Engineering Students Get Early Start In Racing Career

"These select students were chosen because they were students who showed initiative, had been with the SAE program the longest, and were free for the week of course," said UCF Engineering graduate student Richard Grace.

The undergraduates were responsible for changing the car’s tires, refueling the car, replacing brakes, cleaning the windshield, changing the oil, signaling the pits and taking turns timing the team’s car during laps.

“We spend a lot of time standing around just timing the car, but are ready to get into action at a moments notice,” said Grace.

The graduate students had the honor of tracking the team’s Porsche 996-GT3-R. The grad-students, from UCF’s Precision Engineering of High Performance Engines, were responsible for monitoring the motor performance and gas consumption of the Porsche through the use of high-tech computer.

President Hitt (center) addresses student concerns during the last Senate meeting.

President Hitt gives "State of University"

President Hitt gave a "State of the University Address" to the UCF Senate on February 3 in front of over 40 Senators and 50 students in the audience. Hitt seemed glad to speak to Senate and in his opening prepared speech, talked about the last time he spoke in front of the body.

"It's been some years since I've been invited to the UCF Senate. I remember on the last occasion the Senate was still meeting in the old University dining room. I do appreciate your invitation and hope in the future, you will take more opportunities to discuss issues important to you relating to this University."

Hitt first answered prepared questions given to him previously by the Senate Service and Public Relations Chair, Amanda Harkins. The first topic brought up was several students being placed unfairly, according to SG, on summary disciplinary actions. Hitt’s response was he believed...
Fresh faces, a fresh start

TAYLOR CLARK
STAFF WRITER

In late November, the University of Central Florida Panhellenic Executive Board was replaced. Each year the board, consisting of eight positions, is elected by the sororities. The purpose of the board is to educate all the delegates, chairs, and the entire Panhellenic community on the National Panhellenic Constitution and bylaws.

"The current constitution is unclear and needs a lot of revision, so that it will mimic the National Constitution," said Minikus. The organization will definitely create a stronger, more efficient organization.

Once the board achieves this goal, it will allow them to focus their energy outward. Of their many goals this year, improving inter-Greek relations as well as those with non-Greeks is extremely important. The board intends to modify the traditional views non-Greeks have of them.

Minikus said, "Unfortunately, people here at UCF often have negative misperceptions of the Greek system. We would like to change some of those views by working closely with Laura Jordon, Vice President of personal relations."

In addition to improved relations, expansion is another major goal. Within the year, following formal recruitment, one of two sororities will be added to UCF: Kappa Kappa Gamma or Kappa Alpha Theta. Because it is difficult to colonize two sororities simultaneously, only one new chapter will be established this year. The other will be added in a year or two.

The new Panhellenic Executive Board is one charged with ambition and dedication. With such a positive attitude, some new faces and a fresh outlook, students should expect to see nothing less than equally positive results.

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FOR PROFIT. State law prohibits the use of voice taped material to be written down and sold for profit. While professors feel their lectures are copyrighted, note-taking services argue that spoken communication cannot be copyrighted.

"Basically they are stealing intellectual property," said UCF professor Dr. M. Timothy O’Keefe.

The President of Easy A Incorporated, Irvin Hechavaria, feels that his company is not doing anything illegal. He says that the note-takers of Easy A only write down what is said and not what is produced on an overhead slide or handout. They are also told not to tape record a lecture. Unfortunately, Easy A would have no idea if these rules were being followed or not.

"We are not curving the learning process or bypassing the learning process. Students still have to learn the material themselves," said Hechavaria.

Easy A Notes, which is among many of the nations note-taking services, covers about 100 courses at UCF. Its employees are paid enough to cover how much they pay to take the course as well as have money left over.

Note-takers must prove registry to a course, have at least a 3.5 GPA, and go through an interview process which includes reviewing notes they have taken previously.

"I used the notes because I didn’t regularly attend class," said senior Jaime Cooper.

The note packets themselves can range in price from $6-$12. Courses covered by Easy A are usually those which have 80 or more students. Easy A provides packets for professors at no charge if they wish to view the material. Hechavaria said that 90 percent of Easy A customers are regular attendees of class who use the notes as supplements. He also said that the notes are usually the same for every class every semester. He feels this proves that professors are not being robbed of their hard work.

"We don’t take the test. I feel that professors need to structure their tests better to involve more critical thinking," said Hechavaria.

The question as of now is unanswered. Note taking companies have now been around for a while and it appears as though they may be here to stay.

"Somebody’s profiting off of our work and as far as I am concerned they might as well be stealing hubcaps," said O’Keefe.

Orientation Team receives applications

Jennifer Mazzoli
STAFF WRITER

Orientation Team applications have now been submitted. Along with a resume of high school and college activities, two letters of recommendation and five short answer questions must be submitted by the applicants.

The applicants then proceed to two interviews, one individual and one group interview.

Working with the orientation team, Ingrid Gonzales says that they are looking for students to fill approximately 32 to 36 positions as O-Team leaders. They look for people who are natural-born leaders capable of working in a team. They will be working with a large diverse group of people, so they must be patient and understanding. They should have good work ethics, an outgoing personality and the ability to use this as a learning experience.

"We know that not everyone is a natural-born leader, but we see this as a learning experience for all students," said Gonzales.

Applicants chosen will attend a training session from May 9 to June 7. Orientation dates are from June 7 to July 31 and then from Aug. 12-16.

Applicants will find out whether they have been chosen on March 2.
BET comedians showcase humor, talent at “Funny Fridays”

PHOTO BY JASON KOKOTOFF
Tony Schuffield (below) mc's the event held in the VAB auditorium.

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Kenny Howell (left), examines the audience during his act.

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Reggie McFadden (left), gives the audience a chance to share in the spotlight of a comedian.

PHOTO BY JASON KOKOTOFF
Comedian Smell Frie (right) receives laughs from audience while she was under a bench.

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(from left) Howell, McFadden, and Frie share stage for final act to take a bow for their show.

Student Government is hosting their first annual SG Expo on Valentine's Day from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in front of the Student Union. There will be fun activities for students to participate in including the “Dunk Tank” to raise money for Relay for Life. SG will also be debuting their new publication “Excalibur.” For more information on this event or the publication, contact the SG office at 823-2191.

Valentine Ads

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February 9th:
Woman Studies Program presents:
"Black Women and Feminism Forum"
11:30 a.m. 221 AB Student Union
And AASU & BFDC present:
Unity Forum #2 "Relationships"
7 p.m. Cape Florida 516 - SU

February 13th:
10:30 a.m. Worship Services at Victorious Living Fellowship
250 N. Ivey Lane,
Orlando, FL 32811

February 15th:
AASU & Committee for Affirmative Action
Present: A Political Seminar
"Where do you stand?"
6:30 p.m. Key West AB - SU

February 16th:
AASU & Alpha Kappa Alpha present:
Bone Marrow Drive held 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
South Patios - SU
AASU and John T. Washington present:
Brain Bowl held at 6 p.m.
Key West 218 CD - SU

February 19th:
Community Fun Day/Carnival
12 p.m. - 5 p.m. at UCF Rec. Services

February 20th:
10 a.m. Worship Service at Orlando Institutional Church of God in Christ
401 S. Ivey Lane, Orlando, FL
And AASU, CAB, & SGA present:
NAACP President Mr. Kwesi Mfume
At 7 p.m. at the UCF Arena

February 21st:
AASU and Sigma Gamma Rho Presents:
Movie Knight, "The Wood"
6:30 p.m. in room 218 AB SU

February 23rd:
Black History Musical Drama
"Expectations of Triumph"
7 p.m. VAB Auditorium

February 27th:
Worship Service at 910 West Livingston Church of God at 10:00 a.m.

