for love

Dear looking for love,

Obviously if you're whining about this, you don't have any real problems in your life so shut up and be grateful.

Some people don't have two legs. Some people don't have a place to sleep at night and little you doesn't have a boyfriend? My tears cannot stop falling.

What you need to do is stop wasting your energy on what you don't have and focus on what you DO have. Then you will be too busy being positive and taking care of yourself to notice that you don't have a man in your life. Then before you know it one will show up when you least expect it, because that's how these things usually work.

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The trend these days in music reveals a pattern of artists from different genres fusing their flavors in what we lovingly call “collaboration.” The newly-released Primus album is no exception. What makes Antipop stand out from the rest of these type of collaborative efforts, however, is that each song still carries that uniquely Primus sound and will provide sweet satisfaction to the band’s devoted fans.

Known for its primarily bass-driven melodies and sassy lyrics, Primus sounds roughly like a cross between Rage Against the Machine and the Violent Femmes. Since the mid-1980s, they have been a constant source of funky punk. With Antipop, Primus allowed itself to do a little experimenting while maintaining its traditional punk roots.

Antipop’s general theme seems to be that of non-conformity. The album title, the lyrics to the songs and even the band’s attitude of non-conformity. The album title, “Antipop,” Primus allowed itself to do a little experimenting while maintaining its traditional punk roots.

The song that best expresses the theme of Antipop is track five, “The Antipop.” The song begins with a tolling bell, ends with Claypool speaking the words “This completes the recording of the crypt” and encourages listeners to reject being spoon-fed by the media in-between. This is what the album is all about.

And, of course, what Primus album would be complete without the addition of an utterly ridiculous song about absolutely nothing? The track that best captures this sentiment is “Ballad of Bodacious,” a short tale of a man named Tuff Hedeman who is trying in vain to tame a “cream-colored, beefy brawn/full-fledged, four footed bovine/celebrity” by the name of Bodacious. If nothing else, the track provides a humorous intermission to an otherwise thought-provoking recording.

If you are looking for an interesting mix of funk, metal, blues and politics, look no further than Antipop.

—Wendy B. Cronin

Method Man & Redman

Blackout!

Time in to the world-famous Wakeup Show, and sooner or later you’ll hear the DJs bitching about how real hip-hop isn’t being represented. That kind of talk has usually pitted off a lot of heads, especially out here on the West Coast. What do those fools in New York mean by “real hip-hop?” Bragging about how broke you are instead of how paid — is that what an MC has to do to keep it real?

Occasionally, an album comes along that none of hip-hop’s contentious factions can call their own. With Blackout!, old friends Method Man (aka Mr. MeF, aka Johnny Blaze, aka Ticallion Stallion) and Redman (aka Funk Doctor Spock, and Metallica also appears on the credits for E-PASS) have joined forces with previously to add songs to a pimply-faced TV junkie who becomes something. The track that best captures this sentiment is “Power Mad,” “Eclectic Electric.”

Method Man’s burly flow was the perfect complement to Redman’s nasal, hyped-up delivery. The etoile with which the two rappers pass the mic is put on joyous display in such blazing tracks as “Blackout,” “Cheka,” and the radio-friendly “Fear It Off.” Erick Sermon, DJ, of the album. Other guests on the album include Street, Mally G. Ja Rule, and LL Cool J, who drops an ill verse on “4 Seasons.”

Although lacking the bagged-out originality that marks a true classic, Blackout!’s high energy and perfect execution make it the strongest rap release from a major label this season. Straight ripping up microphones over dope beats — now that’s real hip-hop.

—James Lee

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Creme de la Weird

Computer programmer Lloyd L. Albright, 47, was arrested last week with disorderly conduct in early August in a cave near Caldwell, Ohio, where he had gone to prepare for the destruction of Earth by a meteor at 4 a.m. on Aug. 11. The sheriff had pursued Albright to the cave after hearing of a car loaded with survivalist supplies, including 16 guns and loads of ammunition. Said the sheriff: "(Albright) very sincerely thought there was a meteor that was going to come and hit the Atlantic Ocean and cause a tidal wave 200 feet high.”

—In an August profile, The Wall Street Journal estimated that Las Vegas hotel magnate Robert T. Bigelow may have spent $10 million of his $600 million to $900 million fortune on UFO research, including an endowed university chair in “consciousness studies” and a science institute that investigates sightings. Bigelow vows to spend $500 million to build the solar system’s first space hotel.

—In August in St. Paul, Minn., mortgage broker John David Searle was sentenced to seven months in jail for what one Minneapolis officer guessed was only the latest of “hundreds” of episodes of Big Little peeping through women’s windows, said a St. Paul office of Searle, who arrives at his crime scenes in luxury cars and carrying a stool and video camera, "This is almost this man’s lifestyle and avocation."

—Latest Fetics: Police in London, England, announced in August they were searching for a man in his mid-20s who has been approaching women for nearly two years, grasping their hands, complimenting them on their fingers, and then attempting to chew off one or more of their nails. And in May in Milwaukee, Chad J. Hammond pleaded no contest to stealing an underpants off her body at a gas station in a convenience store.

Government in Action

—After analyzing public records referring to members of Congress, the online news service Capitol Hill Blue revealed in September that 29 current members have been accused of spousal abuse and 19 of writing bad checks, and that 71 have had credit reports and 117 members have been involved in two or more bankruptcies. Included also are seven arrests for fraud, 14 for drug-related crimes, eight for shoplifting and three for assault. Also, just in 1998, 84 members were stopped on suspicion of drunk driving but were released when they claimed constitutional immunity.

