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Get Carded Banquet opens eyes to organ donation program

Darcy Elena Rodriguez
STAFF WRITER

The UCF Biology Department recently announced a new certification program in conjunction with Disney's Animal Kingdom.

Graduate students now will be offered the opportunity to receive a certificate in Conservation Biology, a field concerned with issues including growing metropolitan areas, the protection of urban parks and wildlife, endangered and exotic species, the reclamation of damaged landscapes, captive breeding of animals, and the care and rehabilitation of these animals on display for educational purposes.

The program requires 15 hours and is offered to professionals and paraprofessionals with strong backgrounds in biology, ecology and genetics. Students must also have an interest in research methods used for the conservation of animals and their environments. The program can be completed in four semesters and one summer.

The courses will be

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Students compile folk art book

Adam Shriver
STAFF WRITER

Making class interesting is a goal for all professors and it seems Kristin Congdon has found a way that's been a hit with students.

Congdon holds class each Wednesday at the House of Blues from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. with nine graduate students.

"We meet in the 'green room' or the concert hall," said Congdon. The students call themselves the 'Green room Gang.'

What does the House of Blues have to do with art and the history of art? "It has a lot to do with art," Congdon said.

"It left the syllabus very open," said Congdon. "I actually asked the students what they wanted to do and they came up with the idea of putting together a book."

Congdon's class is not only studying and researching the art and artists featured at the House of Blues, but is also compiling and producing a book based upon the art at the restaurant and music hall. The book is a compilation of many different things. It is not based solely upon the actual works found in the HOB, but will focus also on the feelings and thoughts of the artists behind the artwork as well.

Shelley Wilson
STAFF WRITER

UCF welcomed home 1997 Homecoming queen Jill Balboni as one of the speakers for the third annual "Get Carded" Banquet sponsored by Volunteer UCF and TransLife from Florida Hospital on Feb. 29.

"Get Carded" is a unique campaign that unites campus and community support for organ and tissue donation. Balboni gave herself as an example of what it means to receive a vital organ and her meaning of life.

"Our generation is highly motivated to make a difference and a lot of us are searching for a cause. Nobody wants to talk about death, but the truth is nobody knows the future and one day it might be you that needs an organ or a tissue donation," Balboni said.

Balboni, who was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis early in her life, came to UCF from Massachusetts and was pictured as the all-American college student. She was a member of the Tri-Delta Sorority, involved in many student activities and had a part-time job along with taking her classes.

She said although UCF was practically unheard of when she is from, it was an afterthought of what UCF meant to her.

"CF was always known to me as cystic fibrosis, in my case a genetic, chronic lung disease that I've baffled with all my life," Balboni said.

After her sophomore year, doctors recommended Balboni drop out of school to receive evaluation for a double-lung transplant. It was then she realized that no matter what, she was going to live and finish her education.

Her doctors in Massachusetts gave Balboni a pager so she could be contacted when a lung match was made.

Waiting for that call to come was the worst part, she said. "Every time the phone rang or my pager went off, I was hopping and praying this would be the one. The waiting and not knowing was worse than the rehabilitation or the operation," Balboni said.

Balboni returned home after receiving a psychology degree at UCF and was put on the waiting list for a double-lung transplant. Every day her condition got worse to the point where she...
Spring brings fun, sun and new swimwear

ELAINE LEBLANC
STAFF WRITER

It's spring and, for some, time to get a new bathing suit. This season, many designers are offering a variety of styles and print to fit every girl's poolside need. For example, the tankini, a new version of the bikini, offers a spaghetti-strapped top to avoid tan lines, but also a new style offered by many major swimwear lines. Many women appreciate this style because it eliminates the pesky "strap lines" caused by most suits.

Senior Lauren Joynt said, "I usually just pull down the straps of my bra-style top to avoid tan lines, but now I am addicted to these tube-top bathing suits!" Accessories are also a hot commodity this season. Many stores and websites offer shoppers coordinating items such as sari skirts, sandals, and beach bags. One such store, Everything But Water, offers a 35 percent discount on regularly priced merchandise for UCF students with a valid ID card. The spring break discount runs from March 10 to May 1.

A representative for the company, Julie Palmer, said, "It's great because you can buy the pieces separately and get a suit that actually fits."

The store has locations in Fashion Square Mall, Altamonte Mall, and Belo Factory Mall. It can also be accessed online at www.everythingbutwater.com.

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In addition to the tankini, the bandeau (strapless) top is also a new style offered by many major swimwear lines. Many women appreciate this style because it eliminates the pesky "strap lines" caused by most suits.

Junior Mary Nishimoto said, "My choice among many of the female beach athletes and those who may not want to reveal as much as the typical bikini top does."

Juanie Mary Nishimoto said, "My tankini is great because I don't have to worry about losing my top when I play volleyball at the beach."

Getting ready for swimsuit season, sophomore Karine Trudel tries to decide what swimsuit to wear with the help of her friends sophomore Katie Auger, left, and senior Viviana Humpers.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car Orlando recently made a valuable contribution to several UCF associations and the Career Resource Center at UCF to both support UCF and assist the Career Resource Center in their efforts to prepare and place students in successful careers. Pictured above are Enterprise Rent-A-Car's General Manager Scott Deenon and Recruiter Christine Todd as they present the contribution check to Paul Prekop.

House of Blues becomes classroom

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"We want to make it as affordable as possible," said Congdon. These students are not only participating in a very exciting class, but are gaining first hand knowledge through a very hands on approach.

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- Voter Education for the fiscal year and provides for the effective expenditure of student funds. The executive Vice-President assumes the powers of the President upon the President's request or removal. The Student Body President presides over Senate as President and can break a tie vote. This is the time for students to voice their opinions for what they want to do those and many other important jobs.

Any questions about the elections or Student Government's functions can be answered at 823-2191.

Schedule for Presidential Elections:
March 6-9: Declaration of Candidacy in SG office
March 10: Election Commission notifies tickets, and student media of date, time, and place of Candidate Forum;
March 20: Fourth Informational meeting - 8:30 p.m. - Senate Workroom, SG office - Active Campaigning starts at 9 a.m.
March 23: Candidate Forum (tentative)
March 27-29: Main Campus Elections Take Place
March 30: Election Results shall be posted no later than 9 a.m. on Election Bulletin Board
April 4: Campaign Materials removed by noon (no run-offs)
April 3-5: Area Campus Run-off Elections
April 4-5: Main Campus Run-off Elections
April 6: Run-off Election Results shall be posted no later than 9 a.m. on Election Bulletin Board
April 12: Contestment/Appeal Deadline at 5 p.m.
April 13: Submit problems/solutions to E & A Committee (no run-off)
April 14: Notify Judicial Council/Election Commission of appeal by 5 p.m.
April 20: Shall submit problems/solutions to E & A committee (run-off)

There will also be the following five Amendments on the Presidential Ballots for Students to Vote Yes or No on:

Amendment #1: Article II Section 2: The Senate shall be composed of:

A. A Senate President who shall be the Student Body Vice President
B. The Vice President shall be the President of the Executive Branch functions as determined by the Student Body President. This Vice President shall in no way serve in the capacity of the standing Vice President who presides over the Student Senate.

Amendment #2: Article II Section 3: Add Subsection B: The Senate session shall be numbered according to Fiscal year, beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

Amendment #3: Article III Section 2: The President and Vice President shall be elected according to statute, by majority of the Student Body, and shall serve...

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Entire Constitution amend to: Replace all instances of: Chief Student Affairs Officer with: University's President's Designee.

Knight Images applicants triple; winners ceremony set

SHELLEY WILSON
STAFF WRITER
The Knight Images received over 611 entries two hours before the 5 p.m. deadline on March 3. This was a huge success in comparison to the 70 entries from last year.

"We had more advertising this year and increased the categories. We also dropped the criteria from last year that the entry had to reflect about the Nicholson School of Communications. This year it could be about anything. We also went to the faculty to find out what students projects were and tried to reflect what the students were already working on," Bob Davis, Head of the Ad/PR department here at UCF, stated. The winners will be announced April 8 at 2 p.m. in room 101 of the Communications Building. There will also be an opportunity at 1 to network with UCF Alumni in many communications fields and a chance to speak to companies that students are interested in working for. Also included in the ceremony when awards are given out will be a ceremony inducting alumni into the "Hall of Fame" in the Nicholson School of Communications. Food and drinks will also be provided at the event.

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Elyane LeBlanc
Staff Writer

Lately, it seems that more and more of my attractive, smart, fun girlfriends have been acquiring what they call "AOL boyfriends." These are girls that epitomizes, or at least so I thought, the chatters to each other at the same time, the AOL people? I remember when AOL for the first time out, and chat rooms were all the rage. It was so revolutionary that we could all type to each other at the same time, all around the world. But I also remember the stereotype of the America Online people that have lots of hobbies, good grades and active social lives. So what are they doing with creepy America Online people? We all remember the stereotype of singles of all ages. And psycho-stalkers has evolved all around the world. But I also have lots of hobbies, good chemistry, but I would definitely set him up with one of my friends.

Finding that mystery mate on the information super-highway, internet dating can be more hassle than help.

My first date, Tall Guy*, was selected by my mom through the AOL love ads; he was the only one she submitted. The plan: a wine and cheese reception at an art gallery, then meet my friends for dinner. When I saw him in real life (he had emailed me some pictures), I was surprised to find he completely fit my physical description of himself. We had a relaxed, fun time at the reception, and he was not upset when I sprang it on him that we were going to meet my friends. They, too, were pleasantly surprised at his appearance, and it didn't hurt that he was in a suit. Even though he has never had a drink of alcohol, Tall Guy was not rude about the array of Cosmopolitans on the table. After dinner, we went to my apartment and worked on a puzzle for a few hours, then hugged goodbye. Final verdict: Wonderful guy—probably better in real life than on AOL. No chemistry, but I would definitely set him up with one of my friends.