February 28th:
AASU & Kappa Alpha Psi present:
2nd Annual Talent Show
Place TBA

February 29th:
Closing Ceremonies 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte Harbor 313 - SU

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SG president shooting for best Student Government in state

"Your challenge and that of SG generally is to work for the greater good of the student body that each of you has been elected to represent. As student leaders it's important to not lose sight of whom you represent. What are their expectations? How will they measure your success?"

In the open question format that immediately followed, Engineering Senator, Larry Davis, defended the funding for Engineering. "The only thing that Engineering clubs have done is taken advantage of funding opportunities and everybody knows that every other club or organization has equal access to these opportunities. So please don't give engineering a bad rep for taking advantage of opportunities that are there for everybody," Davis said.

Arts and Sciences Senator, Chris Riehl, asked Hitt if the format of the UCF Radio Station, WUCF, could be changed to a more friendly college student listening format. Hitt answered why WUCF went to their format and gave an idea of how UCF can get a station that is more listened to by students.

"Their leadership was so bad with their elective format they had before they were going to lose their NPR funding and I have to say that they have rebuild a very respectable leadership. What I'd like to see us do is explore with SG getting a new low power license that are available so we keep the investment we have, but then have a low power station so we can have a student oriented station. Harkins who had originally invited Hitt thought the visit went really good and stated her reason for originally inviting him.

"We're trying to move forward and make progress, but we still have questions that remained from the past Senate. It's important these issues were resolved so we avoid conflict and embarrassment in the future," Harkins said.

The Student Body President, Andy Cupicha, also gave a "State of the Student Government Association" address, which he thinks, is very good.

"I don't believe in dwelling in the past. Let our past be a dead past and let our future be a living future. Wishing for a thousand years won't create a better tomorrow. Perseverance, hard work, dedication, commitment and friendships help create a better tomorrow. We've made great strides over the past nine months and we've all sacrificed a little of ourselves to help the SG tree grow," Cupicha stated. "For the next three months my sights are still set at winning the best SG. People may laugh at that across the state, but in three months when this term ends we've gonna have done more in one year for the students than any other SG in the state of Florida. So get ready buckle your bonnets, we're moving."

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Society of Automotive Engineers Get Grimy In Race Pits Changing Tires And Oil

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technology both in the pits and on board the car.

During the week leading up to the event, the students practiced a multitude of tasks and drills to make sure they were thoroughly prepared for anything that could happen out on the track. "If anything goes wrong, we have to be ready to get it taken care of and fast," said Grace.

The under-grads practiced with the pit-crew from Champion Gunnar Racing in West Palm Beach while the grad-students worked with the car, and tested it on the track. "On average the cars stop every 75 minutes for servicing and changing drivers," says Bob Hoekstra, the head of the Masters program in Precision Engineering for racecar engines.

"Everything has to be done in 30 seconds, unless they need it brake job. That takes an extra 30 seconds." This is the reason for their extensive training the students were put through with the Champion Gunnar Racing team.

The UCF team physically dismantled the car and put it back together from the bottom up, making sure they knew what went where and the size of each and every bolt and nut on the car. This was nothing too out of the ordinary though for the SAE members. Each year SAE builds a car from scratch. "We take pride in building and fabricating a race car each year," said Grace. This race is not the first time that UCF Engineering students have worked with the Champion Gunnar Racing Team, and they hope that it won't be their last. The students have been timing the cars at Sebring, West Palm Beach and Moroso. If all goes as planned for the team, the students will attend races in Atlanta, Homestead, Sebring, Watkins Glenn, and Sears Point, assisting the Champion Gunnar team as well as being subbed out to other teams for even more experience.

"We are part of a big thing here," said Grace. "This is a first for the UCF Engineering department, and we're proud that we could be a part of it."

SAE is hoping to obtain some sponsorship from their participation in this past weekend's event. The organization operates primarily off of sponsorships and this was a great way to get their name out there. "Last year we pulled in approximately $84,000, right now we are up over $100,000," said Grace.

Not only does the student's participation with Champion Gunnar Racing give the students the opportunity to work in the field they are interested in, it also gives them a chance to get paid for it as well. It puts the spotlight on UCF in the motorsport world.

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Besides gaining sponsors they were treated great by the Champion Gunnar team. Their entire week was paid for, covering such expenses as food, travel, clothing and recreation, on top of being paid for their services as crew-members.

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Happy Valentine’s Day

Magaly,
You're the first thing on my mind when I wake up and the last thing when I go to bed. You're in my dreams and my future. You make me feel like I can accomplish anything. I'll love you forever.

-Jason

******Winner Most Creative******
To: J.W.
I should call more often you're right, it's not fair you've met your quota of that I'm aware. Now it's my turn to venture across the line. So will you please be My Valentine?
From: C.C.

******Winner Sweetest******
To The Woman of My Life:
On July 31st I did the best thing in my life, I put you in my life. You are the best. Thanks for everything. Happy Valentine Day, Baby!
From: Eddie Ruiz

To: Magaly,
I wake up and the last thing when I go to bed. You're in my dreams and my future. You make me feel like I can accomplish anything. I will love you forever.

-Shane

To: Stacey
For 2 years we have been together. At Christmas I asked you to marry me. You said yes. Now we can spend the rest of our Valentine Day’s together!
Love Your Prince, Aaron

To: Rachel
Congratulations on your favorite holiday. Being with you is pure bliss and I'm really happy we hooked it up like Sir Penguin and Thug Bear at a trampoline party. You're my baby-uh-uh, uh-uh. Love Ya, Tony

To: Rachel
Wow kid, you and I cherish these past eight months together. I look forward to many more memories with you. Happy Valentine’s Day and Anniversary!!
Love Always, Kim

To: Craig
I love you and I cherish these past eight months together. I look forward to many more moments with you. Happy Valentine’s Day and Anniversary!!
Love, Scotty

To: To the best friend I ever had.
I love you and I cherish these past eight months together. I look forward to many more moments with you. Happy Valentine’s Day and Anniversary!!
Love, Scotty

To: Vanessa H., and Kristen
Happy Valentine’s Day. Your Big Brother-Most Creative

To: Seth
I'm glad that you are back in my life!
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, Carrie

To: To my BFF Nete,
Happy Valentine’s Day!
Love, Boyfriend

To: To my Boo,
Happy Valentine’s Day
Love, Carrie


To: To my dearest younger sister- Michelle Camo. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments. Happy Valentine’s Day!!
Your Brother, Freddy Cano

To: To my family and friends,
thank you all for your love and support throughout the past year. I love you all.
Happy Birthday Brother!
From: Andy Cupicha

To: Candy Fru Fru
I love you!
Love, R

To: To my family and friends,
thank you all for your love and support throughout the past year. I love you all.
Happy Birthday Brother!
From: Andy Cupicha

To: To the most beautiful Attorney General Michelle Fernandez, keep up the great work! Happy Valentine’s Day! I love you!
From: Freddy Cano

To: To my Boo,
I'm glad that you are back in my life!
Happy Valentine’s Day!
Love, Carrie

To: To The Woman of My Life:
Thanks for a great time! I left the money on the dresser. I'll call, I promise!
Love, Minnie Man