—Legislative Oversight. Police in Anne Arundel County, Md., told outraged citizens in August that no state law requires people to report their relatives’ deaths to authorities, even though Richard Lee Marshall’s suspicious private burial of his 3-year-old daughter was legal. And in June, the Pennsylvania legislature restored the state law against bestiality, which was accidentally repealed in 1995 when “deviate sexual intercourse” was decriminalized. (The purpose that year was to legalize gay sex, but lawmakers forgot that for decades, such states had equated gay sex with bestiality.)

—Scotland Yard detectives said they overestimated the number of dead in a fiery London commuter-train crash in October because some survivors had walked away quickly and left town, spontaneously deciding to visit Stones and Rave. (Detectives know this because several changed their minds and returned home.) After an announcement that some bodies were burned beyond recognition, other people called investigators to say falsely that their estranged spouses were on the train, hoping for official death rulings so they could inherit marital property.

—After questioning Stephanie Londermilk at length after her 28-year-old husband Bryan's death in June, police in Okeechobee, Fla., said in October that they believe he died “accidentally in a sexual stunt gone wrong.” Bryan's body was found in a specially constructed pit, beneath a board, which was placed atop a rear wheel of his sport utility vehicle, and police believe Bryan enjoyed erotic thrills from being driven over. Stephanie also had videotapes of herself stomping rabbits and mice ("crush videos"), which Bryan had been selling on the Internet.

Silicon Valley Babylon

Michael David Rostoker, 41, an electronics firm CEO, was arrested in San Francisco in September, allegedly on his way to meet his 13-year-old Vietnamese paramour with a Nintendo video camera, which customs agents say he intended to bring home as his wife. According to the agents, Rostoker had spent $150,000 on the girl and her family, and e-mail messages to her mentioned Rostoker’s "needs" to have her stay thin, learn English, and have sex with him “often.” Rostoker's arrest was underreported, perhaps because of ongoing media interest in Patrick J. Naughton, 34, an executive with the late J. Naughton, 34, an executive with the late J. Naughton, 34, an executive with the late J. Naughton, 34, an executive with the late J. Naughton, 34, an executive with the late J. Naughton, 34, an executive with the company in England, announced in August they were searching for a man in his mid-20s who has been approaching women for nearly two years, grasping their hands, complimenting them on their fingers, and then attempting to chew off one or more of their nails. And in May in Milwaukee, Chad J. Hammond pleaded no contest to stealing an underpants off her body at a gas station in a convenience store.

Recurring Themes


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Men's soccer hopes of NCAA bid goes through Jacksonville

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Winch said. “They just outworked us in that game.”

If UCF advances to the semifinals, it will face second-seeded Mercer, who the Knights beat 2-1 two weeks ago. With a victory against Mercer, the Golden Knights would play in the championship game on Saturday.

“We match up well against Mercer,” Winch said. “We are faster and more physical than they are.”

The Knights likely opponent in the final would be Jacksonville, the No. 1 seed tournament host. The last two times the Golden Knights and Dolphins have met, JU has come away victorious 3-2.

This year’s loss was also without Liitinen, but last year’s loss in overtime in the TAAC title game has kept a bitter taste in UCF’s mouth.

Jacksonville is the odd–on favorite for the tournament for a few reasons. First, they are playing at home where they are 6-1 (3-0 against TAAC teams) this year. Second, they have dominated TAAC opponents this year to earn the top seed. And finally, they were picked to win the tournament in the preseason poll after winning last year’s tournament. So it wouldn’t be unexpected.

“It would be a great game if we can play JU again,” Winch said. “The seniors would like to play them one more time.”

UCF’s ability to win the tournament lay in the hands of the seniors who suffered that loss against Jacksonville in last year’s championship game. Rami Vehmas, Heikki Ritvanen, Ari Nurmi, and Amo Nurmisto have been responsible for UCF’s rise to TAAC contention while posting a 45-25-1 record during their four-year career heading into the tournament.
MEN'S SOCCER NOTEBOOK

UCF ends season with a bang

The UCF men's soccer team concluded the regular season with two wins in the Florida Atlantic Invitational. The two wins extended its current winning streak to five games, and the Golden Knights have won seven of their last eight.

"It was great that we were able to win two games," Coach Bob Winch said. "The guys played well, and our emphasis was to play fast and physical, and we did that." UCF beat Alabama A&M 2-1 on Friday in the tournament opener, and it won the invitational with an easy 7-1 victory over Western Illinois, who the Golden Knights beat earlier this season, 3-1, in a tournament in Wisconsin.

Against Alabama A&M, UCF took a 1-0 lead into the half after a goal in the 39th minute. Ari Nurmi took a cross from Rich O'Sullivan inside the A&M box, and Nurmi headed it in for his 15th goal of the season. A&M tied the game in the 61st minute and sent the game to overtime. With 47 seconds left in the first overtime period, Heikki Ritvanen broke the tie for UCF with a blast from 25 yards out to beat A&M keeper Jay Smith.

"The Alabama A&M game was the best game we've played all year," Winch said. "The Golden Knights kept Smith busy all night as it fired 23 shots at him, while A&M converted their goal on only five shots. UCF played without Jorgen Midttveit due to a hamstring injury, and Remi Hatz left the game with a hamstring injury as well. However, Hatz returned for the game Saturday against Western Illinois, and he responded with three goals en route to a big win. The Golden Knights had a 2-0 halftime lead and cruised while outshootingWIU 23-5. "

"WIU was not as good as A&M, but it was a good game because we got to play everybody," Winch said. "Remi can score at will, but he's been playing midfield all season. If he gets a chance to score, he can finish, and he's just waiting his turn to play forward next year."

Ritvanen, Rami Vehmas, and Kaare Christensen each tallied one goal, including two conference losses. Laitinen returned. Despite one final slip-up in conference play, including two conference losses for the season, he was unaccustomed to not scoring at will. His 20th career game-winning goal against Alabama A&M on Friday.

