Program to promote minority role models

DARCY ELENA RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

The University of Central Florida recently received a grant of $560,000 to train graduate students with an interest in teacher certification and a master's degree in exceptional child education. The program is geared towards recruiting students of diverse backgrounds as minority teachers are underrepresented in Florida, especially in this field.

The program is the Varying Exceptionalities (VE) Project and consists of full funding for tuition and fees, a stipend of $5,500, and a $600 book allowance. Successful completion of the program will earn students Florida Varying Exceptionalities Teaching Certification and a master's degree in Exceptional Child Education.

The program targets two critical needs: the grave shortage of certified special education teachers in Central Florida, especially in high poverty areas, and the lack of faculty diversity.

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UCF hospitality program to become school of hospitality

BECKI PANOFF
STAFF WRITER

The hospitality management department will soon get a revamp, turning it into the College of Hospitality, and soon after that, it will become the first of UCF's satellite campuses. In July, the hospitality program will be breaking away from the school of business to form its own school, which gives students the opportunity to be in an intensive program directed towards a degree in hospitality management.

"We are excited to offer a new degree in hospitality," said Abraham Pizam, a professor in the hospitality department and the interim chair. "With becoming a separate school, we will be developing autonomy and independence."

The school will be in the heart of the tourism industry, thanks to a hefty $10 million gift from hotelier Harris Rosen.
CAB hosts week of Events, Job Fair to be held at UCF

ADAM SHIVER
STAFF WRITER

Campus Activities Board entertains students

CAB recently hosted a week long event, which featured a wide variety of activities each night from March 6 though March 9. Week of Knights began March 6 with a 'Knight at the Movies' featuring 'The Sixth Sense' at the reflecting pond. Tuesday night spotlighted Damon Wayans and his unique comedy act at the Student Union. Overall the event was a big success, with a large turnout for all of the individual events.

Thursday Night Knight Live in the Charlotte Harbor room in the Student Union. Overall the event was a big success, with a large turnout for all of the individual events.

Spring

Spring Commencement will be held Fri., May 5 and Sat., May 6. The event will take place at the UCF Arena. For additional information you can contact the Registrar's Office at (407) 823-3100.

Career Resource Center welcomes all to attend 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 fair, but are not limited to, are: Aeriel 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, contact the Career Resource Center at (407) 823-2361, or ccrl@mail.ucf.edu.

UCF partners up with Navy

The university broke ground March 2 on a new $9.1 million partnership on building in research park. The venture marked the first time that the university will build a facility on non-state land. The land is to be provided by the Navy, in exchange for space in the new facility. The UCF Criminal Justice Department's Crime Mapping and Data Management, Public Safety Research centers, the National Center for Forensic Science and portions of NAWC's Training Systems Division will be some of the many to occupy the 45,000 square foot, state-of-the-art research center.

UCF to host Shakespeare Festival

UCF will be hosting the Shakespeare Festival at the Walt Disney Amphitheater downtown at Lake Eola. A Comedy of Errors will be showing from March 31 through May 6, with special preview shows on March 29 and 30. Tickets will range in price from $8 up to $35. Shows on Thursdays will begin promptly at 7 p.m., while showings Friday through Sunday will take place at 8 p.m. Love's Labour's Lost will be showing as well from April 7 through May 7, with preview showings on April 5 and 6. Tickets will range from $8 up through $35 as well. Showings on Thursdays will begin promptly at p.m., while showings Friday through Sunday will happen at 8 p.m. Reserved seating for both shows is available. For more information, as well as to make reservations, contact the Festival box office at (407) 460-8080.

The UCF Reflection Pond closed for renovations

Construction is afoot in the area of the reflection pond. These renovations will include the installation of new treatment system and fountain systems. Construction, which began March 1, will be underway through May 6. Orange colored fencing will close the area off to students.

VE Project receives nod of approval from panel

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"This signifies our commitment to the community and the community's needs," said Dr. Miller. There are currently hundreds of unqualified teachers and this program intends to aid in the correction of this problem. Through the VE Project, the state is providing funding where it is needed most, in the high poverty areas. Teachers are also needed in areas where the predominant population is from under represented groups.

Interested graduate students and seniors are encouraged to apply for this program. Candidates must submit an application and attend an interview, which will be evaluated against other applicants and the selection priorities. The selection priorities include that the applicant hold a degree in elementary, secondary, or exceptional child education; is from a minority background; has experience with children and youth in high poverty areas; has a commitment to a career in the exceptional education field; maintain full-time status; and has GRE scores that meet the minimum criteria for admittance into graduate school.

"We're trying to make this student friendly," said Dr. Miller about the process of applying. The program will also consider students with degrees in other areas; however, these students will be required to take extra courses.

Interested students should see Dr. Miller before the April 15 deadline in the School of Education.

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CENTURY encourages positive body images

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understood the difference between beauty, nudity and sex. Earlier, it all had to do with sex," said Marvin.

Over 50 photographs were displayed in the Student Resource auditorium from March 7-9 during UCF's Body SMART Week. CENTURY creator Frank Cordelle was present all three days and led several group discussions with students and faculty members explaining his purpose for CENTURY, and encouraged students to ask questions about the exhibit and express their personal reactions.

Initially a biology major, Cordelle abandoned his biology career to pursue a profession in photography. But Cordelle had more in mind than simply taking random photographs; he vowed to use his camera for a socially meaningful purpose.

