Engineering Students Get Early Start In Racing Career

"These select students were chosen because they were students who showed initiative and 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 $180,000 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 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..."
Fresh faces, a fresh start

TAYLOR CLARK
STAFF WRITER

In late November, the University of Central Florida Panhelleanic Executive Board was replaced. Each year the board, consisting of eight positions, changes, allowing different people with fresh outlooks and new ideas to partake.

Obviously the Panhelleanic Council desires members with the most drive, determination and insight. For this reason, prior to the election process, the sororities are paired off and as each candidate goes through an intricate interview, "educates all the delegates, chairs, and the entire Panhelleanic community on the National Panhelleanic 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 Panhelleanic 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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"This is a networking event..."

These career fairs don't only create opportunities for graduating students, of which Nebgen estimates more than 95 percent make up past attendees, but they also help UCF alumni, who are encouraged to come back for the career fair.

"Sometimes these companies like people with experience, with a few years out there," said Jennifer Summers, a recruiter from Prudential.

Orientation Team receives applications

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 Schulfield (below) mc's the event held in the VAB auditorium.

Comedian Small Frie (right) receives laughs from audience while she was under a bench.

PHOTO BY JASON KOKOTOFF
Kenny Howell (left), examines the audience during his act.

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

(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.

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Black History Month Calendar

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 316 - 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:
"Where do you stand?"
6:30 p.m. Key West AB - SU

February 16th:
AASU & Alpha Kappa Alpha presents:
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
250 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:
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February 29th:
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SG president shooting for best Student Government in state

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and off campuses they should communicate better with their constituents and stay with their job. "Each of you has been elected to a seat in Senate to represent a particular constituent and to use your best judgement in allocating funding for the student body. This is a serious responsibility and I know you do not take the responsibility lightly, but I urge you to stay with the task."

"Some of the problems we’ve had is that the number of Senators voting downtown to the point where important decisions were made by no more than ten or eleven Senators. That’s really not democracy and it doesn’t represent the students at this University very well. So stay with it."

Hitt then addressed the accountability of the actions taken by SG and the declaration that SG feels they sometimes have by administration. "Some of you, or at least some in the past, I know take the view that SG answers only to itself and the administration had no rightful role in reviewing its actions. That’s not the view taken by the legislature and the Board of Regents. They hold the University Administration and me personally accountable for your actions and so long as they do it’s my duty to see that you abide by the rules. I cannot do otherwise."

"I also know there has been discussions that the administration or the President wants to tell you just how to spend your money and I don’t like that at all."

Hitt used an example of former SG President, Darin Patton, appeal his impeachment to the administration. "Some of you know that I think Darin Patton got a raw deal. However, the actions of the Senate were reviewed by the General Counsel and were found to have met the general requirements for due process. I did not feel the administration should or could step into that matter."

Hitt closed his remarks by reminding Senate of the task they ran for to begin with. "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 Blech, 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 listenership was still bad with their elective format they had before they were going to lose their NPR funding and I have to say that they have rebud a very respectable listenership. What I’d like to see us do is explore with SG getting a new low power license that are available to us. Keep the investment we have, but 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.
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.

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"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."

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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.

To: my BF Nate,  
Happy Valentine’s Day!  
Seth

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


To: my Gary,  
My life began the day I met you. Thank you for making me happy, and of course, for being you. I love you with all of my heart and soul, baby, Happy Valentine’s Day.  
Love, Becky

To: My HOT Cubans:  
Qui’en es tu’ papi’! Good luck on your show, I know you’ll do a great job.  
Love, Scotty

To: my Beloved D-J  
I thank you for your honesty, strength, courage, and understanding. I thank you for always being you Mostly, I thank you for always standing beside me in love, I love you infinitely.  
Your Angel Angie

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From: Andy Cupicha

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Dennis

To: To my lovely Wife  
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From: Eddie Ruiz

To: Theresa,  
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143! Mach Love, Jeff

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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 true- pha party. You’re my baby-Uh-Uh, Uh-Uh. Love Ya, Tony