To: To UCF’s most beautiful
Happy Valentine’s Day! I love you!
From: Freddy Cano

To: To my little Sisters

To: To my valentine Gini:
Happy Valentine’s Day.
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Jaime

**To Jodi-Carrino**
Happy Valentine’s Day!
Sienpre piense en ti. 
From: Marie

**To: Ryan**
Happy Valentine’s Day! 
I love you! 
Love, Kerri

**To: To All The Girls**
I’ve loved before! 
You have my heart 
forever more! 
Love, Danny

**To: Sir Rex**
I’m gonna win! 
I love you! Happy Valentine’s! 
Miss Ashley

**To: Sir Seni**
Oc-scevo-yo-rum. 
EMI

**To: To Carrie**
May our friendship grow 
strong and our time be long... Always remember 
I’ll be here for you... 
From: Joe

**To: To Trashy**
Words cannot express my gratitude for all you’ve done for me! 
Thanks for everything! 
You’re one-in-a-million! 
Love Ya! 
Shelley

**To: Sheila**
Thanks for being my one and only. I treasure every experience we’ve had together. 
I love you! - K
From: Joe

**To: To Amanda**
We may not have boyfriends, but at least we’re not dating Navy guys or Universal employees! 
Stay in touch! 
Love, Amanda

**To: To Trashy**
You brought a new kind of love to me. 
I think I found a keeper! 
XOXO, Bettyboob

**To: To Coconut**
I know we have had problems in the past, however I know we can work through them if you let us. 
I love you. 
From: Big Dog

**To: To Peanut**
My life began when you said, “I love you!” 
A.F.

**To: To Nannan**
Despite our current distance, I want you to know that you are always in my heart. 
I love you and can’t wait for you to come home. 
Happy 1st Valentine’s Day. 
Jen

**To: To Gailya**
I love you and Happy Birthday! 
Love, Kelly Levison

**To: To Sarah**
All I want is for you to give me a chance. 
Contact me at 209-6720 
From: Virginia (the state)

**To: To Jingles**
May this Valentine’s be as exciting as our last and as will be those to come. 
I love you! 
From: Your girl toy

**To: To Big Dog**
Thanks for always trying to hear me out. 
Sorry for the way things has turned out, but thanks for always being there! 
From: Coconut

**To: To Shlepp**
Fuer Mein Engel, E Mac D, 
E Shop T Shep, and Igh 
Liebe Dich. 
Love, Your Guardian
BOYS vs. GIRLS: thoughts on love’s meaning

ADAM SHIVER STAFF WRITER

Valentine’s Day is approaching fast, and love is on the minds of everyone. But what is love really? Webster’s, New World Dictionary tells us that love is an affection, fondness or liking for something, and sorrow, for better or for worse. But what does Webster know anyway? He’s long gone, and besides, he didn’t have much time for love anyway—He was much too busy collecting words for his silly little book to experience love.

That’s what love is: an experience. A huge experience composed of a zillion different things happening all at once most of the time.

Love is that special tingly feeling in the pit of your stomach you get when you are around that certain someone. The feeling that makes you so nervous you blunder about looking for the right words to tell her you love her without embarrassing yourself.

Love is thinking of someone all the time, whether they see you or not. Love is sharing life experiences, and having fun while doing it. It is knowing what someone is going to say before they say it, and knowing what exactly is on their mind at any given time.

Love is knowing someone’s likes and dislikes. It’s feeling like that special someone in your life completes you. That without them you would feel lost, possibly empty.

Love is kissing. (Ah, my favorite part of love.)

Love is ALL of this and so much more. It is hard to narrow it down to any one group of things, and it is impossible to confine it to any one thing. Everyone’s take on love is different, but we all feel something, whatever that may be, that signifies to us that we are attracted to someone other than words can describe. There is that certain something that we all get, whether it be that tingle or the feeling that they complete you, that makes us know we are ‘in love.’

I certainly can’t tell you what your idea of love is, but this is a small glimpse into what mine is. If good old Webster can’t do any better than his vague description of love, I know for certain that I can’t tell everyone what love should be to them. You have to find out for yourself, and you can’t do that unless you try.

ELAINE LEBLANC STAFF WRITER

Surrounded by the plethora of chocolate-covered hearts and pink teddy bears available in celebration of Valentine’s Day, I found myself wondering: “What is love?” My first thoughts were of love in the classical sense—that amazing, overwhelming giddiness you feel with just the thought of your significant other. I thought of the complete and utter and simple happiness you can feel. But then as I thought harder, I realized that love is a complicated, twirling, corkscrew-shaped entity. It never ceases to amaze me. It has the ability to make the darkest days seem bearable, and the coldest nights seem warm. It functions as a shield from all of life’s daggers. It offers strength, courage, and joy when you think you have none. It can look fear in the face and laugh.

Love is something to be respected, to be embraced and to be cherished.

So, my question becomes: why are people taking it for granted? Why are people refusing to fill each day with the most beautiful thing in this world? It honestly astounds me. So love does not always stem from such a traditional source. I love Coke Sharpes. I love playing Dr. Mario. I love talking to zebras. I love my friends.

And I realize that although my Valentine “love” may change from year to year, these things will stay constant. When asked the pressing question, “what is love?” anyone can come up with a cliché. The most important thing is to begin and enjoy. Why? I ask of you now, open your eyes and cast the drama aside. Fill your moments together with the one real thing in this world: love. Understand that it is always right, treasure every moment with one another. Remember why you are being together. Open your heart and let love’s magic and allow it to be your compass each and every day.

TAYLOR CLARK STAFF WRITER

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Taylor Clark
Disney's 'Semi-Charmed Life'

Adam Shiver
STAFF WRITER

Well, it seems that Disney is doing it again, causing controversy that is.

I recently visited my friendly neighborhood movie theater to catch a film. We grabbed our snacks and headed to our seats, just in time for previews, one of my favorite parts of visiting the theater. As the previews progressed I noticed a preview for an up and coming full length animated feature from Disney: "A Tigger Movie." I must say my ears suddenly perked up at the mention of Tigger. Disney is doing it again, causing a backlash among those Americans who believe the company is using its platform to push political messages.

On the Martin Luther King Holiday, the NAACP staged a protest of the State of South Carolina's choice to fly the Confederate battle flag in the capital dome in Columbia. Since January 1, 2000, the NAACP has organized "economic sanctions" against South Carolina, refusing to purchase items made in South Carolina and refusing to spend tourist dollars in that state. Since the first of the year, over 80 groups have cancelled conferences in South Carolina.

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I agree with a military history buff. It is a leftover flag from my time in the Army. But I refuse to revel in the history of the Civil War, I have learned a valuable lesson from history classes. That being said, I agree completely with Mfume on slavery being a destructive horror that this country endured for so long. Slavery was an evil practice that is the antithesis of all things for which this country stands.

The Civil War was a horrible time in our history and should be understood and remembered, but never revered. It was a time that this great nation cut its own wrists and attempted to bleed itself dry. That is not something to be proud of, lest we forget the claims of the South. The Confederate Battle Flag is a symbol of the soldiers who lost their lives fighting for something that they believed in. It has since been used by Southern states to promote segregation and by racist groups to promote their agenda.

The people of South Carolina claim the flag is there to honor the past of their state. The South Carolina has the right to fly whatever flag its people so choose. I am not sure whether Disney is appropriating the Confederate Flag for its own purposes, but it is certainly a sensitive topic.