So far, I was feeling pretty positive about AOL dating. Then, I came Date No. 2, "Dragon Man." He approached me online, and we chatted for a while. Unlike Tall Guy, however, he did not have a picture to send me. But we got along really well, so I gave him my roommate's phone number. Witty and polite, we talked on the phone for two hours and arranged a meeting. The plan: a few games of Scattegories with my roommates, then the usual Wednesday afternoon trip to Amigo's. Dragon Man described himself as an artsy, surfing party guy who was "not ugly." This sounded like we may have more in common than Tall Guy. When his car pulled up, all 12 heads in my living room strained to get the first glimpse of him. We should not have risked a neck injury. Decked in a shiny dragon-printed shirt, he was extremely bald on top and tried to compensate by growing the rest of his hair really long. He had described his hair as short, brown and spiky. Nevertheless, he was pretty good at Scattegories and managed not to severely offend anyone. We continued on to Amigo's, where he discussed computers with my friend Dave for nearly two hours. Then, after a few margaritas, he disclosed his passion: Dungeons and Dragons. My best friend got our check before he could describe his favorite "characters." Final Verdict: Complete liar, the stereotypical Internet guy. Will not talk to him ever again...

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* Real and screen names have been changed to protect the innocent.

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Balboni speaks about great uncle's gift of life, organ donation

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didn't recognize herself in the mirror and felt like she was slowly dying. Eight months later the death of her great uncle Robert Balboni brought what Jill called a 'prophecy.' His lungs were an exact match.

"Angels come in all different shapes and sizes masquerading around us. Mine was a perfect match. He made it clear that his wishes were when he died that I would receive his lungs and I did," Balboni said.

Balboni now holds a deep appreciation and honor for life, which she said one has to. Thirty-eight days after the successful transplant, Balboni put a "Thank You Uncle Bob" sign on her back and completed a 3-mile walk for cystic fibrosis in Plymouth, Mass. Walking, once impossible for Balboni, is just one of the things she now holds dear.

"I took for granted the small things. I never even noticed the leaves change color in Massachusetts," Balboni said.

If there was one thing Balboni wants to stress to UCF students it's to enjoy their life and understand the importance of donating your organs. "By organ donating you live on. Don't take your organs to heaven. Heaven knows we need them here," Balboni said.

Balboni is certainly not alone by being put on a waiting list to wait.
Deadline extended for popular play ‘Anything Goes’

ADAM SHIVER  
STAFF WRITER

Theatre UCF is extending its run of the popular play, Anything Goes, in order to allow more students to enjoy its witty humor.

Anything Goes will run through March 12, with an added 2 p.m. matinee on March 11. Curtains will promptly raise opening night at 7:30 p.m. all other showings (Thursdays through Saturdays) will begin at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Tickets range from $4.50 to $8.75 and can be obtained through Theatre UCF Ticket office at 823-1500.

Take a break from writing

The University Writing Center is clearing for spring break. The UWC will be closing March 10 at 3 p.m. and will not reopen until March 20 at 8 a.m.

Keep yourself healthy

The Health and Wellness Resource Center will be hosting a health and wellness expo in front of the UCF Bookstore Wednesday, March 8 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Contact the Health and Wellness Resource Center for further information.

Books for essays

The UCF Bookstore Scholarships for the 2000-2001 Academic year are here again. There are 10 scholarships, two per college, available for Fall of 2000, and Spring and Summer of 2001. Undergraduates who are enrolled for a minimum of 9 credit hours, and graduates who are enrolled for a minimum of 6 credit hours and have a grade point average of 3.0 are eligible. The scholarships are given out through an essay contest. The essay must be one page, 250 word maximum, double-spaced in 12-point font. And word count must be included at the bottom of the page. The essay is to be on the following topic: “If I were a book, my title would be...” It must describe yourself and explain why your title is appropriate. You must also obtain a cover letter available in the UCF Bookstore that is to be turned in along with your essay/letter of application in which you state your college and major. Copy of your most recent grade audit and a current resume. The deadline for applications is March 20 by 7 p.m.

Scholarships available

The UCF Alumni Association is offering scholarship opportunities to current full-time students. Students can apply and pickup information regarding the scholarships in the Alumni Association, ADM 340, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A Week of Knights

CAB is hosting a week long event featuring different activities each night for your enjoyment. Week of Knights began March 6 with a ‘Knight at the Movies’ which featured “The Sixth Sense” at the reflecting pond. Tuesday’s spotlighted Damon Wayans and his unique comedy act at the UCF Arena.

On March 8, a ‘Knight of Music’ will be taking place at the UCF Arena, featuring two bands; “Big Sky” and “Sho Nuff” at 7 p.m. March 9 will round out the event with a Loon at the Pool at 7 p.m. and Thursday Knight Live in the Charlotte Harbor room in the Student Union at 7:30 p.m.

Dance the night away

Dance Marathon Registration will be held in the front of the Student Union, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. You can also sign up for the marathon before each event hosted by CAB during the ‘Week of Knights.’

Study abroad

Those interested in studying abroad this coming summer semester, or for an upcoming semester exchange program, can obtain information as well as sign up for the UCF Study Abroad program March 9. The orientation will take place from 3:00pm until 3:30pm in the Student Union, room 313. Summer programs are available in Germany, Canada, England, Spain, Italy, the Caribbean, France, Scotland, Puerto Rico, and Micronesia. For more information you can contact the Office of International Studies at (407) 275-4397.

Spring 2000 commencement

Spring 2000 commencement will be held Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 7. The event will take place at the UCF Arena. Caps and gowns may be ordered in front of the bookstore March 6-10. For additional information you can contact the Registrar’s Office at (407) 832-3100.

Job fair

The Career and Resource Center will be hosting a part time and summer job fair. The event will be held March 29 in front of the Student Union from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Some of the companies that regularly attend the event, but are not limited to, are: Aerial Communications, Church Street Station, Federal Express, Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress - Orlando, NationsBank, Best Buy Company, Inc., Sears Retail & Home Improvement Stores, Walt Disney World, and the Lockheed Martin Work Study Program. For more information, you can contact the Career Resource Center at (407) 823-2361, or ccr@mail.ucf.edu.
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Southeastern IFC Conference Awards
UCF’s Greeks

UCF’s Inter fraternity Council traveled to Atlanta, Georgia between Feb. 17 through the 20 for the annual Southeastern Inter fraternity Conference which sponsors seminars in the following areas: teaching leadership, alcohol free housing and recruitment. UCF’s IFC was awarded 13 out of 18 awards including Public Relations, Social Program, Judicial Process, Scholarship and Academic Achievement, Leadership Development, Publications, Legal Concerns, IFC Management, Chapter Services and Recruitment. Moreover, UCF’s IFC was also honored with the award for Fraternal Excellence for 1999.

Four Stages of Drinking

Sponsored by Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity in collaboration with Inter fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council, Mike Green presented his Four Stages of Drinking program to nearly 100 UCF students on Feb. 22. Green travels to college campuses nationwide warning students about the dangers of excessive alcohol consumption. He addressed the need to advocate responsible drinking rather than completely abolishing drinking on college campuses.

"Mike’s program made us all think about our drinking habits. Like he says, a one time decision can have a lifetime effect," said Tau Kappa Epsilon member Ryan Vescio.

‘Party’ Murphy

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity held a time-honored social function dating back to the 1920s on Feb. 24. Every chapter nationwide holds the Patty Murphy event each year that promotes an Italian mobster-style theme. Originally founded at the University of Arizona, Patty Murphy was held at the SAE house and SAE member Craig Borkon delivered a folkloric eulogy in honor of Patty Murphy.

Cow Patties Land Cash Prizes

The Kappa Delta sorority hosted their Cow Pattie Bingo philanthropy at Lake Howell High School on Feb. 26. $1000 was awarded after a cow paty landed precisely within the winner’s purchased bingo square. Several other hundred dollar prizes were awarded for cow patties that fell in close proximity to winning squares. Squares were sold at three dollars a piece and proceeds were donated to The Children’s Hospital of Richmond, Virginia.

Pikes for Tikes

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity held their first annual Pikes for Tikes philanthropy event on Feb. 26. Dance teams from the following five sororities performed cheerful dance routines: Kappa Delta, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Chi Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha. Kappa Delta sorority placed first, Zeta Tau Alpha placed second, and Delta Gamma placed third, as well as receiving the spirit award with most members present to support the event. A total of $450 was raised that will benefit the Arnold Palmer Children’s Hospital.

Dancing for the Children

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity hosted their dance-inspired philanthropy event Feb. 28 at Roxy. Delta Delta Delta sorority placed first with their dance performance. Delta Gamma received second, and Alpha Delta Pi was awarded third place. Two thousand dollars will benefit the Children’s Miracle Network.

Delta Gamma Hawaiian Holiday

Delta Gamma sorority will host a Hawaiian theme party on Wednesday, March 8 in front of Locos. Complete with pina coladas, limbo, icebreaker games and a piñata, Delta Gamma hopes to provide their sisters with an opportunity to become better acquainted with one another. Prospective members are also encouraged to attend.

Car Wash Charity Cause

Delta Upsilon fraternity will travel from sorority house to sorority house on Friday, March 10 in a car wash frenzy. Delta Upsilon hopes to collect donations for the Russell Home including monetary, clothing or canned food donations.

Anchors Away...

Delta Gamma sorority held its first Anchors Away Crush function on Feb. 25 aboard the Sun Cruise Casino. Pictured left to right are Jennifer Green, Ashley Zytko, Krista Uhrig and Shannon Fee.