"Antti has a personal goal to try and score four goals in one game. Now, what to do with that extra money..."

"Our goal was the win out when Antti got back, and the only game we lost was because we were a man down," Winch said. "Antti has been great in net, and we're playing our best soccer of the year right now."

Up and down season

UCF rode a roller coaster for much of this season, due much in part to the absence of keeper Antti Laitinen for five games. But the Golden Knights ended the season on a good note heading into the conference tournament.

After starting the season 3-1 and being ranked as high as seventh in the NCAA South region, the Golden Knights went into a tailspin after Laitinen left the team due to the death of his father. UCF also lost its backup keeper in the second game against Alabama A&M.

"It was great that we were able to win two games," Coach Bob Winch said. "The guys played well, and our emphasis was to play fast and physical, and we did that." UCF beat Alabama A&M 2-1 on Friday in the tournament opener, and it won the invitational with an easy 7-1 victory over Western Illinois, who the Golden Knights beat earlier this season, 3-1, in a tournament in Wisconsin.

Returning to form

Senior forward Heikki Ritvanen endured something early in the season that he was unaccustomed to-not scoring at will. However, Ritvanen has found the magic that helped him become the all-time leading scoring for UCF and the Trans Florida Athletic Conference.

Ritvanen finished the regular season with 16 goals, his lowest goal output in his four-year career, but he scored in his final nine games and recorded his 20th career game-winning goal against Alabama A&M on Friday.

"Heikki has a personal goal to try and score four goals in the remainder of the season to finish second in NCAA history with 91 goals," Winch said. "If we can play three games, I think he has a good chance to do that, and that would be a great accomplishment."

TRAVIS BELL
Wiltsy named TAAC Player of the Week

Senior midfielder Wendy Wiltsy earned Trans America Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors for the week of October 16-23, joining freshman goalkeeper Jessica Kohlman as the only Golden Knights to win the award this season.

UCF is the only school in the conference to have two honorees in 1999. Wiltsy, who moved to center midfield this year after spending her entire career as an outside midfielder, led UCF to victory with two goals in a 7-0 win over Troy State on October 23. The win clinched the No. 1 seed for UCF in the upcoming TAAC Women's Soccer Championship, which takes place November 4-6 in Orlando, and was also final regular season home game of Wiltsy's career as a Golden Knight.

"The whole team was really pumped and energized today," said Wiltsy. "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."

Wiltsy has had an award winning career at UCF, earning 1998 Academic All-TAAC Honors and being named to 1997 All-TAAC team.

"Wendy is the complete player," said sophomore goalkeeper Maria Banuls. "She brings a combination of intensity, heart, skill and intelligence to the game. We're very proud of her."

Wiltsy continued her hot streak by assisting on UCF's only goal in their 1-0 defeat of Florida Atlantic on October 29.

Cromwell looks back

In her first season as UCF Head Coach, Amanda Cromwell had the unenviable task of taking over a program that was 38-7-3 in TAAC play from 1993-1998 and had won four of the last five TAAC Championships. Her team had lost its MVP in goalkeeper Alyssa O'Brien and its leading scorer, Danya Harris, to graduation. She was presented with a roster filled with 11 freshmen and very few returning starters. All this made no difference to her, though, as she guided the team through its growing pains to an 8-0-1 record in TAAC play, outscoring conference opponents 26-0.

"We've come a long way. Seeing their fitness and so many things are just right on track and where they should be," said Cromwell, who cited timing and a feel for the game as the team's biggest improvements. "[The players] have more of a feel for the runs off the ball and where people like the ball and all those things that just come with time."

Despite her team's late season success, which currently includes six game unbeaten streak, Cromwell would like to get another shot at some of the teams that beat the Golden Knights early in the year.

"I look back to some other games - I'd love to play Florida (who beat UCF 5-0 back on August 29) again just to see how we'd do. I know it would be more competitive."

She and the team may well get their shot if they win the upcoming TAAC Women's Soccer Championship and reach the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive year.

Final tune-up

UCF finished its regular season with one final TAAC regular season contest, this time travelling to Florida Atlantic on October 29 to take on the Owls. UCF was looking to protect its unbeaten and unscorched record in conference play, and thanks to a strong defensive effort and seven saves by goalkeeper Jessical Kohlman, they would remain unblemished.

The Golden Knights earned their 11th shutout of the season, defeating FAU 1-0.

The lone goal came in the 14th minute of the game. Senior midfielder Wendy Wiltsy swept down from the right wing to the FAU endline, centering the ball in front of the goal through a crowd of attackers and defenders. The Owl defense was caught out of position as senior Monica Holshauer redirected the pass into the back of the net.

The Golden Knights, who outshot FAU 15-9, held on for the victory despite allowing the Owls a number of scoring chances in the final minutes of the game. With the shutout, UCF finished the TAAC regular season unbeaten and unscorched in conference play.

The Golden Knights (12-5-1, 8-0-1) have already clinched the No. 1 seed for the upcoming TAAC Tournament. They, along with second seeded Georgia State (10-7-1, 7-1-1), will have a bye in the first round. The tournament's six team field is rounded out by No. 3 Jacksonville (10-7, 7-2), No. 4 Jacksonville State (10-3-4, 4-3-2), No. 5 Florida Atlantic (5-7-1, 4-4-1), and No. 6 Stetson (6-12-1, 3-5-1). Jacksonville will play Stetson for the right to play Georgia State in the semifinals, while Jacksonville State and Florida Atlantic will battle for a spot in the semifinals against UCF.