S.C. Flag Issue: Give The People What They Want

Grant Sinclair
THE SENTINEL

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American Culture, Why Are We the Laughing Stock of the World?

Krista Zilizzi
STAFF WRITER

The whole world quietly snickers behind America's back at a population of uncultured, uneducated and ignorant individuals.

Newspapers and broadcasts are constantly covered with headlines addressing America's deficient education system, and addressing policies to improve them. Surveys comparing U.S. education with the rest of the world appear, emphasizing America's insufficient passing requirements and education criteria. Perhaps the most damaging allegations of all are the polls that rank American education in the bottom third.

The world laughs even louder at the perceived "lack of cultural awareness" of Americans.

The general sentiment of the rest of the world, and even of some Americans as well, is that the American society in general is completely ignorant of any and all culture, excluding their own. Undoubtedly, America has its flaws, as do the American people, However, it seems unjustified and rather hypocritical of the rest of the world to criticize a country that has managed to create a global unification and developed into the powerhouse of the world.

The sorry state of education is lacking in some of America's schools. But those statistics include many low-income regions that severely distort the general education quality found throughout most of our country. It is very possible to receive a proper education in America. Direct proof of this is the overwhelming number of foreign students that attend America's high schools and universities each year. While education standards may differ from those in foreign countries, the fact is that American schools differ from city to city, school to school. Education in America is often skill and career oriented, influenced by the need and demand for certain skills and careers in particular regions.

The fact that Education has become the focus of the American media also begs the question, why would the world adopt the language of a nation of ignorant, uneducated individuals? Most countries throughout the world emphasize fluency in English because so many careers require knowledge of the English language.

Our nation continues to suffer accusations of "lack of cultural awareness," the United States still continues to allow immigrants into our abundantly populated country. A perfect example of this is the battle to make six year old Elian Gonzalez an American citizen. His mother drowned while fleeing to the United States from Cuba. The U.S. government, schools and churches continue to develop diversity programs, and assistance programs to non-English speaking individuals. America's universities and colleges have no obligation to live in a nation that has abandoned its culture and monarchy-based scholarships.

Moreover, how can a nation composed of so many different nationalities, lack cultural awareness? Wherever you go in the world, people will find families who maintain customs and traditions that their ancestors brought with them when they first settled in our country. Even in major cities throughout the nation, the presence of Italian cuisine, Irish pubs, Chinese and Latin quarters proves America is in fact culturally aware. While these cultural symbols may be somewhat Americanized, its foolish to expect the same authenticity you would find in its native country.

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Quizno’s is new stop for subs

SHELLEY WILSON
NEWS EDITOR

I know what you’re thinking, ‘another sandwich place’. However, trust me when I say Quizno’s is not just another sub shop.

When you first walk in Quizno’s on Alafaya Trail (adjacent to Dunkin Donuts) there’s a relaxing, but yet festive atmosphere that surrounds you. You feel you can bring your fraternity group there or have a small party.

When you first order any of there over fifteen different types of subs, you see it being made right in front of you. ‘What’s so special about that you ask?’ Well, after they make it (with great service by the way) they put the sub through a hot oven so it comes out warm and fresh. Not cold like other subs that has probably been served to you.

Or maybe you’re not in the mood for a sub for lunch. Don’t fret my man. Quizno’s also offers classic big salads such as Sesame Chicken, Italian Antipasto, and Honey Mustard Chicken. Don’t worry about where’s the beef on these things either. The chicken strips looks like miniature steaks on these salads. I’m getting hungry already, aren’t you?

Are you in the mood for a small side order? You can also grab a small bag of chips of your choice or a small salad right in front of you in line to compliment your sub while it’s being made. After you have your sub, you can also have one of their five desserts including Apple Cobbler, Chocolate or Carrot Bundt Cake, or the classic cookies.

Leigh Kruczek, wife of UCF head football coach Mike Kruczek, and me had lunch together at Quizno’s last Friday and definitely gave it a four stars. She had the Traditional Signature Sub and I had the Mesquite Chicken with Bacon. Superb, I must say. We ate every bite and loved every one.

Leigh said that of all the subs she’s tasted, Quizno’s is on the top of her list in terms of quality.

“It’s the best sub I’ve ever had. The freshness of the ingredients and seeing it go through that hot oven definitely separates Quizno’s from places that deliver cold sandwiches,” Kruczek stated.

Another thing that impressed Kruczek was the substance of the sub that makes the sub stay together.

“It doesn’t fall apart. I could eat the sub while driving and control it.”

Three gentlemen sitting behind Leigh and me also loved they stopped at Quizno’s for their first time.

“It’s delicious. The sub was very fresh and it was hot. All with a warmer atmosphere than other sub shops,” Roy Trimboli stated.

“IT was worth coming in,” Trimboli’s friend, Rich, stated.

Great food and service is exactly what the Owner of this Quizno’s, Chad Maali, likes to hear. Since this location opened on January 4th, it has become the number one store in the state of Florida and Puerto Rico. Maali said part of that is due to the location of where it is.

“We get a lot of regular customers. One customer came in three times in one day. The UCF fraternities and sororities are also big customers. The whole Tri-Delta chapter came in once. There’s been a huge response from the UCF community which is great,” Maali said.

Quizno’s is definitely spreading like wildfire, especially in Orlando. Seven stores in Orlando are already opened with five more under construction. There’s also over 770 stores nationwide and you can visit their website with a location tracker for these stores (with menu included) at www.quiznos.com.

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**Lead Stories**

- **British TV Program Guide: The BBC gave one more try in December to save the 1980s hit program “One Foot in the Grave” and its Houston charm. Viewership has fallen off; the program consists entirely of shepherds (each with his dog) competing to efficiently herd sheep into pens (although producers grabbed up by equipping some sheep with microphones to capture their “baas”). And a Fall 1999 British-made documentary, “Hidden Love: Animal Passions,” reported on practitioners in Minnesota’s “zoophile” community (i.e., humans romantically involved with animals), including an interview with an unclescepted zoophile pushing over his “wife.” Pixel, a horse; said one activist, “We are not sick at all. Zoosexuality is (merely) an alternative lifestyle.”

- According to London’s Daily Telegraph, U.K.-funded research revealed in January indicates that within 10 years, countries could require car manufacturers to install $300 electronic governors that would use satellite technology to control the maximum speed that cars could travel, varying it depending on amount of traffic, highway design and driving conditions.

**Latest Nearly-Ultimate Wisdom**

**Convicted murderer William “Cod3” Neal, at his sentencing hearing in Golden, Colo., in September: “I (accept) responsibility for the (murder). If I lose my life, I can live with that.” And an unnamed woman, when police in Appleton, Wis., came in December to remove her daughter’s body, because of a complaint that she had given her 11-year-old daughter a “swirlie” (holding her head in a flushing toilet). “I haven’t had a vacation in 15 years. Go ahead and take them.”

**The Entrepreneurial Spirit**

- At a meeting of African leaders in Tripoli in September, Libyan leader Muammar Khadafy unveiled a prototype of the car of the future that he said he had personally engineered in his spare time: the low-slung, five-passenger “Rocket of the Jamahiriya,” featuring bottle-shaped front and rear ends to deflect collisions and make it the world’s safest car. Libya would produce 50,000 cars a year priced in the “upper-middle-class” range.