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Wow kid, four years and still going strong-And to think they all doubted us! Remember…who knows where the road will lead us, only a fool would say. But if you let me love you-It’s for sure I’m gonna love-All the way!  
Love, Missy  
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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 else, in joy 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 with others 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 over many 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

Love is an overwhelmingly powerful 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 that you realize your feelings. You will know when you and I find my one true love, I am happy to be passing the days with all my others.

often we spend more time doing than we do just being. I know there are many of you that are spending more time fighting with your loved ones than you are enjoying them. We spend more time indulging in the drama, forgetting why we truly love another to begin with, 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 where you are. Open your heart and let love’s magic allow it to be your compass each and every day.
American movie. I immediately began humming the theater. As the previews progressed I noticed a preview animated feature from Disney.

"Disney's controversy that is."

Disney is doing it again, causing February bottom third.

"The world laughs even louder. 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 had no formal global unification and developed into the powerhouse of the world.

American, 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 superb education in America; direct proof of this is the overwhelming number of foreign students that attend America's high schools and universities each year. And while education standards may be different 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 English has become the language of the world also begs the question, why would the world adopt the language of a nation of ignorant, uneducated individuals? Most countries throughout the world emphasize learning English because so many careers require knowledge of the English language. It is not unusual for our nation 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 Elliot Gonzales an American citizen. His mother drowned while fleeing to America, so the NAACP, "represents one of the most reprehensible aspects of American History, not only for the people of African ancestry, but for people from every background who know and understand the destructive horrors created by slavery."

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 front of the State House. The Confederate Battle Flag is a symbol of the soldiers who lost their lives fighting for something they believed in. It has since been used by Southern states to promote segregation and by racist groups to promote their agenda.

The protest of the NAACP claims the flag is there to honor the past of their state. The South Carolina has the right to fly whatever flag it wishes but the NAACP wishes to change that.

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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 their 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 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 was worth coming in,” Trimbo’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 a menu included) at www.quiznos.com.

So go check them out. Look for the coupon for a sub, chips, and a drink for only $3 right here in the Central Florida Future. Not only good food and great service, but also a great deal.
Lead Stories

- British TV Program Guide: The BBC gave one more try in December to save the 1980s hit program "One Foot in Heaven." The viewership has fallen off; the program consists entirely of gags (many of which dog) competing to efficiently herd sheep into pens (although producers failed to get the sheep wiser, with microphones to capture their "baa!)." And a Fall 1999 British-mode 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 unclesed zorophile pushing over his "wife" Pixel, a horse; said one activist, "We are not sad at all. Zoosensuality 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, high-way design and driving conditions.

Latest Nearby-Ultimate Wisdom

Convicted murderer William "Cody" 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 unannamed woman, when police in Appleton, Wis., came in December to remove her rooster 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 Khadafi unveiled a prototype of the car of the future (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 $3 a head). However, according to a December Austin American-Statesman report, Roman Catholic priests and Holy Land scholar Lewis Murphy-O'Connor predicted the walkway would be used only by "drunk tourists, not serious pilgrims." 7. A September Deutch Presse-Agentur report professed: "Rudolph Thoennes, 33, from the German village of Kalkar, who earns a nice living as a hairdresser for cows being readied 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 tails.

- In a December profile, the Village Voice touted the hand-carved potato dildos of California artist Pommeletta De Terre, who said they are made up of carrots, cucumbers, than clay or Play-Doh, or than candles or commercial dildos. De Terre adds lemon juice to prevent color change and olive oil for flexibility and said she's never had a potato break during use.

Weird Science

- A November Associated Press report on a summer camp for "enthusiasts of all ages" claimed September 1998 incident in which a neighbor mistakenly jammed an 8-inch, serrated blade all the way into the top of his skull. Doctors pulled it out without major damage, and Hill now takes pain and seizure medication and still has trouble with emotions and short-term memory. And a horse; said one activist, "We are not sad at all. Zoosensuality is (merely) an alternative lifestyle."

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Dear Nancy,

One of the people I work with is a total slacker. All he does is sleep or talk on the phone. It's annoying and it makes me feel like I don't want to come to work. Why should I bust my butt to get the same credit as this loser? I don't think it will do any good since I've mentioned something to my boss before and nothing changed. What do you suggest?