—DAVID MARSTERS
Knights beat Dolphins, Owls, stay unbeaten in TAAC

In a game billed as the biggest of the season to date for UCF, the Knights made it look easy in their win against Jacksonville. The Dolphins (12-10, 4-1 Trans America Athletic Conference) entered the game with an unfeated TAAC record, but UCF (15-10, 8-0) shut down JU in three straight games.

Susan Rosenberger and sophomore Piper Morgan chipped in with 11 and 10 kills, respectively, as the Knights hit .404 for the match. Freshman setter Becca Saldana paced the UCF attack with 35 assists, while senior Brandi McCallom recorded five service aces. Senior Lisa Rieman chipped in with a team-high 12 digs and eight kills for the Golden Knights.

While the victory kept UCF as the lone undefeated team in TAAC play, coach Meg Fitzgerald said she cautioned her players not to put too much emphasis on the game.

"I didn’t want them to put any pressure on themselves before the game," Fitzgerald said. "I told the only thing this game could decide is who was the No. 1 or No. 2 seed in the TAAC Tournament. There was no pressure on them to win and this game can’t determine everything.

"We just went out there and worked hard and played as well as we could."

The Knights also beat Florida Atlantic in three straight games to win the season series against the Owls’ 2-0. UCF hit a team-high .390 attack percentage and was led by Michelle Sobczak’s 11 kills while Rieman and Morgan added nine each. Saldana led UCF with 42 assists and three block assists.

TAAC Tournament could be tougher than it looks

On the surface level of things, UCF seems to have an edge over its competition in the TAAC. The Knights are the lone unbeaten team in TAAC play and have not been taken to a five-game series in the TAAC since their 3-2 win against Stetson on Oct. 19.

Fitzgerald warns that with the amount of parity in the TAAC this year, UCF will have a difficult road to the TAAC title no matter what seed it gets.

"It’s been exciting with the success we’ve had so far, but the tournament is not going to be easy," Fitzgerald said. "We want to finish the regular season strong and we’re ready to play in the tournament, but it’s going to be a tough draw no matter what happens. Everybody is winning in this conference now."

Three teams in the TAAC have at least four conference wins (Georgia State, Samford and Jacksonville) while rival FAU is second to UCF in TAAC wins with six. Regardless of regular season wins, only the TAAC Tournament winner will move on to the NCAA Tournament, something UCF last accomplished in 1997.

"Even if we get into the tournament as the No. 1 seed, it’s going to be a tough draw no matter who we get," Fitzgerald said. "But that makes the TAAC pretty exciting and the tournament should be exciting too. If we want to get to the NCAA Tournament though, it’s going to have to be by winning the TAAC."

Depth and teamwork key 10-game winning streak

UCF opened its season with a at dismal 2-6 and struggled through most of the month of play to a 5-10 record. Since then, the Knights have rattled off 10 consecutive victories, including three consecutive and five overall three-game victories. The slow start for the Knights never was a concern early in the season, Fitzgerald said.

"We struggled early on, but that was just because this team was trying to find its identity, I think," she said. "We had to figure out what worked and what didn’t and who played best with who. Now we’re trying to take it to the next level and play with some consistency night in and night out." Fitzgerald said UCF’s depth and youth, two factors in the Knights’ favor, have contributed to UCF’s winning streak.

"(The team playing this well) was something I planned on," she said. "We set goals before the season and this was one of them. I knew we had the ability to achieve this and every night its someone or a group of people stepping up and playing well for us every night."

—JEFF CASE
Early advantage helps Golden Knights relax, play solid game

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and scored seven plays later on a 1-yard TD pass from Junior Terrance Williams for a 24-0 lead that put the game out of reach.

"It's amazing how quickly they can come back when they see that they missed on a field goal," said Kruczek. "We got an early lead because then he can really open the play book the way that he wants," Lee said. "We had some plays that we didn't use in practice, and they were effective because of the early lead. We forced them to do some things that they didn't want to do, and it worked out for the best." Things didn't go completely smoothly for UCF, as it fumbled six times, losing four of them to the EMU defense. Three of the four lost fumbles occurred inside the UCF half of the field, but the Golden Knights defense stepped up to assure the mistakes resulted in no points for the Eagles.

The defense was a big part of the Eagles scoring no points off the miscues. Following UCF's four lost fumbles, the defense forced two EMU fumbles, a punt, and scored seven plays later on a 1-yard TD pass from Penn to Lee. The dominant victory followed the difficult 46-35 loss last week against Louisiana Tech.

"We wanted to set the tempo because we had a lot to prove since last week," Penn said. "We wanted to prove that we are a good football team, and that was a good Eastern Michigan team that we beat because they do a lot of crazy things on defense."

UCF can now focus on the game that's been circled on its schedule all year as it travels to Auburn. UCF suffered a tough 10-6 loss in the final minute last year, and the EMU game was used to make a statement before heading on the road.

"The EMU game) definitely helps our confidence," Lee said. "It's a big motivating factor heading into Auburn, and we remember what happened last year and we don't want that to happen again. We're just ready to go and play."
UCF scores doubles victories at Varner Tennis Invitational

DAVID WINBERG
STAFF WRITER

In their second tournament of the season, the UCF men’s and women’s tennis teams ran away with two doubles victories at the 15th Annual C.L. Varner Tennis Invitational at Rollins College, held from Oct. 29-31.

Juniors Federico Camacho and William Guerin captured the men’s doubles crown after toppling Johan Sturk and Miguel Hormazabal from Florida Southern in Sunday’s final. The UCF tandem led 6-4 when Sturk retired due to an injury.

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Junior receiver Tyson Hinshaw, a former quarterback, solidified his status as a go-to receiver with a terrific performance against Eastern Michigan, catching a career-high 10 passes for 115 yards. Hinshaw now ranks second on the team in receptions and receiving yards.