Southeastern Council Conference

Pictured left to right, top to bottom: Kelly Sullivan, Kevin Stone, Brian McCoy, Brian Bottles, Ryan Kmowski, Spencer Johnson, Greg Mason, Marco Pone, Nick Stone and Todd Dubinsky.
Constitutional Amendments

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Constitutional Amendment # 5.
Entire Constitution
Amend To:
Replace all instances of Chief Student Affairs Officer With University President’s Designee
Training received at Animal Kingdom for conservation bio

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taught at UCF with at least one course insight on location at Animal Kingdom.

"The scientific staff at Disney's Animal Kingdom is highly professional, well-trained Ph.D.'s and all have significant experience and ongoing research in conservation topics," said David Kuhn, Ph.D., professor and graduate coordinator of UCF's Biology Department.

Students in a variety of disciplines are encouraged to take advantage of this program. Biologists, educators and educators will benefit greatly from this program and are expected to be comprise the majority of the students.

At Animal Kingdom, students will work side by side with professional researchers through applied courses, including hands-on with the animals.

"Conservation biology has become one of the fastest growing professions in the natural sciences," said Kuhn.

This program will concentrate on applying solutions to the increasing concern for the conservation of endangered species and the environment through research studies on animal behavior, the management of animal reproduction in zoological environments, and applied conservation biology. The program also includes the study of research methods to conserve wildlife.

The conservation biology program offers training in conservation theory in the formal classroom setting complemented with valuable practical training through fieldwork involving small animal populations at Animal Kingdom. "They gain from association with a research university, and the students gain from access to the park's unique facilities and expertise," Kuhn said of the staff at Animal Kingdom and the students at UCF.

Applications are currently being accepted for the Summer 2000 term and are available in Graduate Admissions and in the Biology Department. They are due April 15.

The university writing lab caters to all students, and now has graduate consultants. The writing center is located behind the business building in the portables.

Writing center to host open house for grads

ELAINE LABLANC
STAFF WRITER

The University Writing Center will host two open houses on March 23 for graduate students and faculty to introduce the new services available for them.

The receptions will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. In addition, a model writing consultation will occur at 6:15 p.m.

This is the first semester that the UWC has been funded to offer services to graduate students. Instructor and Coordinator for the UWC Laura Lane said, "I feel privileged to be on the ground floor of this important initiative."

The graduate student consultants have been trained to offer suggestions and responses regarding longer written works such as theses, dissertations and conference proposals. They are also available to help during any stage of the writing process, including brainstorming and outlining. Many of the new employees are excited to be able to offer services to fellow graduate students.

Consultant Lisa Dennis said, "This is my favorite of all three of my jobs."

The University Writing Center is located in Trailer 616, next to the Biology building. Appointments are strongly encouraged by the UWC, but walk-ins are also welcome.

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Quad V. Promotions Inc. continues the annual tradition of recognizing the 1999' Graduating Senior Class of UCF Golden Knights for their contributions to the community and dedication to the University of Central Florida.

The 2ND Annual Golden Knight Celebration will be produced by Quad V. Promotions Inc. and coordinated with The UCF Alumni Association. Former Golden Knight Captain #45 Emory Green Jr. will be the host of this Celebration which will include Entertainment, a Buffet Dinner, Special Guest and a host of former UCF Knights.

We would like to invite you, your organization and staff to the 2ND Annual UCF Golden Knight Celebration. Join us along with former UCF athletes, Daunte Culpepper of the Minnesota Vikings, Paul Miranda of the Indianapolis Colts, Emil Ekiyor of the Atlanta Falcons and a host of other distinguished players and alumni.

This event will take place at Knight Lights Grill & Eatery (Formally known as The UCF Mill) on Thursday evening, March 9, 2000 from 7:30pm until 10:00pm. Evening attire will be Business/Semi-formal. The Official post-event celebration will follow including local celebrities, live entertainment, food, fans, & Knight style fun.

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Central Florida YMCA Scholarship Fund, and an auction will take place from which all the proceeds will go to the YMCA Scholarship fund as well.

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- Evening attire will be Business/Semi-formal.
- Any and all flash photography will be prohibited.

A Portion of All Funds will be donated to the Scholarship Fund.
Dear Editor,

I usually agree with editorial comments run by the CFF. However, there is one article in the February 9, 2000 issue of the CFF that I take great offense to.

Mr. Grant Sinclair wrote in his article entitled "Flag Issue: Give the People What They Want," that Bying the Confederate flag is not a moral thing to do, and made several comments as to the Civil War being the darkest period of American history. I am not a racist, the contrary most of the best friends I have ever had have been black, hispanic, jewish, polish, and korean. Yet, I find irrefutable that the NAACP tries to make the Confederate Flag into a symbol of slavery.

From the time the first Dutch slave ship arrived in Jamestown in 1616, African slaves have been a part, a large part of American culture and history. A little history lesson here: For the first hundred years or so, slaves were afforded most of the same rights as freemen. However, slavery was, first considered a temporary situation, as slaves were able to purchase their freedom, were often freed upon the death of their master, and often times, after becoming free, settled their own. There are many accounts of blacks and men and women owning slaves of their own. It was not until the late 17th Century that slavery became a lifelong ordeal.

It was not uncommon, in the early, and even middle colonial period, for blacks and whites to marry. In the colony of South Carolina, the black and white marriages were so common place that the legislature passed laws forbidding it, and yet people still did it. If you do not believe me, the evidence is in a book written by a man named Peter Wood in his book "The Black Majority." And incidental, my great-great grandfather fought for the Union.

The truth behind the Confederate flag is that after the first battle of Manassas, in Virginia, General "Stonewall" Jackson realized that the current Confederate Battle Flag was too similar to the US flag, and had caused a great deal of confusion to both sides. He came up with the now famous battle flag (White stars inside a blue St.Thomas Cross, with an orange field). Later during the war the Confederate National Flag was changed to be a White field, with Jackson's flag in the upper corner. This is the flag most commonly displayed, and the one flown over the capitol building in South Carolina. As for what the flag stands for, the flag is no more a symbol of slavery than the palestinian flag is a symbol of terrorism, it just isn't. Instead the Confederate flag represents what more than 200,000 men fought and died for, a political ideology. Why would so many men fight for the cause of slavery? It is an error to assume that since slavery existed in the south, slavery is the only cause. Missouri, Kentucky, Kansas, Maryland, and Delaware were all slave states, yet they remained loyal to the Union. It was the southern states views on states rights that was the central issue, and the construction that the South was the cause behind the war. It was this, and not slavery that the flag stands for. As many as 100,000 blacks even served in both the Confederate Army near the end of the war, all as volunteers.

My great-great grandfather fought for the South during the Civil War. He was wounded and lost an arm. He was not a racist, he never owned a single slave, and neither did three out of every four men who fought for the South. My heritage is of the south, and that means that the Confederate Flag is a part of my heritage. Why should a part of one's cultural heritage offend someone so much? Is it wrong that one would raise the flag of one's ancestors? Of course not! If it is wrong to raise the Confederate Flag, because of slavery, then it is wrong just about any cultural identifier, or raise any flag, as EVERY SINGLE CULTURE IN HISTORY has practiced slavery at one time or another. So it must be understood that just because a culture, or a nation may be tied to some disgraceful act, or period, or whatever; it is nonsense to identify the entire culture or nation with that particular negative aspect.

To conclude I leave you with this thought: if the Confederate Flag is a symbol of racism, because it was carried by Confederates, saluting the Confederate Flag must also be a symbol of racism, because US soldiers carried it at places such as Wounded Knee (to lay persons that was a massacre of native American Indians, mostly women, children, and old men were massacred during the late 19th Century). So you say so? I say so! And so do a whole heck of alot of other people.

-Shane M. Turner

Dear Editor,

I am very upset with the way the on-campus pool is run. Today I went by twice and both times was unable to swim in the pool. The first time was at 10:40 a.m., and the pool was "closed." The second time was at 4:00 p.m., and again the pool was "closed." I understand that the pool cannot be open twenty-four hours a day, but I do not understand why the pool hours are only 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Every time that I have been to the pool there have been at least a dozen people there. Also, I do not understand why the pool is closed to UCF students at 4 p.m., but still open to high school students after that time. Some sort of high school team practices at the UCF pool and takes up the lanes and the diving end of the pool not only during "closed" hours, but also during "open" hours. I am confused as to why high school students are allowed to use the pool while I, a UCF student, who pays for this facility, am not allowed to use the pool.

Sincerely,

Bill Jones

Dear Editor,

I was born and raised in Gainesville, Florida, home of the Gators. I grew up going to homecoming and football games. My parents went to UF, my sister goes to UF, and more than half of my friends chose to go there also.

When it came time to apply to colleges, I wanted to choose one that was as far away from the Swamp as possible. I came to UCF anticipating that I wouldn't even see Gator fan na­lia again (except for visits home). Boy, was I mistaken. Walking through the parking lot at UF, I notice Gator bumper stickers, license plates, flags, etc. I don't know if this makes any­one else mad, but I hate seeing that kind of stuff. Orlando is the home of the Golden Knights. Where is your spiritual, peo­ple?

I don't know why these Gator fans are at UCF anyway?

-Debbie Shapiro
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Internet dating not worth the trouble

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Prospect of future causes anxiety

TAYLOR CLARK
STAFF WRITER

This week, amidst the stress of midterms, great and I didn’t become stricken by fear. As if the prospect of two midterms, a computer science project and two looming research papers weren’t enough, my mind began to ponder the infamous question: ‘Why am I doing this and what do I want to do with the rest of my life?’