-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.

As good as tattling on his lazy butt may sound it could back fire and make you look bad. You've already said something once, leave it at that. You don't want to hurt his feelings but he really can't do the work. It's sounds like he's having fun.

Dear honesty friend

One of my friends thinks he's a rock star or something and it's really getting on my nerves.

Every time I ride in his car he repeats the same song over and over and sings to it at the top of his lungs.

I don't want to hurt his feelings but he really can't sing and all he talks about is his singing lessons and how he's going to record a CD. Should I give him a reality check or just wait for him to get it on his own?

-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.

Is your little world is going to crumble because you have to hear the same song more than once? You should never underestimate people.

He could be the next Ricki Martin and guess who he won't thank when he accepts his first Grammy?

--Bill
UCF Students flash back to the Big Era

LISA APPELIGATE
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 80's 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 otherwise would have never known they existed.

UCF students turn back the clock at the '80s Prom in the Student Resource Center Auditorium.

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

Jane Elliott

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 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 suits 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.

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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.

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

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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DAVID MARSTERS
GAINESVILLE

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 Deaubrey Devine, Chris Gunn, and Edwin Ferguson, and filled by incoming recruits. Gone are defensive lineman others that enrolled here in January.

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UCF lost a number of defensive players to graduation last year, leaving gaps in some positions that could be filled by incoming recruits. Gone are defensive lineman Justen Moore, linebacker John Andrews, who was heavily recruited by UCF during the recruiting period, defensive end Raheem Pontifleet, linebackers Ben Crawford and Saint Brinson, who is 6'5" 280 pound linebacker that 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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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.

Haynes (5-11, 205) 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 (Col.). 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 lead 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 Gaines, who had signed with Alabama, in January, Gaines (6-3, 265) has size and speed to be a good receiving tight end, and he is an excellent blocker.

"He’s a tight end deluxe," Kruczek said. "He’s 265 pounds but has the quickness of a 200-pounder.

Heading up the defensive unit is linebacker John Andrews. Andrews (6-0, 230) will challenge right away for the starting middle linebacker spot. Joining him at linebacker are Antoine Poe (6-0, 205), who enrolled in January, and Savarris Brown (6-0, 215).

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 Darian Fagan (6-1, 175), Alphonzo 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 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."

The strength part of the equation could be supplied by Jackson, who committed early out of Melbourne’s Palm Bay HS despite late pushes by Nebraska and Tennessee as well as Florida State and Auburn.

Jackson shared time with Kevin Fein in the Palm Bay backfield last season, leading the Pirates to a 10-0 regular season record, and managed to become the all-time leading rusher in Brevard County history, gaining 5,193 yards in his career.

At 5-foot-8, 210 pounds, Jackson has the power to run over people and at the same time has the speed to run through holes.

With the talent the Golden Knights have accumulated at running back, they may have a problem keeping everybody happy. However, that only serves as proof that the Golden Knights have landed as a major player in the college football world.

"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

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UCF beats out top schools for pair of talented QB’s

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and Rivera will each get a chance to make the travelling roster as the third quarterback, much like Miller did last season. The other will red-shirt.

Thorpe is the wild card. Comparisons to former UCF star Daunte Culpepper have circled around him since his junior season, his first year as Melbourne’s starting quarterback. Despite having just two seasons of experience as a quarterback, the raw Thorpe has exhibited tremendous potential.

"I think he’s the best quarterback I’ve ever seen in nearly 30 years of coaching," Mel-Hi Coach Mike Vogt said. "He had to deal with a new offense, but he did just fine with it. It was difficult for him to undergo a change in the offense as a junior but he handled it well."

"He’s got a cannon for an arm. An absolute cannon. He’s very sound."

Thorpe also was being recruited by Iowa, Kansas State, Miami and Minnesota.

In his two seasons as quarterback, Thorpe passed for 1,960 yards and 21 touchdowns. Last year, he threw for 1,474 yards and 17 TDs and ran for 414 yards and five TDs.

His size (6-foot-4, 240 pounds) is another glaring reminder of Thorpe’s similarity to Culpepper. Now that he’ll directly be following in his footsteps, he accepts that comparisons will continue, but understands where they are coming from and is comfortable with the expectations.