Hinshaw breaks out against Eagles

Jeff Case Staff Writer

Junior receiver Tyson Hinshaw said he isn’t used to all the attention he received following UCF’s win on Saturday. But after his 10-catch, 115-yard performance in the Knights’ 31-6 win, Hinshaw said he’s still not used to it all that much, but I can get used to it, I guess, said Hinshaw. It feels good especially when you’ve got great playmakers around you, it feels really good.

Hinshaw has quickly become one of quarterback Vic Penn’s favorite targets, as Hinshaw currently sits in second place on the team in receptions and receiving yards. But the success Hinshaw’s enjoyed hasn’t been an easy road, he said. After a stellar first season and never seeing any game time action, Hinshaw was relegated to quarterbacking the practice squad his first season and never saw any game time action.

Following that year, Coach Mike Kruczek suggested a switch to wide receiver for Hinshaw. The former quarterback saw his first minutes at wide receiver in the 1998 Black and Gold Spring game and fared well.

“Tonight was a big step for me getting that 100-yard game under my belt,” Hinshaw said. “But having guys like Lee and Kenny [Clark] and TD (Tavarius Davis) around, they make things easier. They blitz and try to stop those guys and leave me open and that’s what happened tonight. It feels good. Anyone you can help the team to win, it feels good.”

Since the summer, Tyson has established himself as one of UCF’s top receiving threats. He made several crucial third-down receptions against the Eagles on Saturday and as he has all season long, Tyson helped shift the defense’s attention away from No. 1 receiver Charles Lee. To Tyson, though, the success he’s enjoyed this season is reflective of UCF’s pass catchers.

“It was a real good year for our receivers,” Hinshaw said. “We had a lot of guys step up. We had a lot of chemistry.”

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Auburn game looms as potential salvation to tough season

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senior wideout Charles Lee said. "We also need to win our remaining games on the schedule to finish with a winning season. That's real important to us."

Auburn enters the game 3-5, already having equalized its win total from last season under first-year head coach Tommy Tuberville. Last season's game against the Golden Knights was the second for the Tigers with defensive coordinator Bill Oliver coaching the team on an interim basis following the scandal that caused Terry Bowden to resign. Although former QB Daunte Culpepper had his worst game in black and gold, throwing four interceptions, the UCF defense played arguably the best game of the season, overwhelming its SEC opponent for 59 minutes. Senior captain Jeff Fye knows the unit will be charged up, but feels the team must dominate its play and not get carried away emotionally.

"We've got to just calm down while we're out there and play collectively as a defense and stop people," Fye said. "That's what we've been concentrating on in practice and we're looking to avoid mental errors, be fundamentally sound and consistent and be ready for whatever happens."

The Tigers aren't exactly a juggernaut offensively. Rusty Williams, Auburn's leading rusher with 270 yards on 15 carries, all in the second half, has been the most effective of Auburn's running backs. However, the biggest disappointment for Auburn fans has been senior quarterback Jason Campbell, who has been inconsistent and has not yet been ruled out as an option against the Knights.

Auburn's biggest playmaker is freshman receiver Romney Daniels, who hails from Lake Wales, FL, and was nearly a senior on last season's UCF football team, is brought to his knees by the pain of being redshirted. Daniels has seven touchdown receptions for 598 yards. Senior Markeith Cooper has chipped in with 27 receptions.

Senior quarterback Nick Leard has thrown six touchdowns and has been effective against Tennessee, Mississippi State, and Florida. Leard is completing 68 yards on 15 carries, all in the second half, as the sophomore fullback.

Redshirt freshman Jeff Klein will probably start at quarterback for Auburn, as starter Ben Leard suffered a concussion against Arkansas in his first game back from an elbow injury that earned him a trip to the hospital during the Golden Knights game. Leard is clearly the better of the two quarterbacks, completing 70.9 percent of his passes for 770 yards, Klein, despite 52 more passing attempts than Leard, has only five more completions for just four touchdowns. Leard, despite his injury, has not yet been ruled out as a starter.

Their defense struggles, so hopefully our defense will keep their struggles rolling over for another week," Knuczek said. "That puts our offense under pressure to be able to move the ball as well, because Auburn returns a tough, confident defense."

Junior linebacker Alex Lincoln leads the team with 31 tackles, and may provide the boost Tuberville needs to give his offense balance. Leard has thrown six touchdowns, twice the amount of any other Tiger, and leads the team with 31 receptions for 598 yards. Senior Markeith Cooper has chipped in with 27 receptions.

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Hardman dominates after overcoming injury

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STAFF WRITER

Like many UCF defenders, sophomore linebacker Tony Hardman has suffered through injury this year. But Hardman has managed to heal in time to make a big difference on the defensive unit.

Despite the tribulations his deep thigh contusion caused him, Hardman now tosses aside the look ahead at dwell on what he missed. "That's so far in the past that I don't even think about it anymore because the leg doesn't bother me," Hardman said. "It's exciting to be back on the field and contribute."

Contributing is an understatement for what Hardman has meant to the UCF defense during the last three games, especially against Eastern Michigan last Saturday. Rachaud Smith killed in nicely for Hardman during his absence, but Hardman has reminded everyone why the Golden Knights were counting so heavily on him prior to his injury.

"Anytime you have a guy taking the majority of the reps in spring and fall and you don't have him that puts some stress on your defense," linebacker Coach Bill D'Otavio said. "The nice thing with it is that you can play more people to rotate and keep people fresh."

But UCF would much rather have Hardman on the field than anyone else. While on the field against Eastern Michigan, Hardman recorded 10 solo tackles, two for losses, and a sack in the 31-6 win.

"I just went out there like I do every week and did my assignment," Hardman said. "I really felt good even though I didn't have a good week of practice because I was fighting the flu."