I know, it seems overly dramatic, but I assure you, it is a daunting issue and one that does not allow in stressing about. The pressure on is, yet I remain lost and intimidated by the idea of my future, or what seems like forever. I understand that a career choice is by no means concrete, but for a twenty-one year old, my concept of time is not necessarily accurate. Another twenty years is a lifetime through my eyes.

Our elders, like ages, offer wisdom in regard to change. They say, ‘You’ll change so much in those four years of college. The person at orientation will not be the same person at graduation.’ So, in response, I question this. Why then, are we expected at the tender age of 18, to declare a major, which in I believe to be the first step, then the rest of our lives?

This wisdom has truth; of this I am sure. I am not the same person I was when I began college, as most others are not either. But, I am still evolving and growing. Although I never stop changing, I am far from being the person I want to be. I am still in the process of finding out who I am, what I like and what I believe. Most 25 year-olds I know still ponder and question these things. Only time and experience can answer these questions.

It’s their people in the mid-thirties that are secure within themselves, who know truly what they want. They are focused and undistracted, which allows them to excel and achieve their goals. Their maturity gives them an advantage. So, I offer that college should be for people in their thirties, those who have experienced life and know what they want to do.

While the 30 year-olds are delving into this vast world of academia, we should be experiencing life, rather than stuck in the dumpy cubicle walls of that third floor of the library. We should be traveling, seeing the world. There is plenty of time to construct a life plan. The pressure we endure will force us to make hasty decisions, we will probably regret in the end. To truly be content with our choices, we must first discover ourselves, then discover our interests and find that nice versus. Now, if we could only convince our parents of this, a backpack and a one way ticket to Europe.

Gas prices sky-rocket to all new high

JOSHUA MURDOCK
STAFF WRITER

Watch out, your wallets might start floating away now that they will be a lot higher with gas prices sky rocketing. I know my wallet would be drifting towards outer space if it weren’t for the fact that I swept a card and fill up. Driving 30 minutes both ways to and from school can really start eating up not much time through my eyes. That’s a lot of money.

A gallon of un leaded fuel cost about a $1.40 this week and is said to climb at about $1.60 by Mr. Patrick’s Day. There goes that extra change to super-size your extra value meal at McDonald’s. Remember just a year ago when the prices of gas were around $1.10 per gallon, well call those days a thing of the past.

Experts believe it’s possible for the price to get around $2 per gallon in the next year. Those prices could affect any family using a car, truck, moped, motorcycle and even a lawn mower to get around in Central Florida. It’s about impossible to rely on public transportation. Central Florida has a very public transportation system and the one it has takes hours to get to your destination. In the Central Florida area everything is too spread out to walk, bike, or ride horseback would be impossible without being a ball of sweat by the time you reach your destination.

Most people don’t work or go to school right down the block from their house, so a car is almost a necessity for every family in Central Florida. It’s not like back in the “old school days” of elementary school when everything seemed close enough to walk or bicycle to. Now the world is a huge place and every day you must venture out to some far away place in that gas guzzling SUV.

I know some people haven’t noticed the gas prices going sky high lately. This is due to the use of the new credit and debit devices. Do you really need to pay attention the price of gas when you wade a little wand on your key chain at the pump? Most of the time you fill up and drive off not even caring what your bill is.

Next thing you will hear offered is a drive along gas station. Kind of like the plans used in the Air Force to fill up fighter jets while in midair. Only $3 a gallon, but think of it, you will never have to stop during those rush hour traffic times when your tank has been on E since this morning. Just hope that the tanker trucks don’t begin to get some work that because you will have more then just a 4 mile back up on 1-4 during those morning commutes.

Some believe that Americans have been spoiled by low gas prices over the years. Prices in European countries far surpass the prices Americans face daily. Americans guzzle gas through non-gas-mileage friendly vehicles such as SUV’s, huge pick up trucks, and mobile homes. When you must fill up your tank every other day and know something must be wrong.

Maybe its time for America to seriously start looking at electric cars and try gas-guzzlers as a thing of the past. Honda has recently released the Insight, the first gasoline-electric hybrid vehicle to be sold in the United States. This should be the wave of the future for America. Not just because of the need to be more friendly but because price will rise so high that only the wealthy can truly afford that gas guzzling SUV.

Just remember to keep your wallet chained down, because before long it will be quite possible for you to be floating in the ocean, not much room left outside space.
AISHA ASHRAF
THE ORACLE (U. SOUTH FLORIDA)

Everyone hates her, one man must discover who killed her and everyone drives a Yugo. Dimension Film’s latest release, Drowning Mona, offers laughs, fun and a look at what must be the most dysfunctional family in the world.

Soon after the town grump, Mona Dearly (Bette Midler), is found dead - drowned in her banana-yellow Yugo - suspicions arise that it may not have been an accident. Everyone in town has a motive: her battered husband, her son, or the many she tortured over the years.

The audience feels less and less sorry for Mona as the story progresses. The town mortician remarks at her wake, “I’ve seen people more upset over losing change in a soda machine.” Let’s face it – the woman is violent, abusive and makes everyone’s lives miserable. But a murder is a murder and the town police chief, Wyatt Rash (Danny DeVito), must investigate the crime.

While most of the town is planning Rash’s daughter Ellen’s (Neve Campbell) wedding, her fiancé Bobby becomes a prime suspect. Bobby (Casey Affleck) is the quiet type, not the kind to cause much trouble in light of his upcoming wedding, but then again he was on the receiving end of quite a few of Mona’s “attacks,” including one when Mona takes a golf club to Bobby’s Yugo.

Another suspect is Phil (William Fichtner), Mona’s husband, who seems all too happy his wife is dead. In fact, he goes around town thanking the people he thinks committed the crime.

Add to the mix Mona’s son Jeff (Marcus Thomas) and Phil’s other woman Rona (Jamie Lee Curtis) and the plot becomes even more interesting.

Everyone in town suspects everyone else. Everyone is worried about being a suspect.

Rona begins to watch out for herself and thinks she knows how things will go down, “I watch A&E – I see how these things work.” Bobby begins acting strangely, having flashbacks of what he had to put up with from Mona. Phil begins to celebrate his wife’s passing and the whole town begins to point fingers. The town speculates over what “beer accident” caused Jeff to lose his hand.

The characters alone are able to carry the funny and elaborate script. DeVito, Curtis and newcomer Affleck (yes, he’s Ben’s brother) give outstanding performances, thanks to screenwriter Peter Steinfeld’s dynamic plot.

Flashbacks are used throughout the film to illustrate the horror Mona inflicted on the town. Director Nick Gomez ties them together to create a comedic look at the entire scenario.

Overall the film is a look into the death of Mona Dearly. Regardless of who killed her or who didn’t, the citizens of the small town celebrate her demise. The elaborate plot and outrageous characters will have audiences celebrating, too.

Marcus Thomas and director Nick Gomez relax between scenes.
‘Anything Goes’ is hilarious

PATTY CANEDO
ASSIST. ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Gangsters, guns, love, and deception! No, it's not a new Al Pacino movie, the UCF Theatre is performing Cole Porter's musical, Anything Goes.

Shortly after the sinking of the Titanic and the crash of the stock market, a group of diverse passengers embark on the ship, The SS American, to England. Along the way the characters get involved in several outlandish plots.

Reno Sweeney, played by Cami Yankwitt, is a former nightclub singer who has become an evangelist, who is accompanied on the boat by her Angels, Charity, Chastity, Grace, Purity, and Virtue. Reno runs into Billy Cocker (Daniel Robbins), an assistant to Wall Street tycoon Elisha Whitney, Reno's love interest, and stow away.

Unfortunately for Reno, Billy's interest in Hope Harcourt (Catherine Alford), who is engaged to Count Andrea Maria Della Rosa; while Elisha Whitney sets his sights on the Widow Harcourt.

While all this goes on the crew of the ship is informed that public enemy number one, Snake Eyes, is aboard the boat with his accomplices. Moonface Martin (Joshua Duke), public enemy number thirteen, and Snake Eye's girlfriend, Erma (Clark Mims), deceive the FBI by having them falsely arrest the Bishop, who is headed to a West Minister's Conference. Billy meets Moonface and is forced to use Snake Eye's disguise that leads the passengers to believe that Billy is Snake Eyes.

Directed and Choreographed by Mark Brotherton, Anything Goes is a hilarious, great performance put on by the UCF Theatre.

Cami Yankwitt, Daniel Robbins, and Joshua Duke do a great job in leading the cast in a wonderful show. Accompanied by a fantastic Orchestra, which is conducted by Eric Grigg and Arranged by Craig Tata.

Although Anything Goes has already sold out, there are still tickets available for March 11th matinee and shows for UCF students.

Anything Goes is a great show filled with wonderful music and comedy, as well as very talented acting. Anything Goes is now being performed at the UCF Theatre.

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'American Psycho' frightens readers

ANDREA ROBINSON
DAILY COLLEGIAN (PENN. STATE U.)

American Psycho frightens readers with gross reality.

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confessing what he likes to do in his free time. But, oddly enough,

ing these things out loud, but he’s really not.

in a film starring Christian Bale and Reese Witherspoon.

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LEAD STORIES
— The Mellowing of the American Cowboy: "Holistic herding," or "low-stress livestock handling," is "changing the whole face of the West," according to a U.S. conservation official, quoted in Canada's National Post in December. Cattle are happier, healthier and more obedient, he said, if they are not shouted at or subjected to stress but, as one rancher put it, allowed "to make their own choices to get up peacefully," more-rugged cowboys avoid ranches that have adopted the change. And in January, nearly 8,000 cowboys attended the 16th annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nev.; before saturating their various, entrants had to prove to a screening committee that they are real cowboys.
— According to a February Wall Street Journal report, police in New York City are using "Milk," an acronym for "milk, incriminating knowledge," featuring competition between college teams for the national championship of dairy sniffing, crowds with corporate recruiters seeking to sign the nation's top flavor-evaluation talent, at starter salaries of up to $40,000. Mississippi State's three-person squad won the 1999 contest in October, winning "ice cream" (by coming the closest in agreement with professional judges as to sen. According to the Cascini interplanetary cruiser now heading to Saturn, the annual championship of dairy sniffing, crawls with corporate recruiters seeking to sign the nation's top flavor-evaluation talent, at starter salaries of up to $40,000. Mississippi State's three-person squad won the 1999 contest in October, winning "ice cream" (by coming the closest in agreement with professional judges as to sensory evaluation). A few minutes later, he added to the story: "This guy offered me $6, but without the "check" in the "cheese,"" and fifth in "butter."