"It’s not as tough to deal with because I do look like him," Thorpe said. "I like it in a way because I can go in there with some expectations. I know I have to work hard. But, I want to be known as Tracy Thorpe."

Thorpe will have an opportunity to carve his own niche out at UCF, as Kruczek finds himself tremendously excited by the prospect of a Culpepper clone.

"When you think about what he can bring with his speed and arm, Tracy could be very tough to keep out of the lineup," Kruczek said. "He’s a remarkable athlete in that if he pass out at quarterback, he gives us an option like very few teams in the nation will have. And if for some reason he washes out as a quarterback, which I don’t think will happen, he’s the type of athlete who can help us in other areas like defensive end or linebacker."

River is more of a pocket passer with a solid arm and good skills. He committed to the Golden Knights in mid-July after a quarterback camp after which he walked away very impressed. Auburn and Indiana offered him scholarships, Syracuse and Notre Dame expressed interest. He was named to the ‘99 All-Heisman Team, recognizing the top 20 players in the New York/New Jersey/Connecticut area.

Rivera passed for over 5,000 yards and 48 touchdowns during his career and was named to the Reebok Prep All-Star team, as well as first-team all-state, all-county, all-division, and all-area.

Boasting impressive prep credentials, Rivera will join Thorpe and Miller in a race to be UCF’s future at quarterback. In addition, incoming freshman Burt Clark, from Palm Bay, will join walk-on Ryan Schneider as a dark horse in the race. The future appears very bright.
here and compete in January and they were very tough to find," Kruczek said. "Two come in here with some physical maturity to help us." Going into last season, UCF lost standout offensive linemen Ryan Gillis, Marcus Jenkins and Cornell Green. The losses to UCF's line made life difficult for the Knights during the year, as they struggled to get the necessary blocking to keep UCF running and passing games afloat. In UCF's disappointing 28-10 loss to Auburn, the Knights offensive line was weakened by the fourth quarter from the constant pounding it took from the top-notch Tiger defense. UCF returns a veteran line for next season, including senior center Chris Lorenz, a likely NFL Draft pick next year, and freshman guards John Beauchamp and Kurt Baumann and sophomore Brian Huff, a key contributor to last season's 4-7 team.

If the new linemen progress into useable pieces of the Knights' offense as planned, UCF should have a group in shape and strong enough to take a Tiger-type pounding. If nothing else, though, Kruczek said he doesn't expect the kind of struggles next season that UCF's o-line had last year.

"When you lose three great linemen from the 1998 season and you lose three experienced kids through having to quit, there's nothing we could have done going into the 99 season," Kruczek said. "We played with guys quite honestly, that weren't ready to play on the football field, but they played their hearts.

"It was evident way back in August for us to be able to play against the teams we had, but at that point there was nothing we could do about that. We knew what we had to do and I think we've done well at filling our need."
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, driving the all-time list 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 showed.

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 that close. 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 (1999-00). But his and the team’s chances of reaching their goals took a big hit when Perry injured his ankle early in the season and sat 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.

“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 being a very versatile player. Along with being a solid passer and defensive stopper, his 3.3 rebounds 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 your point 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 and the rest of the way. And for his scoring, his passing, and his rebounding, and his defense, and his well, 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.”

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Men's tennis wins home debut, but loses pair in Tallahassee

David Windberg  
Staff Writer

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 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 win at the No. 6 position while junior Federico Camacho and William Guerin posted wins as well. Sophomore Johan Westin (at No. 4) and strong performances for the Golden Knight cause.

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The Golden Knights returned to action on Feb. 4 against Florida A&M at the Snake Pit Tennis Center in Tallahassee. Despite having three match points to clinch the doubles point, UCF tandem Camacho and Moore lost in a 9-8 decision against Rafter duo Robo Beaven 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. In singles Camacho and Guerin rolled past Jerry Joseph and Isaac Yarrell respectively. The two co-captains improved to 2-0 in singles play on the season. UCF's third win came at No. 6 when Sanabria topped John Richards in three sets.