Hardman returned to action against Nicholls State two weeks ago, but has been a vocal leader for the defense since returning to the starting lineup. He tallied nine tackles against Nicholls State, two for losses, and two sacks. He has stepped up to take control of the defense that has been looking for a vocal leader since losing Deon Porter last year to graduation.

"He's like the Deon Porter on this team because he brings emotion to the field," defensive end Marv Richardson said. "Coming back from an injury and getting 10 tackles shows great character and desire in a player. That's very impressive and that just shows how hard he works because he has a great work ethic."

D'Otavio isn't surprised that Hardman has become a leader on defense. With the loss of two seniors from last year's linebacker corps, he was looked upon to be one of the younger players to fill the void.

"Tony's a good football player, and this was the year for him to step up," D'Otavio said. "He's starting to play like we thought he could play because he has a lot of ability."

Hardman's ability showed against the Eagles, but he attributed the success of the defense to UCF's early offensive output.

"It helps a lot because when you see 17 points on the board (in the first quarter) because you're able to relax and concentrate and not worry about the score. You can just go out and play," Hardman said.

Now the defense faces Auburn, who beat UCF 10-6 last year because the defense let up a big play for the game-winning TD with less than one minute remaining. Hardman is ready to get revenge against the Tigers, and he says the defense will be able to build on its impressive showing against Eastern Michigan.

"Auburn is a great team and we really have to prepare hard like we did this week (for EMU)," Hardman said. "We can take the team unity out of this game because players were talking to each other and getting each other fired up. We've been lacking that in weeks past, so if we can carry that over to Auburn we'll be good to go."

Knights performance adds to festive mood of concert

ERIC ELISON
STAFF WRITER

UCF finally figured out how to party just in time to celebrate with Lenny. The team dominated Eastern Michigan on Homecoming weekend to please a solid crowd backing of nearly 30,000. After the game the fans were treated to some hard hitting provided by Lenny Kravitz and his band.

UCF student Brook Morrison seemed extremely positive about both the play of the team and the performance of Lenny. "It was really fun to see the team come out and kick some butt. I was a little concerned after last week but they looked like they played really well tonight," Morrison said. "It was just so exciting to see Lenny."

It was an inspiring night for the fans who saw their football team come out and jump on Eastern Michigan from the get go. Only this time it was followed by more and more scoring from the Knights. One can only begin to strike thoughts of a performance like this next week at Auburn.

UCF fan Digger McAlister was extremely excited about the turn around performance of the Knights and the thought of invading Auburn for the elusive major conference win. "I always knew these guys had a lot of scoring in them but all the big schools proved too much. I think this performance might loosen the players up for Auburn," McAlister said. "We are due for an upset."

The win by the football team allowed many fans to relax and enjoy the festive weekend. UCF fan Jon Papillion was pleased he could get out and party for the rest of the weekend with a Homecoming win in the bag. "Lenny is here. The football team kicked some butt. It's Halloween. Now I just need to get ready for the big trip up to Auburn next weekend," Papillion said.

It was a fun night to be a UCF Knight fan. The team showed us early that it was not to be so sudden on this night. Lenny Kravitz treated the homecoming fans to the final night of his tour. Visions of upset began to dance around the stadium in preparation of the Knights visit to Auburn next week. It was Halloween Weekend and fun was the name of the game.
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Quarterback Vic Penn and Coach Mike Kruczek have taught that all the time as a way of life. In 2000, Penn had his third win of the season sewed up before the marching band hit the field. In fact, Saturday's game was likely one of the more boring games the Knights have played all year, but it was boring for all the right reasons.

Unlike their breezy season opening blowout loss to the Boilermakers, UCF showed glimpses of the fireworks it had in its arsenal last year. The Knights looked flawless in their win, minus a few fumbles, scoring at will in the first half and shutting down any EMU hopes of spoiling the end of UCF's four-game homestand.

Best of all, it should give a new generation of young UCF players reason to believe that Orlando is a city that can support a football team if it wants to. It has been a roller coaster ride for UCF in terms of support, starting with a miscounted crowd against Purdue and ending with more than 41,000 real attendance, likely 50,000-plus. From there, the handful of devout Knight followers traveled to UCF's next four away games.

Enduring humiliating losses against Florida and Georgia Tech followed by a should-have-been win against Georgia capped an unforgiving opening month for the Knights, UCF returned home to play Division I-AA Eastern Illinois, only to be greeted with a crowd of less than 16,000.

The next week brought another I-AA crumple in Nicholls State, whom the Knights easily dispatched 38-0 in typical欺负-like conditions courtesy of Hurricane Irene.

Good thing UCF's sports information department kept score for the UCF history books. We'll rome them some serious thanks 20 years from now because no one will be able to remember what happened. That's because again, no one went to the game.

It was the same story against La. Tech with few fans making the trek to the Citrus Bowl, but hopefully Saturday's win has changed some fickle Knight fans' minds. UCF, as many people saw, is not the same puzzling team that played the Boilermakers poorly nor is UCF the same team that struggled to put away La. Tech and Georgia.

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Beorlegui continues to show improvement

Kickers don't get a lot of respect in the world of football. They spend less time on the field during a game than any other position player. They don't have to participate in the grueling contact drills during practice.

They are teased by other members of the team that aren't real football players. And yet when a close game is on the line, a field goal attempt in the closing minutes of a game, the legs of kickers, and collegiate national championship games the Knights have played all year, UCF's placekicker and punter Javier Beorlegui has experienced being a goat much more than many mis­takes in the heart­ening blowout loss to the Boilermakers, UCF showed glimpses of the fireworks it had in its arsenal last year. The Knights looked flawless in their win, minus a few fumbles, scoring at will in the first half and shutting down any EMU hopes of spoiling the end of UCF's four-game homestand.