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—Lost Love

Dear Lost,

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So help her out. Invite her to work out with you, point out some healthy items on the menu.

—Dear Annoyed

Dear Annoyed,

If I had a cupcake for everytime I heard a girl call herself fat, I'd be calling Richard Simmons myself. I don't blame you for being fed up there's nothing worse than a complainer. One of those people who is so unhappy with their life and feels the need to tell the world about it. But remains to sit on their butt.

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When violence and fires broke out at the Woodstock '99 festival in Rome, N.Y., it cast the nation's magnifying glass on the measures concert promoters took to ensure the safety of crowds.

Now, new data released by a Chicago firm suggests that the concert industry as a whole needs to examine and revamp its guidelines for treating those with injuries and reducing the chance for danger.

Paul Wertheimer, whose Chicago-based Crowd Management Strategies company tracks incidents of death and injury at concerts worldwide, said incidents such as the violence at Woodstock should move concert officials to do more to be safe, as soon as possible.

While one concert disaster in Minsk, Belarus, contributed to 51 of the 68 concert deaths worldwide last year, Wertheimer said the industry is due for a change.

"While that incident is extreme, I'd say it's typical of the lack of the preparation throughout the business," Wertheimer said.

"There's typically a horrendous lack of planning and lack of preparation at concerts."

By monitoring police incident reports, newspaper and magazine stories, and by conducting interviews with witnesses from concerts where death or injury occurred, the company detailed 36 incidents which included 68 deaths, 20,000 injuries and $2.2 million in property damage.

Wertheimer said while crowds, like the one at Woodstock, often take the blame for violent outbreaks at concerts, it's up to the people behind the scenes.

"It's the band's, promoter's and facility's job to make sure the crowd is in a safe environment," he said.

"And once the concert starts, it's up to the bands to not provoke violence like Limp Bizkit, the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Insane Clown Posse did at Woodstock."

Some of the actions Wertheimer suggests — increasing security, limiting moshing to very specific areas and having ample medical staff on hand to treat injuries — are already employed at the Pontiac Silverdome, which regularly attracts 50,000 to 65,000 people for athletic events and concerts.

By taking such measures, Greg Roberts, director of marketing and events at the Silverdome, said the venue was able to keep control during its New Year's Eve concert featuring Metallica, Ted Nugent, Kid Rock and Sevendust.

"By having an interior barricade for moshing and by increasing our security staff and by increasing our security staff by 40 percent, we had one of the tamest shows since I've been here," Roberts said.

He also said promoters need to limit the number of people admitted into events, especially outdoor festivals, and be willing to pay for enough staff to keep crowds under control.

"You've got to have people on the inside monitoring things, not just on the perimeter," Roberts said. "You have to have people in the bowels of the crowd and have a number of people appropriate to the number of fans."

Reflecting on a 1997 accident where a man fell to his death during a Rolling Stones concert at the Silverdome, Roberts is unsure whether the death could have been prevented.

"It was an accident when that kid fell from the balcony," he said. "It was probably unavoidable in reality, but looking back in hindsight you can always do more."
Smashing Pumpkins
Machine/The Machine of Gods

It's not easy to be a Smashing Pumpkins fan.

In the early 1990s, the four-piece Chicago band released two soaring rock epics ("Gish" and "Siamese Dream") that proved there were still new possibilities for guitar-based, noisy rock.

Then things got rough. The Pumpkins put out a double album with an incredibly stupid name, "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness," that sounded half-finished. It contained some good ideas and a handful of great songs, but was largely a collection of weak, under-developed tunes marred by muddy production. Shortly after this disappointing, but financially successful album, singer-guitarist Billy Corgan started making grandiose, pretentious statements in the press proclaiming the death of rock. He also shaved his head and his role in the heroin-related death of touring keyboardist Jonathan Melvoin. It was tragic, but utterly too predictable. The heroin-in-rock story is one that has been told too many times.

"Sadness," the Pumpkins' post-Chamberlin album, "Adore," was a subtle, melancholy collection of pop songs that sounded boring and slight the first several times, but accomplished the near-impossible feat of growing better with time. Still, it was missing something, and it looked like the band was never going to get it back.

When the first track off "MACHINA/The Machines of God," the Pumpkins' new album, kicks in, it's obvious that Corgan and Co. have been rejuvenated, thanks to its old drummer. Chamberlin wrestled himself from the smack and is back in the fold, giving the band a bigger, meatier sound that has been missing of late. That first track, "The Everlasting Gaze," is a fuzzed-out, drum-heavy scorcher of a rock song that sounds like the natural follow-up to "Siamese Dream." The second song, "Raindrops + Sunshowers," is a successful synthesis of '70s classic rock, '80s new wave and early-'90s alternative rock that the band has been fudging with for a few years now, but this time it works completely.

These two songs are the album's best, and the rest of "MACHINA" is lesser. But Chamberlin's powerful drumming and the strongest singing and playing from Corgan since "Siamese Dream" keeps the album from sagging.

The record is definitely not without its problems, though. The band has drifted too far out to sea since "Siamese Dream" to ever completely return, and Corgan still has a fondness for electronic noises and programmed drums that he really needs to shake, though he fortunately keeps it to a minimum.

The band is at its best playing loud guitar rock, but Corgan still wants to be The Prodigy sometimes.

A few tracks have processed drum sounds that nearly overpower the song, which is incomprehensible and foolish, considering the Pumpkins have one of the best drummers in rock.

The Pumpkins also seem to share the same misguided belief as the committee that picks the Academy Award nominations, namely, that length equals depth. "MACHINA"'s 70-minute-plus running time could have been trimmed to less than an hour without damaging the better songs or album continuity.

And Corgan is still pretentious and full of ego, in love with the artificial rock star god he maybe even more than the sound. This is evident in the silly album title, some faux-meaningful lyrics and a telling moment on "Heavy Metal Machine" in which Corgan sings the words "rock and roll." When Corgan wraps his strangely feline voice around the phrase, it sounds hollow. It's rock and roll as performed by Las Vegas Elvis, not Sun Studios Elvis.

But that's OK. Corgan has always made it clear he wants to be a big rock star, and he is one. While the rest of his friends were at Black Flag concerts, searching for sellouts to berate, he was in front of his mirror, playing air guitar to a Boston album, imagining a stadium-full of teen-agers hanging on his every word.

"MACHINA" is a big rock album, louder and better than the two albums preceding it, Corgan and Chamberlin are rumored to have played nearly every instrument, leaving bassist D'arcy (who has since left the group) and guitarist James Iha, with only a few parts to play, and the two work well together.

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Knights open TAAC play against Samford

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more than two games, and he has thrown only 19 1/3 innings in his four starts. Left-hander Ty Dedmon leads the Bulldogs with a 3.86 ERA in 14 2/3 innings, but he has struck out only two batters. However, UCF has amassed only a 3-6 record against lefties, which has been a serious concern for Bergman all season and was magnified Sunday during a 4-1 loss against LSU.

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“He (LSU starter Brian Tallet) was probably the best left-hander we've seen,” Bergman said. “Everybody's going to throw them at us because they're going to give (Matt) Bonner and (Dustin) Brisson a hard time. When those two guys shut down then it's hard for our offense to get going.”

Nevertheless, UCF had a chance to face three lefties for nationally ranked teams, and the southpaws for Samford will probably not be of the same caliber.

But now with the early season challenges out of the way for the Golden Knights, it begins a run to return to the top of the TAAC. After winning three consecutive titles, UCF has failed to win the championship the previous two seasons. The Samford series will be looked upon to be UCF's jumpstart back to the NCAA Tournament.
March 8, 2000

Wallace shines in LSU series

TRAVIS BELL
STAFF WRITER

Last week will be remembered for a long time by freshman Rich Wallace, but Saturday will probably stand out as the shining moment.

With UCF trailing the 11th-ranked LSU Tigers 12-8 in the bottom of the eighth inning, he was called upon to pinch hit for Andy Johnson with two outs and runners on second and third. After hitting a foul ball over the left field fence he regrouped and delivered a two-run single up the middle.

Then in the ninth with the score tied at 13, he again came to the plate with two outs and runners on first and second. He calmly sent a shot off the right field wall that drove in the winning run and gave UCF an improbable come-from-behind victory.

"Sitting on the bench I was thinking about at least getting one shot, but I didn't think I was going to get to shots at it," Wallace said. "He missed with a breaking ball on the first pitch (on the ninth), so what I was looking for was a fastball away. I got the fastball away, and I hit it where it was pitched."

However, Wallace didn't expect that he would get called upon to hit for Johnson, who has come through for UCF in many clutch situations during his career.

"I knew that I would get a chance to hit in the game, but I didn't think it would be in a situation like that," Wallace said. "It was kind of surprising."

However, Coach Jay Bergman wasn't at all surprised by the result. He says Wallace was purposely brought along slowly to help instill confidence in him for a situation like the one he faced Saturday.

"He's just so strong," Bergman said. "We didn't want to put him in situations early in the season he couldn't handle. Obviously now he's ready to handle them."