- A private company, leasing land rights from the Israeli government, plans to build a $6.6 million entertainment complex in Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee to include an 80-yard-long platform just below the water’s surface to allow visitors to re-create Christ’s walk on water (at $5 a head). However, according to a December Austin American-Statesman report, Roman Catholic priests and Holy Land scholar George Murphy-O’Connor predicted the walkway would be used only by “drunk tourists, not serious pilgrims.”

**Regional Addictions**

- A September Denver Post report profiles Richard Thoennes, 33, from the German village of Kalkar, who earns a nice living as a hairdresser for cows being reared for cattle shows. “The trick,” said Thoennes, “is to highlight the cow’s strong points (straight back, slim legs, plump udders) and hide the weak ones.” But Thoennes’ professional standards prevent him from supplying artificial parts such as more attractive udders.

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**Recurring Themes**

Just before hurricane season in 1998, religious broadcaster Pat Robertson told his “700 Club” TV audience that the city of Orlando, Fla., should not have sponsored that year’s Gay Days festival, festooning homosexuality would cause God to visit hurricanes and tornadoes upon the city. (In fact, 1985’s first hurricane hit Robertson’s headquarters in Virginia Beach, Va.)

In November 1999, the supreme Islamic leader in Afghanistan said that if Americans did not cease hostility against the Taliban, “the United States would suffer earthquakes and storms, and in fact took credit for September’s Hurricane Floyd.”

**Least Competent Criminals**

- In unrelated incidents, Jesus Guzman, 17, was arrested in Springfield, Ore., in October, and Lawrence Eddy was arrested in Charlotte, N.C., in July, both charged with using the Internet to purchase pornographic images of children. Guzman was unsuccessful because the perpetrators realized too late that they couldn’t drive cars with stick shifts. And the man who robbed the First American Bank in Columbia, Tenn., in December managed enough luck to escape, his getaway plans had been set back when he ran out to the stolen car he had left idling, only to discover that he had locked the key inside.

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—Sick of slackers

Dear Sick,

There's a lot of fun things to do to this guy while he's sleeping which all require you to play stupid. Run into the room screaming fire and laugh when he bolts out of his chair. “Sorry, I thought I smelled smoke.” Set an alarm clock off next to his head. “I don't know how that got there.” Dump a bucket of water on him. “The roof really needs to be fixed.” Or better yet stick his hand in a cup of warm water then snap pictures of him trying to cover himself until he can get home to change his pants. All you have to do is pretend you're at a junior high sleep over.

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Don't let him ruin your work ethic. He's may be a master slacker but it doesn't mean you have to fall short on the job too. If he could be the next Ricki Martin and guess who he won't thank when he accepts his first grammy?

—Honest friend

Dear Honest,

Put away your fire hose and leave this guy alone. You're a dream killer and it's probably because you don't have any dreams of your own.

Go find some. If your friend really can't sing, he'll find out soon enough. Unless you're a record producer it's not you that needs to tell him.

It's sounds like he's having fun. If you're tired of the same song ask him if you can switch it or drive you're own car.

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UCF Students flash back to the Big Era

Lisa Applegate
Staff Writer

While most of the student body here at UCF were still playing on elementary school playgrounds, people with loud clothes and even louder music were dancing the night away at their high school proms.

This past weekend's event, sponsored by Cypress Christian Life, gave everyone a chance to experience this era.

The unusually frigid weather didn't stop people from wearing brightly colored, oddly coordinated outfits to the '80s Prom that started at eight o'clock on Saturday night.

These outfits that would not die were purchased mainly from thrift stores specifically for this occasion. A few of the guests got these clothes from their closets, and the ensembles ranged from peach taffeta gowns to aerobic outfits reminiscent of this period in time.

The theme for this dance was Enchantment Under the Sea with decorations of underwater creatures around every corner.

In the back left corner, couples could get their picture taken normally or as a pirate and mermaid pair behind a wooden cut-out. Another interesting added touch was the "breakdance" floor which was sadly neglected for a large part of the evening. As with most proms, there were tables to sit at where you could enjoy refreshments while watching your fellow students show you why their dancing careers never took off.

Cypress Christian Life, the group responsible for this fun-filled affair, is an on-campus club affiliated with the United Campus Ministries. With admission being only $2, fundraising couldn't have been the main objective—and it wasn't.

"Every year we sponsor an outreach event to raise awareness about our organization. We hope that people will take an interest in Cypress and in Jesus Christ," said President Diana Bjorkman.

They accomplished this by giving out little pink cards to fill out if you wanted more information about their cause, church, or founder. These cards were also used to give out door prizes randomly throughout the night.

The atmosphere was upbeat, the clothes were hilarious, and the music was great at this resurrection of an '80s prom.

More importantly than that, they got their message out to a hundred and fifty people who never would have known they existed otherwise.

Racism is not part of human nature; people are taught racism.

Jane Elliott

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For over 25 years, Jane Elliott, a former teacher from Iowa, has committed herself to leading a fight against prejudice.

The "Blue Eyed/Brown Eyed" exercise pioneered diversity training.

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Tina Turner
Twenty Four Seven

Tina Turner has always been a better performance artist than studio one. Her rendition of CCR’s “Proud Mary” is of course a rock ‘n roll classic — something she still performs with fire be it on tour or opening for the Superbowl. She has had some great hit singles on her own too, but the thing that has been missing from her career is one great definitive album of original material.

Twenty Four Seven is not this album. Granted, it has one or two potential hits hidden amongst its abundance of duds, but it won’t do wonders for Tina’s career in the same way Believe did for Cher’s. But we’re talking two truly different kinds of divas here anyway, so that comparison is rather unfair.

Or is it? It seems that Tina’s “people” have been talking music producers with Cher’s “people” as of late. That’s right — the same team behind the smash dance hit “Believe” are behind Tina’s latest, “When The Heartache Is Over.” The two songs don’t really sound alike, but it’s really the thought that counts. And that soils the single in a way. Still, expect some clubplay if the remixes turn out any good.

The ten other tracks off Twenty Four Seven are pretty hard to distinguish from each other for the most part — they all sound mostly like Natalie Imbruglia knock-offs, complete with building acoustic guitars and driving drums.

And there are quite a few lyrics that divas like Tina should never have put in front of them to sing. “I’ve never been a winner but I still play the game,” she declares in “All The Woman.” Excuse me? That’s just as bad as Bette Midler singing, “How I want to deserve you.”

Reality check, you millionaire goddesses! You should know better than this kind of dribble.

Verbena
Into The Pink

Making its major label debut with Into The Pink, alternative rock band Verbena’s new album bleeds with raw emotion, fusing together the past and the present.

It wasn’t much of a surprise to learn that Foo Fighters frontman Dave Grohl (formerly Nirvana’s drummer) produced this album — there is an undeniable Nirvana grunge quality to it.

The album, released on Capitol Records, features bandmates Scott Bondy (vocals and guitar), Anne Marie Griffin (bass and vocals) and Les Nuby (drums).

On the tracks “John Beverly” and “Big Skies, Black Rainbows,” Bondy’s heartfelt vocals strike an uncanny resemblance to Kurt Cobain’s.

However, any qualms about Verbena’s similarities to Nirvana are quickly dismissed, as the rest of the album features a versatile style that is all its own.

The opening track, “Lovely Isn’t Love,” which features a thematically dark piano ballad, is just one example of Verbena’s versatility.

From the punk rock influences of the Sex Pistols to new wave, to grunge, to glam rock, Verbena is following the progression of sound to the place where it should go — then taking it a step further to a new level.