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he said. "He's going to be a great kicker and punter by the time he graduates from here."

This week, UCF will get a shot to redeem himself against Auburn, and his role in this year's game won't be limited to punting. His kickoffs and punts will affect Auburn's field position, something that could be very important against a Tiger offense that has struggled all season and could be without starting quarterback Ben Leard. Leard suffered a concussion against Eastern Illinois, and his missed extra point this year against Georgia could have sent the game into overtime, but the Golden Knights lost another upset bid, this time by the score of 24-23.

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"I'd really like to kick the game winning field goal, but hopefully we'll blow them out," said Leard.

Of course, blowing them out would increase the number of extra points he would have to make, but that's probably the least of his worries.

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Career night for Hinshaw

In UCF's 31-6 Homecoming victory over Eastern Michigan, junior wide receiver Tyson Hinshaw had his biggest game as a Golden Knight. While the Eagles focused more coverage on him, Hinshaw slipped through the cracks to lead the team with 115 yards on 10 catches. Three of his receptions resulted in first downs.

“Hinshaw’s been a great receiver for all my years,” said QB Victor Penn, who completed 20 of his 27 passes for 233 yards and two touchdowns. “He makes the big plays when they need to be made and he made a lot of great plays out there tonight.”

Hinshaw, a former third-string quarterback for UCF, has established himself as the team's third receiver, a position that is very important to the Golden Knight offense. His productivity is forcing opposing teams to focus more coverage on him, freeing up Lee and Clark for big plays.

“They tried to double up on Lee and Kenny a lot of the game and they blitzed,” said Hinshaw. “We turned [Eastern Michigan's] blitzing into little slants or flats and I caught maybe five or six balls on those routes.”

UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek was happy with Hinshaw's effort.

“Tyson played very well - he made some big catches,” said Kruczek. “Tyson’s a true competitor. Not a big guy, but he totally believes in his ability to make things happy and obviously I do too.”

Williams shines despite injury

Junior tailback Terrance Williams, who has been hampered by an ankle injury for the last few weeks, was more playing time against Eastern Michigan and made the most of it. Williams, who won the starting tailback job in the preseason before getting injured mid-season, led the Golden Knight's rushing attack with 77 yards on 10 carries, including a 59-yard burst in the fourth quarter.

“Overall, I'm satisfied with my performance coming back from injury,” said Williams. Along with the 59-yard run, which was UCF's longest running play of the season, Williams reached another career milestone - his first touchdown as a Golden Knight.

After safety Ricco Joseph forced a fumble on an EMU kickoff return late in the first quarter, the Knights quickly drove the ball down to the Eagle's 1-yard line. Coach Mike Kruczek usually gives the ball to sophomore running back Omari Howard in that situation, but chose instead to call Williams' number in front of a large Homecoming crowd. Williams delivered, breaking through the line and reaching the end zone to give UCF a 24-0 lead.

“It was a good feeling,” said Williams. “Right now I'm trying to accomplish a 100-yard game. That's my goal before the season is over with.”

Williams did reaggravate his ankle during the game, but returned to the field and did not show any ill effects of the injury. “I'm feeling pretty good, except for tweaking my ankle again,” he said. “It's kind of frustrating when you know you're doing pretty good out on the football field and an injury occurs. It's kind of messes with your mind.”

Williams, along with Howard and junior tailback Eddie Mace, will face a challenge against Auburn next week. “The Tigers boast the 15th best rushing defense in the country, allowing only 96.7 yards per game. In contrast, the Golden Knights have been averaging 138.9 yards per game.

“Auburn is going to be a big game and they're going to be expecting and come prepared,” said Williams. “We're going to have to keep punching the running game in.”

Defense stands tall

One of Head Coach Mike Kruczek's main concerns entering the game against Eastern Michigan was matching the Tigers' highpowered offense. "Our kids did a pretty good job in man coverage most of the game. They were a tough receiver to back up. "

Fortunately for Sheffield, the height advantage didn't help him at all, as the UCF defense held him to just 25 receiving yards on four catches.

“I think we put some confusion in quarterback's mind with bumping [Sheffield] and backing off him at times. Those receivers weren't really as quick as the ones that Southern Cal Tech had and they weren't getting off the jam real effectively,” said Kruczek. “I thought our kids did a pretty good job playing that wide receiver and not allowing him to dominate the game.”

The Knight defense held Eastern Michigan to only 152 yards passing for the game and intercepted Eastern quarterback Walter Church once, a big improvement upon the 597 passing yards they gave up to Louisiana Tech.

“Believe me, [the defense] went back and worked extensively during the week on man coverage and technique,” said Kruczek.

If you are not sure of the technique and play hard every down, that's all it takes to shut a receiver down,” said Fye. “When we read the paper and we saw that their coach was saying that we were too small to play against [Sheffield], that just got us hyped. That was our objective - to shut them down.”

The defense also forced three Eastern Michigan fumbles, including one on a play that could have resulted in an Eagle touchdown. With UCF leading 4-3 in the third quarter, EMU recovered a Victor Penn fumble deep in Golden Knight territory. On 3rd and 4 from the UCF 20-yard line, Church completed a short pass to Sheffield who then pitched the ball for an easy touchdown. Senior defensive end Raheem Pontefleet got to Sheffield just before he crossed the goal line and knocked the ball loose. Jeff Fye recovered the fumble and returned it 25 yards.

The UCF defense will need a repeat performance against Auburn to have a chance at what would be the school's biggest victory ever.