A major reason why Wallace had the confidence and the patience at the plate on Saturday was due in large part to what transpired Wednesday against Bethune-Cookman. With UCF leading 8-2 and the game in hand, Wallace pinch hit for Matt Bowser in the eighth inning.

He delivered his first career home run to left field.

"Hitting my first home run brings my whole confidence up," Wallace said. "I just want to get in the game somehow. I'll play anywhere just as long as I get to hit."

He got his chance as the designated hitter Sunday as well following his Saturday evening heroics. He was in there because LSU threw a left-handed starter, and Wallace knows that will be his best chance to play.

"I knew that I would get a chance to hit some and help us offensively," Wallace said about his role on the team this year. "We have a lot of good offensive players, so I'll hit mostly off lefties."

Wallace hit in the three holes in UCF's lineup against LSU between Bowser and Brisson, both left-handed hitters. Wallace went 1-for-4 in his first start of the season.

Bergman has stressed in the early part of the season that his team needs to find a way to hit better against left-handers. He feels that he may have found his answer to that nagging question this weekend.

UCF loses two close ones to LSU

For the second consecutive week UCF put its best effort out against a Top 15-ranked SEC opponent. The results were the same - winning one of three - but Coach Jay Bergman felt the back-to-back challenges proved what his team is capable of doing.

"We beat our heads against two top 10 (caliber) teams and were able to get a game in each one," Bergman said. "It was a great series and I think we learned a lot. I'm not disappointed in our ball club at all."

However, the LSU series paralleled the Alabama series from the weekend before in many ways. Following an impressive come-from-behind victory on Friday night, the Golden Knights couldn't get anything put together to win either of the final two games.

Freshman Rich Wallace provided the heroics in a dramatic 14-13 win in which UCF scored four runs in the ninth inning. Wallace came off the bench and hit a two-out, two-run single in the eighth and added the game-winning RBI single in the ninth.

"It helps my confidence out a lot," Wallace said. "Being a freshman, nobody expects me to do that. We have a bunch of good hitters on the team, so whoever's hot at the time will probably play.

The bullpen did enough to keep UCF in the game after Casey Kennedy was pulled in the fifth inning. UCF never led in the game until it scored the winning run Saturday and Sunday were very similar games. UCF failed to take advantage of its opportunities, and LSU capitalized on UCF mistakes and their own scoring chances.

With the game tied 4-4 in the eighth Saturday, closer Jason Arnold gave up five runs on five hits as LSU ended up with an 11-4 victory. It was Arnold's first loss of the season. The loss spoiled a great outing by Justin Pvey, who scattered 11 hits over 6 2/3 innings with 11 strikeouts.

"I didn't pitch good, but I don't think I pitched five runs-in-a nine-inning bag," Arnold said. "I never expect that that's going to happen to me when I go out there. But at the same time they're a good ball club."

UCF had its best opportunity in the seventh inning when Mike Myers and Mark Batia led off with singles. However, Matt Bowser struck out and Dustin Brisson ended the rally by grounding into a 4-6-3 double play.

David Rankin gave UCF its best chance to win Sunday, after going eight innings and throwing 127 pitches, but a few mistakes led to a 4-1 LSU win. Rankin hit two batters that led to a run in the fourth, and he hung a pitch that resulted in a home run.

"I was just trying to keep it close and give us a chance at the end," Rankin said. "That's one of the best hitting teams around and they're going to get their hits. I just tried to keep them from getting a big inning."

UCF never got anything going and stranded 10 runners, including five in scoring position. The Golden Knights also g rounded into three double plays.

SETTING A NEW MARK

Dustin Brisson hit two doubles in the three-game series against LSU and set a new UCF career record with 56 doubles. His tenth double of the season set the record in the first inning during Sunday's 4-1 loss. Bobby Kiser previously set the mark of 55 from 1987-90.

"I'm really honored," Brisson said. "It's been about 10 years since the record has been there. There have been a lot of great guys before me, so I'm just honored to have the record."

He is currently chasing two other school records. Heading into Tuesday's game against Siena Brisson had a 16-game hitting streak, which was three shy of the record set by Jose Soto in 1946 and Mike Josephsma in 1989. Brisson is also chasing Kiser's career home run record of 43. Brisson needs only eight more this season to set a new mark.

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Departing senior quartet leaves lasting impression

DAVID MARSTERS
STAFF WRITER

In an era where it seems like the NBA is targeting even middle school players, and the "student-athlete" title has been reduced to just "athlete," UCF can be proud of this year's four men's basketball team seniors. While many schools are having problems with academic ineligibility and agents, Davin Granberry, Roy Leath, Cory Perry, and D'Quarius Stewart have been the best of both worlds, giving their all on the court and getting their degrees in the classroom.

The group once included Mario Lovett, but he redshirted this year because of a nagging foot injury and will return next season for his final year of eligibility. Without Lovett, the four remaining seniors fought through injuries and a disappointing 1999-2000 season to make one last run at a conference championship, a dream that came only a few minutes from being fulfilled. The 76-69 loss to Samford in this year's TAAC title game capped a group of careers that started with one of the worst seasons in school history and ended with two near misses at an NCAA Tournament berth. Though they went just 57-58 in their tenures, the four seniors did not go without making their marks in a black and gold uniform.

Stewart was the scorer of the group, an extremely athletic player that never had a problem creating his own shot or putting points on the board. He will leave UCF as the school's sixth leading scorer, and also tied with Harry Kennedy (1995-97) for the most three-pointers (175) made in a career. He was twice named All-TAAC, making the third team in his junior year and the second team in his senior year. Despite all of his individual accolades, Stewart's finest memories come from team accomplishments.

"I guess the better memories are of when we were together," he said. "Specific games that we won, and different games that we were down and came back and won together."

Perry also left his mark on the record book, with his 510 career assists and 281 career steals both placing him second in UCF history. He was the ultimate team player, never missing a game in his career. His 115 consecutive game streak is tops among Golden Knight players. One of the most versatile players UCF has ever seen, Perry ran the offense, could score when he had to, was the team's defensive stopper, and was an excellent rebounder for a guard. Even when freshman Al Miller took some of his minutes in the post this season, Perry never complained, always saying that he wanted what was best for the team.

Granberry was a warrior, playing through a plethora of injuries during his career. Despite hurting seemingly every movable part of his body, Granberry's 106 games played are the tenth most in school history. During his sophomore year, he set the UCF record for best field goal percentage in a season, shooting 67.2 percent. But for all of his injuries, Granberry will always be remembered for his thunderous dunks. More than a few would-be defenders found out that it was not a good idea to get in Granberry's way when he had his mind set on a dunk. Wearing his emotions on his sleeve, Granberry made the Golden Knights fun to watch.

Leath came to UCF as a transfer from Seton Hall, playing only his junior and senior seasons in black and gold. Another player who fought through injuries, Leath emerged in his senior season as a solid defensive player with much improved post moves and scoring ability. He was the team's second leading rebounder this season, along with ranking among the TAAC leaders in blocked shots. His career came to an unfortunate and premature end when a leg injury prevented him from playing in the
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The Golden Knights rallied to win 5 out of their last 7 games, making a run at the conference finals.

Knights fall to
Samford in final

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draw fouls on Samford in the same manner in which they were able to get JSU’s Brunt Harrison and Mercer’s Scott Emerson into foul trouble. With Samford playing off him, Reed scored 10 of the UCF’s
first 15 points, giving the Golden Knights a 15-10 advantage. Samford was able to erase the deficit with incredible 3-point shooting, hitting seven of their first 10 attempts from beyond the arc. Lopez connected on a pair of long 3-pointers when the
UCF defense had smothered the Bulldogs into no other options. Samford tied 41-35 at the half.

Swingmen Derrick Jones and Will Daniel did an effective job containing Stewart, who got off just two attempts in the opening half, unable to carry over his hot shooting from the semifinal, where he tied a career-high with 28 points.

“We talked about having him be a little more aggressive in the second half,” said Speraw of Stewart’s play. “Certainly, he’s our most talented scorer, but was not very aggressive in the first half.”

Stewart missed his first four attempts of the second half, before
finally connecting on an acrobatic layup 25.5 seconds left to provide UCF’s final points of the game. He finished 2-for-8 from the field.

“I just didn’t have my rhythm today. I couldn’t get it going,” said Stewart. “I needed to be a little more aggressive. I didn’t have it offensively so I was just trying to lock down defensively and help the team win.

“This hurts more than last year because I didn’t really know what to expect in a championship game then, and I knew about this time and had the opportunity to get a championship again. I’m happier with the result, because we played them well and didn’t get blown out like last year, but at the same time, it’s more disappointing.”

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Departing senior quartet
leaves lasting impression

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Women's Basketball Notebook

On a Roll

Stop the presses, the UCF women's basketball team looks to be turning things around. The Golden Knights (8-19, 5-13 TAAC) have suffered through an injury-plagued season in their attempt to defend their TAAC Championship of a year ago. Now they are on a roll when it counts, having won two of their last three games of the regular season.

Last week, the team finished the regular season against Florida Atlantic, one of the conferences' top teams. In the first half, it looked as though UCF would have to close out the season on a negative note, as FAU took a commanding 35-25 halftime lead. But UCF, who has been a second-half team all year, fought back and opened the second half on a 21-9 run, giving them a 46-44 lead with 7:39 left in the game. The next five minutes featured five ties and two lead changes, as neither team was able to take a decisive lead. With the score tied at 54-54 at the 1:40 mark, senior center Paula Nesbitt hit a jump shot that gave UCF the lead for good. FAU was only able to manage one foul shot the rest of the game, allowing Yvette Ash to seal a 59-55 victory for the Golden Knights with three free throws in the game's final minute.