If you want to check this band out, “Baby Got Shot,” in which Griffin tears it up on the bass guitar while singing with Bondy, is one of the best samples of what Verbena has to offer.

The bandmates’ history together goes back long before Verbena.

Verbena’s origins can be traced back to the early ’90s, when Nuby and Bondy, along with former Verbena bassist Daniel Johnston, were still in high school.

That was when the guys came together as the band Shallow. It was just a matter of time before Griffin joined the band, sharing both vocal and guitar duties.

It wasn’t long before Nuby left and was temporarily replaced by original Remy Zero drummer Louis Schefano.

It was at this time that the band changed its name to Verbena and released its EP Pilot Park.

Fortunately Nuby did not miss out on the real action, returning to the band and resuming the position of drummer.

The band released Souls for Sale in 1997.

In 1998 Johnston left, and Griffin picked up the bass.

The band, once more a trio, got Grohl’s attention — and the rest is history in the making.
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Defensive class may pay immediate dividends

David Masters
Sports Editor

Last year's 33-30 season ending overtime loss to Bowling Green didn't sit too well with UCF head coach Mike Kruczek. In the overtime, the Golden Knights took the lead on a Javier Beorlegui field goal, leaving the defense with the task of keeping Bowling Green out of the end zone. The Falcons put on a clinic in smash mouth football, however, running the ball straight through UCF's defense and into the end zone.

"I don't know that I'll ever get Bowling Green out of my system, and I don't know that I want to," said Kruczek.

That was the final straw in a string of defensive problems for the Golden Knights last year. The Golden Knights ranked among the nation's worst in scoring defense. Granted, they played against some of the top scoring teams in America, but a lot more had been expected from defensive coordinator Gene Chizik's unit.

So it came as no surprise that UCF worked hard to sign quality defensive players during the recruiting period. Gone are defensive lineman Ben Brinson, who was heavily recruited by Auburn before deciding to come to UCF.

In his career at Doughlass High School in Atlanta, GA, Brinson tallied 375 tackles, 13 sacks and two interceptions. He was named to a number of all-state and all-region lists, and will contend for the starting middle linebacker job right away.

"He fits a need," said Kruczek. "We don't have a middle linebacker. We graduated three seniors from that position, so he is immediately competitive for the job." Also coming in at linebacker is 6'2" 205 pound All-American Chris Weeks, who enrolled here in January, was recruited out of high school by Florida, FSU, and Miami before he suffered a knee injury in his senior year. He is now fully recovered and will participate in spring practice.

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The Golden Knights signed eight defensive players on National Signing Day, and have two others that enrolled here in January.

If there is a star in the class, it has to be 6'0" 230 pound linebacker John Andrews, who was heavily recruited by Florida, however, running the ball straight through the lead on a Javier - Beorlegui field goal, leaving the end zone. The Falcons put on a clinic in smash mouth defense with the task of keeping Bowling Green out of the end zone. Granted, they played games against some of the Knights ranked among the nation's worst in scoring defense.

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Corzewski Keith Whaley was a standout at Atlanta's Doughlass HS, gaining all-dyn and all-region honors. Whatley brings good size and speed to the Golden Knights, choosing to attend UCF over Auburn, Kentucky, and Vanderbilt.

"(Freddy Saint Preux) has great speed and I believe we're going to play him internally on the defensive line," said Kruczek.

Brinson, who was named to Big Bulcher's Dandy Duree recruiting list, also has the chance to make a big impact, but will have to qualify academically before he can see any action on the field. The Golden Knights did
Knights came away with Chris Weeks (6-2, 280), Freddy Smith Preux (6-5, 265), Derrick Crawford (6-5, 270), and Ben Brinson (6-5, 255).

After filling those top priorities, UCF went after top-rated athletes who have the potential to be the next superstar. Quarterbacks Tracy Thorpe and Jon Rivera, running backs Gerard Jackson, Andre Andrews, and Alex Haynes, wide receiver Tavaris Capers, and linebacker Pete against the major football programs. Rivera (6-3, 185) and Jackson (5-8, 210) had both committed to UCF over a year ago, and they stayed true to their word despite offers from many big-name programs. Thorpe (6-4, 240) is the most compelling to coaches because he has similar quality to Culpepper coming out of high school but he will take more time to develop.

Rivera is a local product from Evans High School, and he rushed for over 1,400 yards and 15 TDs this year. Curry will enroll at Milford (CT) Prep Academy and is expected to enroll in January 2001. Both players along with Jackson give UCF its best group of running backs ever.

"He (Curry) could be possibly the best athlete we got," Kruczek said. Capers leads a group of receivers that doesn't have height, but UCF sacrificed size for speed. Capers is joined by Derek Ponder (6-1, 185), who enrolled in January, James Gerald (5-9, 175), who will likely enroll next January, and Marcus Glover (5-11, 170). But in the passing scheme for UCF, the tight end has never been a prime target. However, that all changed with the arrival of Michael Gaities, who had signed with Alabama, in January, Gaines (6-3, 265) has size and speed to be a great receiving tight end, and he is an excellent blocker.

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Rounding out the signees were four defensive backs, which was another problem on the defensive unit last year. Safety Gerren Bray may compete to play early, while Damien Fagan (6-1, 175), Alphonso Hopkins (5-11, 170), and Keith Whatley (5-11, 190) round out the defensive backfield.

With the best recruiting class following a 4-7 record, UCF ended any concerns that a sub-.500 record would hurt the Golden Knights chances to sign big-name recruits. Now Kruczek looks forward to finally getting that first win against a nationally recognized and respected program.

"The 4-7 season did nothing to hurt our image with the athletes in the country," Kruczek said. "The schedule has made us very visible with the great football players in the Southeast. Yes, we have not beaten a great football team perceptively; that will happen."
UCF rushes into future with loaded lineup

TONY MEJIA
SPORTS EDITOR

After four years of Daunte Culpepper, UCF running backs anticipated that they would be used a little more with his departure. Instead, Vic Penn set a school record for single season passing attempts.

A three-headed running back attack didn't fare as well as the Golden Knight coaching staff would have hoped, so they will commit to one guy this season. Thanks to a sterling recruiting class, they'll also have more candidates.

Area standouts Alex Haynes and Gerard Jackson join Edward Mack, Terrance Williams, Omari Howard, and Corey Baker as UCF's tailbacks in a competition that will be anybody's to win.

Haynes, from Orlando's Evans HS, rushed for over 1,400 yards and 15 touchdowns as a senior, earning all-state honors. Haynes, who was also recruited by Missouri, Louisville, Marshall, South Carolina, Kansas State, Purdue, and Miami, was considered one of the top five running backs in Florida, and was named to Super Prep's top 35 running backs in the nation.

"He has speed and acceleration plus a stiff arm which allows him to break tackles," recruiting guru Bill Buchalter said. "He reminds me of a shorter Sammie Smith."

Haynes is also a terrific track athlete, gaining a regional hurdle championship, and being rated one of the top 40 hurdlers in the nation. His athleticism and speed are huge assets.

"He's a tremendous back and brings a level of speed to the table that will be sorely needed," running backs coach Alan Gooch said. "Now we have Haynes and Corey Baker as speed backs to build around in the future."

"We've got a stable of backs and it's great that we keep rolling them in and attracting talent," Gooch said. "You can never have too much talent. We now have these tailbacks and are set for the future."