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

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 play Florida State, who topped 31st ranked New Mexico in its season opener, wasted no time as Xavier Lucerne beat Camacho at No. 1, Chad Moore topped Martinez at No. 3 and Noah Schnell dispatched Sanabria at no. 5 in straight set victories. Guerin continued 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 Scarrilla, 6-4 and 6-3. Guerin improved to a combined 6-0 in dual match play.

"Today, we played well. FSU has a good team and they proved that against New Mexico, but we have to continue to work hard," Cushman 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. Against Georgia State, UCF will face a team with similar strengths. The Panthers boast three of the top six rebounders in the conference, and are second only to the Golden Knights in rebounding margin. UCF is ranked in the top 10 nationally in that category. Junior forward Leslie Cromartie leads GSU offensively, scoring 19.1 points per game. Campbell brings a very balanced offensive attack, led by forward April Crumley's 17.2 points and 9.7 rebounds per game. Guard Sarah Moore averages 12.7 points for the Camels, and Junior Washington averages 6.6 assists, second in the conference.

"We don't make many adjustments as far as guarding post players," said Striegler. "I'll match up my post players with any post players in the conference. We'll make adjustments for different shooters if we think someone is a good three-point shooter, but as far as their post players, it doesn't scare me.

"We've just got to go up there and play with confidence. No matter what happens, you have to go in and play your game. If something bad happens you can't get out of what you want to do. The key is that we've got to play hard, give it everything we've got, and execute the game plan." If UCF is going to win both of those games, they will have to be a better first half team. Last week, the Golden Knights were outsized 72-64 in the first half of their games, forcing them to make a comeback in the second half. They responded in both instances, outscoring Samford and FSU 88-64 in the second half, but that kind of rally is much more difficult to pull off on the road.

Despite occupying the last place spot in the AAC right now, UCF is only one game out of sixth place, which is important because the top six teams receive a first round bye in AAC tournament. If the Golden Knights are to earn that bye, however, they will have to start with two wins this week.
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UCF hails in gem of a recruiting class

**Travis Bell**  
Staff Writer

Coach Mike Kruczek and the rest of the 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 wants 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 Duante 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 Jeonette (6-5, 340), Steve Edwards (6-5, 345), and Alex Hernandez (6-5, 300).

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

Another major priority was the defensive line and Kruczek was happy about who UCF signed but was disappointed about losing two top recruits in the final hours before signing day. The Golden

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SPORTS EDITOR

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 this week, a 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 third-place team in the conference at the Macon Centreplex. Though the Golden Knights romanced 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 86-74 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 49-19 after one half, and held off Stetson to gain their fourth conference win.

Swingman Chris Hill, the Bears top scorer, 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.

Merritt lacks a consistent scoring threat other than freshman center Scott Emerson, who averages over 14 points per game and is a solid performer in the post. However, the team is dangerous when junior point guard Detric Golden. Golden leads the TAAC in scoring, averaging over 18 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 meet last on Dec. 30, with Troy State handing UCF a loss in their first conference game of the season, 74-73 as Golden scored his team's last seven points.

Cory Perry had a chance to win the game for UCF with the shot clock running down, but missed a 3-pointer from the right corner as time expired. The win helped Troy State start off the conference season with eight straight wins. As they amassed a 10-1 record before their recent slump, which UCF hopes to help continue.

**Knights gain third win of TAAC season, but lose Paige**

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Last week was an eventful week one for the UCF women's basketball team. The Golden Knights ended a four game losing streak with a dramatic 67-65 home victory over Jacksonville State, got starter Nancy Richter back from an ankle injury, and lost starter Erin Paige to a hamstring injury. Their mixed fortunes were just another chapter in a season that has experienced what coach Gail Strieglr calls a "merry go round of injuries."

Paige, who had started all but three games this season and was averaging 5.4 points and 6.2 rebounds, pulled a hammer string in practice and did not play in either of UCF's games last week. Without her, they lost 66-57 to Sanford, 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 Strieglr. "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, 2-7) 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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Senior D'Quaries Stewart leads UCF in scoring with over 16 points per game, fifth in the TAAC.

UCF's Perrv Henderson has some awesome moments of the season, been named to the TAAC.28