"It was a big, big win for us," said UCF coach Gail Striegler. "I think it's such a big plus for the kids emotionally, because now they know that they can play with anybody in the conference."

The Golden Knights dominated on the glass, outrebounding FAU 41-28, and shot 50 percent from the field. Khaliah Guillory led UCF with 13 points and eight rebounds, while the team's walking wounded also made significant contributions. Camille Howard scored seven points in just 12 minutes of action, while freshman Erin Paige had eight points and four rebounds in 19 minutes.

Moving On

UCF's 59-55 win over FAU last week came on Senior Night.

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marking the last home game for seniors LaDonna Larry and Paula Nesbitt. Larry and Nesbitt went out in style, both starting and playing significant roles in the victory. In a rare start, Nesbitt dominated inside, scoring 12 points, grabbing eight rebounds, and blocking four shots. Larry led the team with nine rebounds, also adding five points, six assists, and two blocks. Despite only working with them for one year, Striegler had nothing but praise for her graduating duo.

"LaDonna and Paula are special people," she said. "They are great kids and have played hard every game. They've been through more adversity in their careers here, and they both are two of the strongest people I have ever met.

They are going very good out in the community in whatever they do, and they are going to be a success in life."

The support of her seniors has been very important to Striegler, who is in her first season as UCF coach. "They have meant a lot to me just because they've been supportive of me," she said.

UCF's 5-13 record is tied with Jacksonville and Jacksonville State for last place in the conference, but the Golden Knights will get the tenth seed because they do not hold the tiebreaker advantage over either of those teams. Their play-in game will be Mar. 8 against Stetson (10-17, 6-12 TAAC), a team that swept the Golden Knights in the regular season. Stetson picked up a 62-51 win on Jan. 13 and a 72-67 win on Feb. 19, but both of those wins came against a shorthanded UCF team. Despite those losses, Striegler likes the idea of playing the Golden Knights in-state rival. "Playing Stetson is a boost because it's a rivalry, so you know the kids are going to play hard," she said. "Both times we played them have been battles, but I think the kids realize that we are playing better than we did earlier in the year."

For one of the first times this season, the Golden Knights will have the services of all their players, although Camille Howard, Nancy Richter, and Erin Paige are likely to remain slowed by injuries. According to Striegler, UCF's fortunes will depend on them making fewer mistakes. "We've got to handle their press a little bit better," she said. "We turned it over way too many times against them last time, and I think us taking care of the basketball is going to be a key to that game. For us to beat them, we've got to be able to get the ball up the court, play as a team, and take the good shots instead of the bad ones. I think it will come down to the end, because (Stetson) has a good team."

If the Golden Knights do beat Stetson, they will move on to play second-seeded Campbell on Mar. 9. UCF split the season series with the Camels, winning 69-64 on Jan. 20 and losing 87-75 on Feb. 12.
Knights look to pull tournament upset

TAAC Tournament Preview

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the conference in blocked shots and third in steals. TAAC Player of the Year candidate Leslie Cochran averages 19.6 points and seven rebounds per game, and sophomore point guard Marcia Maddox is one of the top point guards in the conference. GSU has three of the TAAC’s top 10 rebounders and rank second only to UCF in rebounding margin.

Weaknesses: There aren’t many, but GSU does turn the ball over more than all but two teams in the conference. Maddox must avoid foul trouble because none of the other players that back her up at the point guard position average more than 12 minutes or one assist per game. The Panthers get fewer minutes off their bench than the rest of the conference favorites.

Strengths: 

Tournament Key: The Camels get a lot of offense from their starters and will have to keep them out of foul trouble. They do, however, get 23.7 points per game from their bench, something that could prove to be important in a grueling three game tournament run. They will also have to do a better job on the defensive glass. One factor that Campbell holds over Georgia State is that they swept the Panthers during the regular season.

TAAC, making them vulnerable to second chance points from a good offensive rebounding team.

No. 3 Sanford

Strengths: Sanford trails only GSU and Campbell in scoring differential, relying on their defense to create opportunities on the offensive end. The Bulldogs force the second most turnovers in the conference, ranking second in steals and third in blocked shots. On the offensive end, Sanford relies on its experienced trio of seniors Jodi Morris and Clarissa Tomlingston and junior Almee Cochran. Morris leads the team with 17.3 points per game, while Cochran and Tomlingston also rank in TAAC’s top 12 in scoring. Tomlingston is the floor leader, averaging 6.29 assists per game. Much of the Bulldogs offense depends on good ball movement, as they average the second most assists in the league.

Weaknesses: Sanford does not shoot the ball well from behind the three-point line, making only 31.5 percent of their attempts from beyond the arc. With the exception of Morris, they put a reasonably small emphasis on free throws on the guys and do not rebound well. They also get at least the amount of minutes and points from their bench among the tournament favorites.

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Golden Knights have won two of their last three games and have six scoring double-digits per game.

No. 2 Campbell

Strengths: Campbell is second only to Georgia State in scoring differential, as they also rank near the top in both team offense and defense. Sophomore forward April Cromartie is another contender for Player of the Year honors, averaging 18.0 points and a conference best 9.7 rebound per game. Point guard Janice Washington is fourth in the TAAC in assists, and junior Sarah Moore is among the conference leaders in three-point shooting. They lead the conference in offensive rebounding, and if a game is close at the end, they also lead the conference in free throw percentage.

Weaknesses: Though they are one of the league’s top teams in scoring defense, they do allow one of the highest opponent field goal percentages in the TAAC. If a team were to create enough shot opportunities, Campbell may have trouble preventing them from scoring. They also average the second fewest defensive rebounds in the
played in their home state of Alabama, likely giving them somewhat of a home advantage.

**No. 4 Florida Atlantic**

**Strengths:** FAU can put points on the board, leading the TAAC in scoring offense. Senior center Sheridan Andrews leads the way with 18.7 points and 6.3 rebounds per game, while guard Rita Mosley adds 10.9 points. The Owls are the third best shooting team in the TAAC—averaging 43.3 percent from the field this season. They also use their height to their advantage. This team is loaded with seniors, and thus them somewhat of a home advantage.

**Weaknesses:** The Owls offense and defense are polar opposites. While ranking near the top of the conference in most offensive categories, they rank near the bottom in most defensive categories. FAU gives up a TAAC-worst 76.3 points per game, and allow opponents to get 42.5 rebounds. While they make a lot of three-pointers, the Owls shoot only 31.5 percent from beyond the arc.

**Tournament Key:** The Owls are the biggest turnaround story in the TAAC this year, going from 3-13 in the conference last year to 12-6 this year. Unfortunately for them, turnaround teams tend to be ripe for the early upset. One advantage they will have is the fact that with the exception of Andrews, no single player dominates the offense. FAU’s offense spreads’ points around, which will prevent foul trouble from hurting them. If they make it deep into the tournament, they will have to play better against tough competition, going only 2-4 this season against the other tournament favorites.

**No. 10 UCF**

**Strengths:** UCF has arguably the best inside game in the conference, with five players who can score consistently in the post. Forwards LaToya Graham and Khaiplay Guillory lead the team in scoring and rebounding, but Camille Howard led the team in both of those categories before missing two months following knee surgery. Despite their small lineup, the Golden Knights are among the national leaders in rebounding, using their quickness to out-rebound all but three opponents this year. One of the deepest teams in the conference, UCF has shown its resilience in outscoring conference opponents by a large margin in the second half of games. Despite their struggles during the regular season, the Golden Knights have won two of their last three games and have all of their players back from injury.

**Weaknesses:** UCF has struggled to find an answer at point guard, and their offensive execution has had problems because of that. The Golden Knights turn the ball over more than any team in the conference, and have a tendency to fall behind early in games because of poor first half play. UCF also has made the fewest three-pointers in the league, allowing teams to double and triple team their post players. And though all of the team’s roster will be available to play, Howard, Nancy Richter, and Erin Pauley will be ready to slow down injuries.

**Tournament Key:** Because of injuries, every player on UCF’s roster has seen significant playing time this season, giving them a depth advantage on most teams. The Golden Knights ability to score inside is unquestioned, but they will need Richter and other guards Diana Hill or Leslie Deaton to knock down outside shots to balance the offense. If UCF can keep their mistakes to a minimum, the defending champs may be able to make a Cinderella run and have a chance at repeating.
Knights pull road upset at Texas Christian

DAVID WINBERG
STAFF WRITER

While not finding oil and richness in Texas, the UCF women's tennis team found something else: the sweet taste of an upset victory.

After a tough 5-4 loss against SMU, ranked No. 65 in the latest WingspanBank.com Collegiate Tennis Rankings, during the first day of their Texas trip, the Golden Knights rebounded for one the biggest wins in the program's history, defeating No. 41 TCU 6-3.

"Now, the team probably doesn't think that coach wasn't that crazy after all," said first-year head coach Patricia Allison. "I told them that we are a top 40 team and now we just beat one."

TCU came into the showdown with UCF with a convincing 7-1 record. However, sophomore Marieke Gunawan, who transferred from Pelita Harapan University in Tangerang, Indonesia in January, paced UCF by missing TCU's Jessica Kjellgren, 6-3 and 6-2 at No. 3. The Horned Frogs came right back when Dorrit Huppes tied the score at 1-1 after Golden Knight junior Ann-Jeanette Svantesson injured her wrist and was forced to retire.

From there it was all UCF. Senior Gaelle Gouttefarde improved her dual match singles record to 10-1 after rolling past Leoni Weyrich 6-4, 6-1 at No. 4. Junior Sonja Prokopec gave UCF a 3-1 lead by topping Debbie Bell at No. 5, 7-5 and 6-3 and Daniella Okal downed TCU's Stacey Sabala in three sets, 6-3, 1-6, 6-0 at No. 6. "Sonja (Prokopec) stood for an outstanding achievement," said Allison, who came to UCF from Oregon last August. "She played a very strong player, but came through beautifully for us. Dani (Daniella Okal) had a super break through against her opponent and really stepped it up in the third set and Gaelle is constantly winning at No. 4. She serves us our backbone down there."