When spring starts, Mack, Williams, and Howard, the incumbents, will have a stiff challenge in keeping out the young guys. Williams and Howard will also be vying to avoid a redshirt season, which is something the coaching staff thinks is a probability due to the number of backs on the roster and the fact that Baker will have to play this season.

"When you look at it, that's what we'll need to do," Gooch said. "It wouldn't be in our best interest to have them rotate in and out. Terrance played injured last season and Omari was coming off injury trouble, so we'll have to evaluate the situation in the spring."

"One thing is certain. It's better to have too much talent than not enough. We know we can't solely move it through the air like we have been, so our running game will be utilized more this year."
Comparisons to Daunte Culpepper will follow Tracy Thorpe, who chose UCF over programs like Miami and Kansas State, and will look to mold his raw potential under the tutelage of the Golden Knight coaching staff.

Quarterback combination excites coaching staff

Tony Mejia
Sports Editor

With redshirt freshman Brian Miller impatiently waiting in the wings for his chance at the starting job and senior Vic Penn already a proven commodity, the early commitment of Perth Amboy (NJ) star Jon Rivera, one of the top players in the tri-state area, pretty much filled UCF's quota for talented quarterbacks. However, when Melbourne quarterback Tracy Thorpe wanted in, the quota suddenly increased by one. After all, as Coach Mike Kruczek put it, you don't turn your back on a talent like that.

And so, the Golden Knights will enter next season with four very talented signal callers taking the snaps. Kruczek has already said that Thorpe has the best chance to start at quarterback, but Miller and Penn are also expected to see meaningful playing time.

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TRAVIS BELL
STAFF WRITER

Home field advantage has always been an important aspect in collegiate athletics, and for UCF baseball that has been no different. Last year’s exception when the Golden Knights had to play in their home games at Tinker Field in downtown Orlando, and it was the first time since 1994 that UCF lost 10 home games.

With the delay in the construction of Jay Bergman Field on campus, UCF has to continue playing its home games at Tinker Field until the on-campus facility is complete. UCF begins its home schedule this weekend against Western Carolina, but Coach Jay Bergman doesn’t feel that the off-campus stadium detracts from the home-field advantage.

“We practiced at Tinker on Saturday and everything went great,” Bergman said. “Tinker is so close that I don’t think it takes away our advantage.”

Heading into the series against WCU, the Golden Knights already have an advantage over the Catamounts. They’ve played two games this year. UCF opened the season last weekend against Tennessee and came away with a two-game losing streak by a combined score of 18-1.

UCF is still glowing from its 2-1 performance in the ACC/Disney Baseball Challenge to see how we handle these games against lesser competition. It will be indicative of the season, so we have to jump on them early and bury them.”

UCF has faced the Catamounts only one time before in a three-game series in 1996 in Orlando. The Golden Knights won all three games, with one going into extra innings. WCU is predicted to finish fifth in the Southern Conference this year according to Baseball America.

Outfielder Charles Thomas, who hit .406 with three home runs and 41 RBIs last year, leads Coach Todd Raleigh and WCU into Orlando. The Catamounts are a team based around speed and pitching, but hitting and fielding in the two losses against Tennessee hurt them.

WCU managed 12 hits with only one extra base hit in the two-game series, and they committed five errors that led to eight unearned runs. UCF must take advantage of any mistakes the Catamounts make. “They have a couple good players,” Bergman said. “We haven’t played them in a few years, so I lost track of them.”

So while the Golden Knights play the waiting game for the on-campus stadium, they have to call Tinker Field home again after posting a 21-10 mark there last year. UCF had posted a 98-25 home record during the four-year stretch before leaving campus. Bergman is hopeful that the new stadium will be finished in time for the home series against Louisiana State in early March or soon thereafter. “It’s the new stadium (is gonna happen),” Bergman said. “We might as well wait.”

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Perry adjusts to new roles in senior season

Point guard Cory Perry has been a fixture in the UCF attack for the last four seasons, climbing the all-time lists in both assists and steals.

DAVID MARSTERS

Staff Writer

It has been a roller coaster ride of a season for the UCF men’s basketball team. Injuries, hot streaks, and cold streaks have all contributed to a mediocre record for a team that is much more talented than it has shown.

Question - what happens when the Golden Knights live up to potential against Florida Atlantic, the TAAC’s weakest team? Answer - a 27-point blowout victory that wasn’t even close on its own. And leading UCF to victory in that game was senior point guard Cory Perry, whose season has mirrored the team’s.

Perry entered this season as the undisputed floor leader of a team that boasted four seniors. He had developed into one of the best point guards in the TAAC, and was ready to build upon last year's runner-up finish in the conference tournament. He was second in school history with 373 assists, and had an outside shot of breaking the record of 531 held by Sinua Phillips (1990-91). But he and the team’s chances of reaching their goals took a big hit when Perry injured his ankle early in the season and was limited action, relegating his starting duties to freshman Al Miller.

When Perry was finally healthy, Miller had emerged as a player too good to be kept on the bench. So Perry and Miller have shared time at the point guard position, with Perry playing at the unfamiliar shooting guard spot for much of his time on the court. Despite these changes, however, Perry has found a way to contribute - leading the team in assists and steals. Perry

When I’m at the two (shooting guard) and A’s at the one (point guard), opposing players are still looking for me to run the show,” said Perry. Perry’s ability to adapt should come as no surprise, however, as he has made his mark at UCF as a being a very versatile player. Along with being a solid passer and defensive stopper, his 3.3 steals per game lead all guards on the team, and he can also score when he has to. His numbers against Florida Atlantic tell the story - 13 points, seven rebounds, five assists, and two steals. The way Perry talks about his abilities, though, one might be regarded them simply as the logical thing to do.

On his rebounding: “I feel if you miss your rebound guard can get rebounds, then it’s easier for a team to have a fast break opportunity,” he said.

On his scoring: “I try not to force my shots, and take the open shots when I have them.”

Another hurdle Perry has had to overcome this season was the loss of fellow senior and friend Mario Lovett to a medical redshirt. Lovett has not played this season because of a nagging foot injury.

“I miss my main partner Mario Lovett, because came in together and we can read what each other is going to do,” said Perry.

With six conference games left on the schedule, Perry and the Golden Knights actually still control their own destiny as far as getting a first round bye in the TAAC tournament. At 7-5 in conference, UCF is currently tied for fourth place in the TAAC, and can move up to as high as first place if they win all of their remaining games. Perry, who was a big part of last year’s run to the conference title game, knows the importance of getting that first day off.

“I think we can (win the TAAC tournament),” he said. “The way we’ve been playing, realistically I think it would be impossible to play four games in four nights, though. We don’t want that seven through 10 seed, because it’s hard to win from there. I definitely think we could do it with three games, because we’ve been through it once, and I think we’re ready for that this year.”

Regardless of where UCF finishes this season, Perry will be looked to for his senior leadership the rest of the way. And for his scoring, his passing, and his rebounding, and his defense, and his foul, you get the point.

“I’m just going to try to do whatever I can to make this team do well,” he said. “I want to win, it’s my last year out, so I’m going to do whatever it takes.”
Men's tennis wins home debut, but loses pair in Tallahassee

David Windberg

The University of Central Florida men's tennis team opened up its 2000 Spring season at the UCF Tennis Complex with a 6-1 win over Idaho State on Jan. 30. The Golden Knights posted an early lead by taking two out of three doubles matches for the doubles point, led by William Guerin and Fernando Martinez at No. 2. The pair scored an 8-2 decision over the squad of Idaho State's George Devizde and Malcolm Swan.