Butterfingers

If ABC's Keith Jackson had called UCF's game against Western Michigan, he and the rest of the coverage crew may have had many opportunities to use his famous line "It's a FUDDUM-BBELLE!" The two teams combined for nine fumbles, seven of which resulted in turnovers. The Golden Knights coughed up the ball six times, one short of the school record set against William & Mary in 1996. Four of the team's fumbles were attributed to "butterfinger" types of mistakes by UCF's receiving end Zane Williams, who dropped four passes, attributed the mistakes to overconfidence.

“I am concerned [about the fumbles] but I think we can get that rectified,” said Coach Kruczek. “It's nice when you win 31-6 and fumble the ball three or four times and lose it and still win the football game. You can smile and go back and stress the importance of not doing it and do some drills for it and hope it doesn't happen again.”

Wide receiver Tyson Hinshaw, who committed one of UCF's fumbles, attributed the mistakes to overconfidence.

“I think it was my guy's just trying to make plays,” he said. “Nobody likes fumbles, but sometimes you get so excited trying to get there so fast that things go too fast and you just don't happen again.”

Cornerback Jeff Fye saw the offensive blunders as a chance for the defense to step up.

“It doesn't matter - that's what football is all about,” he said. “When the offense isn't going well, that's why we have a defense to help you out. And vice versa, if the defense isn't going well, we need to offense to back us and score points.”

The nine combined fumbles by UCF and EMU were a very high number for a college football game, but not even close the UCF record. That dubious record was set in 1982, when UCF and Oregon State combined for 14 fumbles.
Knights party, seek revenge

Knights strong from start to finish in homecoming win

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UCF started its game against Eastern Michigan as it had in five of its first seven, scoring on the opening drive. However, the Golden Knights did something uncharacteristic of the previous five beginnings: it continued to score early and often, cruising to a 31-6 victory on homecoming.

The Golden Knights took the opening drive 69 yards in six plays and scored on a 46-yard TD pass from Vic Penn to Kenny Clark less than three minutes into the game. UCF never looked back as it proceeded to score on its next three drives for a 24-0 lead less than a minute in to the second quarter.

"We knew we were gonna have a big crowd, and Coach Kruczek did a good job of keeping us focused and prepared," wide receiver Charles Lee said. "We wanted to come out and make a statement to let people know that we're a good team and that we can play with anybody."

The UCF defense maintained the early lead, allowing only one yard on six plays in the first quarter. The first three-and-out for EMU ended with an 18-yard punt that resulted in a 45-yard field goal by Javier Beorlegui and a 10-0 lead.

Following another three-and-out for EMU, UCF took over on the EMU 49-yard line and used 11 plays to get into the end zone, taking 5:44 off the clock and culminating with an 8-yard TD run by Penn. UCF converted a third-and-25 and a fourth-and-1 to keep the drive going.

"A lead is always nice because when you get up on a team you can pin your ears back and really get after it," linebacker Coach Bill D'Ottavio said. "It takes both sides of the ball to have a performance like that."

The Golden Knights final touchdown of the first half was set up by a fumble recovery on the kickoff following Penn's scoring run. UCF recovered Emmanuel Sneed's fumble on the EMU 28-yard line.

TAAC Tournament awaits men's soccer

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After being picked second in the Trans America Athletic Conference Preseason poll by conference coaches, UCF had to fight its way back into the men's soccer tournament picture after its 3-3 start had it in last place. UCF did just that, winning its last three regular season conference games to finish as the No. 3 seed in the TAAC Tournament, which takes place this weekend in Jacksonville.

The third seed was awarded to the Golden Knights because of a tiebreaker in a three-way tie between UCF, Georgia State, and Florida Atlantic. UCF defeated both of the teams to earn the spot, while GSU is fourth and FAU is fifth by way of GSU's victory over FAU.

UCF's three losses this season came at the hands of Jacksonville, Stetson, and Campbell. If UCF is to win the tournament, it could potentially begin and end the tournament getting revenge for regular season losses. However, for the Golden Knights to win the tournament, it will have to do so playing three games in three days.

"We couldn't have gotten a better draw," Coach Bob Winch said. "Playing the first game will be to our advantage, but it would probably catch us up on the third day."

UCF is riding a five-game win streak, as it will open the tournament against sixth-seeded Stetson on Thursday. Stetson best the Golden Knights earlier this year, 2-1, but that was while keeper Antti Laitinen was not in net for UCF.

"Both goals against Stetson probably wouldn't have been scored with Antti in net,"

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Despite all the challenges UCF has failed to conquer this season, a simple win on its trip to the plains would make '99 memorable.

Auburn has a way of having that effect on the Golden Knights. The memories of last year's 10-6 loss at Jordan-Hare Stadium still linger among the deep closet of nightmares in UCF football history. Only this year's close call against Georgia can rival the pain felt by last season's last-minute defeat, when Auburn's Karsten Bailey took a Gabe Gross pass 58 yards down the sideline for the game-winning touchdown with less than a minute remaining to erase a 6-3 Golden Knight advantage.

"I remember looking up at the scoreboard and saying, 'wow, we're going to beat Auburn. We're going to get into a bowl,'" senior fullback Page Sessions recalled. "Thirty seconds later, our dreams were crushed and I was left walking back to the locker room with head down and my chin dragging on the ground wondering what happened."

UCF's season ended with the Golden Knights at 9-2 instead of 10-1, giving the college football world a bit of an out in having to include an independent other than Notre Dame in the bowl season. They used it, leaving the Knights home for the holidays.

"We won't have to say much this week. It's Auburn and they kept us out of a bowl last season. This team will be fired up," Coach Mike Kruczek said.

UCF gets its final chance in the '90s to get a win over a big-name opponent. Many in the senior class, which wants to go out with a winning season, cite a victory against the Tigers as the main goal from here on out.

"Most definitely, we need to beat Auburn. What happened last year hurt us because we knew we could play with them and should have come out on top,"

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