Leading 4-1, Veronica Widyadharna, ranked No. 98 in the latest WingspanBank.com Collegiate Singles Rankings, had the opportunity to give UCF the outright win, but TCU's Lucie Dvorakova squeezed by the Golden Knight 6-3, 2-6, 7-5 to cut the UCF lead to 4-2 going into doubles.

The Horned Frogs put immediate pressure on the Golden Knights with a 8-2 win when Jessica Kjellgren and Leoni Weyrich downed the UCF duo of Gouttefarde and Prokopec, 8-2 at No. 2. However, the Indonesian tandem of Widyadharna and Gunawan, ranked No. 53 in the nation, rallied against the Horned Frog duo of Dvorakova and Sabala for an 8-6 win and clinched the victory. Okal and Hailea Renen topped Huppes and Bell 8-6 at No. 3 for UCF sixth point. "I'm very happy for the team, but now we have to work even harder," said Allison. "The other teams are gunning for us now."

With the win, UCF improves to 7-3 on the season and 3-0 in Trans America Athletic Conference play. The Golden Knights return to action this week against TAAC opponents Georgia State on March 8 at 10:00 a.m. and Campbell on March 9 at 1:00 p.m. Both matches will be played at the UCF Tennis Complex.

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Three TAAC contests on deck for men's tennis

DAVID WINBERG
STAFF WRITER

After coming off a rough 4-3 loss to nationally ranked South Florida last week, the UCF men's tennis team bounced back and dismissed Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference member Siena College 7-0 at the UCF Tennis Complex on March 5.

"This was a win that we needed badly after losing three straight," said first-year head coach Bobby Cashman who improved to 3-5 on the season.

The Golden Knights, who faced the Saints for the first time in school history, took an early 1-0 lead after cruising in doubles. The freshman and senior combination of Augusto Sanabria and Fernando Martinez made quick work of Siena's Brian Connor and Brandon Querbes, winning 8-0 at No. 3. The Australian freshman duo of Grayden Moore and David Moore (no relation) ran off with an 8-1 win at No. 1 and juniors William Guerin and Federico Camacho won at No. 2, also 8-1.

In singles, Sanabria gave UCF a 2-0 lead after dominating Brian Tierney at No. 3, 6-0 and 6-0. With the win, the native of San Salvador, El Salvador improved to 6-2 on the dual season. Guerin and sophomore Johan Westin also picked up their sixth respective wins on the season.

Guerin cruised past Dan Thompson 6-0, 6-1 at the No. 1 position, while Westin topped AJ Eames 6-0, 6-0 at the No. 5 slot.

"We need to practice well now because we have huge matches coming up this week against TAAC (Trans America Athletic Conference) opponents," said Cashman. "This game is already behind us."

The Golden Knights are 1-1 in TAAC play and will host pre-season favorites Georgia State on March 8 and Florida Atlantic on March 11. Georgia State, ranked No. 59 in the latest WingspanBank.com Collegiate Tennis Rankings, is led by No. 63 Daniel Wajnberg. The Panthers, the defending TAAC champions, are 5-2 on the season and have defeated No. 63 Georgia Tech and No. 69 North Carolina State, both on the road.

Florida Atlantic dropped out of the latest ranking after 4-3 losses to Florida State and Florida A&M in Tallahassee. The Owls are led by senior duo Juan Ros and Daniel Dauber. UCF also plays Campbell on March 9. All matches will be played at the UCF Tennis Complex.
Jeff Case  
Staff Writer

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"He's had a very poor spring and we have to evaluate what's going on with him," Kruczek said. "He's down on himself and he's not being able to take what he learns in practice and transfer it down here. It's the same problem he had last summer when he came down here. During the fall, he took some reps as the second team guy the last week and did a pretty good job. Right now, we've got a lot of work to do with him."

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"He's had a very poor spring and we have to evaluate what's going on with him," Kruczek said. "He's down on himself and he's not being able to take what he learns in practice and transfer it down here. It's the same problem he had last summer when he came down here. During the fall, he took some reps as the second team guy the last week and did a pretty good job. Right now, we've got a lot of work to do with him."

CHECKING THEM OUT: Injuries have caused

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the Knights to lose several players from last year's defense, including McKibben, Ward and Rodriguez. While not having those players on the field gives coaches a unrealistic picture of their defense, it gives Kruczek and his staff a great opportunity to evaluate younger players.

"All you can do is evaluate them individually and not as a group, scheme wise. I think this time has helped some of the younger guys, the Larry Browns, the Brent Bolars, the Thomas Andrews," Kruczek said. "We know Don Page is going to be a great player, we've already got Josh McKibben out there playing well. We've got a chance to evaluate the other kids, I'd much rather have the other kids there, but if you can't have them, you can't have them."

But, Kruczek admits the lack of depth on the offensive side has made his offense less effective and more frustrating to watch. "We don't have any tight ends, our full backs are hurt and some offensive linemen are out. You know you're going to have a problem with execution," he said. "You're dealing with walk-on kids and kids that will never play on the field next year. It still gets frustrating not being able to execute defensively."

"They've got a few people out too, but offensively, it's critical you execute the offense. Defensively, you can have a bust here or there, but if the offense doesn't find it, no harm no foul. Offensively, it's not so. It manifests itself in sacks and fumbles and lost possessions and all that kind of stuff."

BURLEY BACK IN TOWN: Former wide receiver Siaha Burley, who led UCF in receptions and yardage in 1997 and 1998, attended Saturday's scrimmage. Burley, who signed as a free agent with Miami last season before being cut and resigning with Seattle where he was again cut. The former All-Independent team selection said he's trying to prepare for another shot at the NFL.

"Since I've been released by Seattle, I've been working out the whole time," Burley said. "If I ain't ready now, I ain't ever going to be ready." Next week, he will attend an informal NFL tryout either at the UCF campus or the Citrus Bowl where Burley expects several pro scouts to be in attendance.

The scouts will also be looking at, among other local and pro prospects, last year's No. 1 receiver Charles Lee. The Orlando Predators, an Arena Football League team, is holding tryouts at McCracken Field on March 12. The team is specifically looking to add more receivers and Burley plans on paying the $40 registration fee to try for a spot. With the APL and NFL tryouts next week, Burley says he's confident he will make an impression with someone.

"Hopefully it will work out," Burley said. "I'm in great shape, I don't see why it wouldn't, but for whatever reason it doesn't I've got the Predators to fall back on. It's March now, so I've got football in my blood."
Knights fall to Samford in TAAC Championship

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With all the injuries and adversity that UCF was forced to overcome this season, the fact that the Golden Knights made it to the TAAC Tournament final as the fifth seed was astounding enough. However, down just one point with less than three minutes remaining, the Knights couldn’t help it if visions of big brackets danced in their heads.

Jason Thornton hit his fourth 3-pointer of the game to pull UCF to within 66-65. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs responded with seven consecutive points, including the dagger, a 3-pointer by point guard Mario Lopez as the shot clock trickled down. The 73-65 deficit was ultimately too much to overcome.

"We put ourselves in position, but we couldn't get over the mountain," Coach Kirk Sperraw said. "Samford has an outstanding team and they deserve an awful lot of credit. We played hard and did a lot of things well. Obviously, rebounding wasn't one of them.

"It's hard to rebound with four guards and that was ultimately the difference in the game."

Samford out-rebounded UCF 34-19 and survived the Knights, 78-69, to win the TAAC Tournament and earn the conference’s automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"This hurts more than last year because I didn't really know what to expect in a championship game then, and I knew about it this time and had the opportunity to get a championship again. I'm happier with the result, because we played them well and didn't get blown out like last year, but at the same time, it's more disappointing."

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The Bulldogs connected on 12-of-23 3-pointers, pushing its total to 57 made 3-pointers over its three tournament wins. Senior Reed Rawlings led the Bulldogs with 21 points, connecting on each of his 10 free throws, while Lopez added 20, hitting five of six 3-point attempts. Center Marc Salyers, the tournament’s MVP, scored 19 and grabbed a team-high nine rebounds. His short hook with 2:33 remaining, the Knights couldn’t help it if visions of big brackets danced in their heads.

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Bergman

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Coach Jay Bergman achieved his goal of testing his team early and often to prepare it for Trans America Athletic Conference play. This weekend Bergman will see the results of what UCF was able to do in nine games against Top 20 teams.

Coming off back-to-back weekend series against No. 5-ranked Alabama and 11th-ranked LSU, UCF hosts Samford for a three-game series beginning with a Friday double-header at 4 p.m.

"If we're not ready to play conference games on Friday and Saturday and not ready to play hard then I'll be very disappointed," Bergman said. "We banged our heads against (top 20) (rival) teams and were able to get a game in each one.

The Golden Knights get a pleasant break in strength of schedule with the Bulldogs coming to town. UCF holds a 2-1 all-time lead, including a seven-game winning streak. The only loss to Samford came in the teams’ first game in 1987. UCF swept the three-game series last year in Birmingham.

However, Bergman hopes his team doesn't get too confident because it is facing a nationally ranked opponent.

"Our season really starts this weekend in conference," Bergman said. "I think we’re playing into it with some momentum and some understanding of what we have to do to win baseball games."

Samford opened the season in a rough way on the losing end of a 26-6 drubbing against Auburn. That sparked a four-game losing skid, however, the Bulldogs had won seven of their last eight heading into this midweek games against Vanderbilt and Alabama on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

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