In singles UCF appreciated strong performances from its three upper-class men as senior Fernando Martinez clinched the victory with a 5-6, 6-4, 6-4 win at the No. 6 position while juniors Federico Guerin improved to a combined 6-0, 6-1 score over his other doubles partner.

The Golden Knights fell to 1-2 on the season when host Florida State handed UCF another 4-3 decision at the Scott Speicher Stadium. The Golden Knights started out strong winning the doubles point against the 69th ranked Seminoles behind victories from Camacho and Guerin at No. 1 and Westin and David Moore at No. 2. In singles Florida State, who topped 31st ranked New Mexico in its season opener, wasted no time as Xavier Luscan beat Camacho at No. 1, Chad Mooney topped Martinez at No. 3 and Noah Schnell dispatched Sanabria at No. 5 in straight set victories. Guerin continues his strong play defeating senior Mike Ingham, 6-3, 5-7, and 6-4 at No. 2, and Westin picked up his second win on the season by topping Jeff Scarilla, 6-4 and 6-3.

"Today, we played well. FSU has a good team and they proved that against New Mexico, but we have to continue to work hard," Cashman said.

"Guerin had a fantastic weekend with four wins and Camacho is also playing solid tennis. They are really stepping it up so far."

Loss of Paige hampers UCF's attack

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This week, with the availability of Paige still uncertain, the Golden Knights will have nine healthy players to put on the court in games that are going to very physically taxing.

"We've got to come out 10 times stronger and harder than they are," said Khaliah Guillory, who scored a career high 23 points against the Rattler duo Roben Beauches and Josef Clark at No. 6 at JSU.

Camacho and Fernando Martinez clinched the victory with a 5-6, 6-4, 6-4 win at the No. 6 position while juniors Federico Guerin and Camacho lost in a 9-8 decision against Rattler duo Roben Beauches and Josef Clark at No. 1. The doubles point became crucial when the Rattlers recorded three singles wins to post their first ever dual match win against the Golden Knights.

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"We didn't play up to our potential and didn't compete in two spots. It's a tough loss."

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UCF hails in gem of a recruiting class

TRAVIS BELL

UCF's football coaching staff entered the 2000 recruiting season with many needs to fill voids left behind from graduation or lack of depth from last season. He not only filled those needs, but he was rewarded with a lot of wins in the process as well. In all, the Golden Knights signed 27 players, with five of the signees already enrolled at UCF this semester. Seventeen of the signees earned all-state honors.

UCF fans have been waiting for the "next Daunte Culpepper" — a big time recruit who can continue bringing the spotlight to Orlando and to UCF. They may have gotten their wish by way of five or six recruits who have the potential to be as explosive as Culpepper.

"We had some needs we had to satisfy and I felt like by far and away this has been the best recruiting year we've ever had across the board," Kruczek said. "We signed some very, very visible football players in this nation, something we haven't done ever in our history here."

UCF set out to better itself at every position, but the top priority was the offensive line. The Golden Knights needed size to compete against the top Division I programs, and it received size in a "big way" with junior college transfers Patrick Jeorete (6-5, 380), Steve Edwards (6-5, 345), and Alex Hernandez (6-5, 300).

They will make an immediate impact, but UCF also beefed up on the line for the future signing high school linemen Travis Muse (6-6, 320), Norman Lewis (6-3, 270), and Tyrwan Brown (6-4, 300).

"You can see offensively, we've added some size to the interior people which is where we need it which gives us the chance to do the things we need to do to be a little more successful on that side of the football," Kruczek said.

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In one Saturday of TAAC action, UCF went from second place in the conference into a tie for fourth, only one game and a half behind second place Jacksonville State and two and a half games behind first place Troy State.

With the difference between second and seventh place being separated by just one game and a half, the Golden Knights must take advantage of every opportunity to gain conference wins.

The Golden Knights will take on Mercer on Feb. 10, playing the ninth-ranked team in the conference at the Macon Centreplex. Though the Golden Knights promised the Bears, 93-77, in Orlando, they must be wary of an upset bid, as Mercer enters the game playing its best basketball of the season, coming off an impressive 88-74 win at Stetson. The Hatters entered that game as arguably the hottest team in the conference, having registered blowout victories against UCF and conference-leading Troy State.

However, the Bears surged ahead 40-19 after one half, and held off Stetson to gain their fourth conference win.

Swingman Chris Hill, the Bears top shooter, hit six-of-seven 3-point attempts against the Hatters as Mercer connected on 11-of-15 from beyond the arc in the win.

Perimeter defense becomes the key for UCF in their rematch against the Bears in Macon. In the first meeting, the Knights were able to get off to a big lead before Mercer got their perimeter attack in gear to cut into a 28-point advantage.

Mardock lacks a consistent scoring threat other than freshman center Scott Emerson, who averages over 14 points per game and averages almost six assists a game. The transfer from Memphis is the frontrunner for both Player-of-the-Year and Newcomer-of-the-Year honors.

The Golden Knights and Trojans met last on Dec. 30, with Troy State handling UCF a loss in their first conference game of the season, 74-73 as Golden scored his team's last seven points.

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Paige, who had started all but three games this season and was averaging 5.4 points and 6.2 rebounds, pulled a hamstring in practice and did not play in either of UCF's games last week. Without her, they lost 68-57 to Samford, and then got a boost from the return of Richter in the win over JSU, who scored a career high 18 points and came up with a steal on the game's final play to seal the victory.

"Nancy's just such a leader out there," said Striegler. "Everybody looks up to her. Nancy knows how to play the game. Is she the best athlete out there? No. But she's a smart basketball player, knows where she's supposed to be, and is a good leader. She did some great things for us (against JSU) - hit big shots and came up at the end with some great defense."

Next week, the Golden Knights (6-14, 3-8) travel to Georgia State (16-4, 9-2) and Campbell (12-7, 7-3), the TAAC's second and third place teams respectively. UCF's last game against Campbell was similar to the win against JSU, a 69-64 upset victory that ended a losing streak and gave the team some much-needed momentum. They followed that game up with a 64-54 loss to Georgia State, however, unable to capitalize on their emotional high.

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Seniors D'Quarius Stewart and Erin Paige were among the signees honored by UCF's football coaching staff this weekend.

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UCF's basketball coaching staff entered the 2000 recruiting season with many needs to fill voids left behind from graduation or lack of depth from last season. He not only filled those needs, but he was rewarded with a lot of wins in the process as well. In all, the Golden Knights signed 27 players, with five of the signees already enrolled at UCF this semester. Seventeen of the signees earned all-state honors.

UCF fans have been waiting for the "next Daunte Culpepper" — a big time recruit who can continue bringing the spotlight to Orlando and to UCF. They may have gotten their wish by way of five or six recruits who have the potential to be as explosive as Culpepper.

"We had some needs we had to satisfy and I felt like by far and away this has been the best recruiting year we've ever had across the board," Kruczek said. "We signed some very, very visible football players in this nation, something we haven't done ever in our history here."

UCF set out to better itself at every position, but the top priority was the offensive line. The Golden Knights needed size to compete against the top Division I programs, and it received size in a "big way" with junior college transfers Patrick Jeorete (6-5, 380), Steve Edwards (6-5, 345), and Alex Hernandez (6-5, 300).

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