He remembered an experience he had at the age of five, when a family friend needed to change her baby girl's diaper. Cordelle wondered if he was being punished, or if he was instead being prevented from seeing an extremely horrible thing. Later, during a visit to Germany as a college student, Cordelle found himself surrounded by people making out, covering around partially naked and realized no one seemed to pay any special attention, except one person, himself.

"Europeans have a much more healthy attitude towards their body and nudity," said Cordelle. "Americans have a social guilt and shame about curiosity about other peoples bodies.

There a real crying need to have a healthy perspective on these issues.

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School set to be first satellite campus

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of the Omni Rosen and Clarion Plaza hotels, already a large benefactor of UCF. If he is able to buy a parcel of land from the county as hoped, the school will sit on the same land as a resort hotel that Rosen will build on International Drive, along with a golf course and a sheriff department and shared parking for the school and the hotel. The hotel would also be able to be used for a teaching device for the school as well.

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O-Team Decisions made final for 2000

KRISTA ZILIZI STAFF WRITER

UCFs Orientation Team recruits between 35 and 40 students each year to serve as role models and facilitators to new students coming to UCF. O-team members primary responsibility is to provide assistance to new UCF students and their parents. Serving as a peer advisor to incoming freshmen and transfer students, O-Team main tasks are to provide information regarding UCF academics, policies, campus services and activities, and building locations. In addition, O-team members are also assigned to on-campus housing in residence halls throughout the summer sessions and concluding in early August. O-team members will also conduct six additional one-day orientation sessions between November 2000 and January 2001 for Spring Orientation.

O-team responsibilities take precedence over any other outside obligations, particularly during the summer sessions and strict terms and conditions have been outlined for new O-team members. O-team members are prohibited from being employed as well as taking summer classes. Furthermore, members affiliated with Greek fraternities and sororities are required to disaffiliate, and are banned from taking part in any fall sorority pre-recruitment, Greek forum, and sorority recruitment parties. O-team members are also assigned to off-campus housing in residence halls throughout the summer.

In return, O-team members will earn $1600 for the year and are exempt from both meal and housing expenses.

"I’ve had two sisters and a brother-in-law on O-team, and I worked in the office for a year, so I was hoping I’d be on the team. I’ve seen everything that goes on and wanted a chance to be part of that," said new O-team member Shawn Cimock. "I’m hoping to make a lot of new friends outside my fraternity and trying to get involved in more things on campus."

Each year one Student Orientation program assistant is additionally selected who works closely with the Graduate assistant in all aspects of the Orientation program. Lisa Doorbosch is this year’s only returning O-team member, and newly chosen program assistant. As Student orientation Program assistant, Doorbosch assisted in O-team selection, will oversee Family Team and Family Program sessions during the freshman orientations. Likewise, she will serve as a liaison between the orientation staff and O-team members.

"O-team is one of the most prestigious roles you can have at the university [I believe]," said Doorbosch. "We want people who are doing orientation for the right reasons. We want people dedicated, motivated, enthusiastic, who show their love for UCF."
Cupicha, Ruiz, Gilbert-CnRG to be way of 'uKNIGHTing' UCF

Andrew Cupicha
(President):
-Senior, Major: Liberal Studies
-Associate with Business Administration
-Southern Interfraternity Conference President, 1st in UCF history
-Finder and Past Director of Halloween Knights
-Student Body President/Vice Presidents 99’-00’
-Interfraternity Council Executive VP - Fall 97’
-Arts & Sciences Senator 98-99
-Homecoming Court 99’

Ruiz stated, “Gilbert wants students to obtain a whole new philosophy of their government.”

Eddie Ruiz (Executive Vice President):
-Junior, Major: Science Education
-Student Body President, Valencia Community College ’99-00’
-(Florida Leader Magazine named best SGA in state)
-Current consultant for Effective Leadership Member (CLE)
-Current Chairman for the Student Union Board
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Sprenkle, Kurle, and Pena---- Candidates Share Views for the Future

**Dennis Sprenkle (President):**
Junior, (Double) major: Political Science and History
*Currently Director of Campus Involvement*  
*Consultant for Effective Leadership*  
*Arts & Sciences Senator 98’-99’*  
*Student Union Advisory Board*  
*O3-Team member 98-99’*  
*Dean’s List 99’*

**Shelley Wilson**
STAFF WRITER

Improving school spirit, changing the apathy among students and developing a good image of UCF are top on the agenda for the SG Presidential ticket of Dennis Sprenkle, Christine Kurle and Marco Pena. “When we’ve talked to students on campus we found they wanted more spirit and unity on campus,” Executive Vice President candidate, Christine Kurle, stated.

Dennis Sprenkle, the Presidential candidate, wants to help students become aware and more involved in events happening on campus. “Due to the fact that we’re a commuter school, one of our biggest challenges is apathy. We have to find a way to encourage people to want to make a connection with the University to get involved and we’re determined to try new things to make that happen,” Sprenkle stated.

Marco Pena, Student Body Vice-President candidate, wants to bring UCF more positive publicity and make it spread further than the city of Orlando. “It’s time to take UCF to the next level to get recognition in and out of the state of Florida. We need to increase our athletic visibilities and academic programs,” Pena stated.

Some new things this ticket would bring to UCF include utilizing web radio to increase awareness of activities while creating a feeling of community among UCF students. They also want to establish “Knightmare” as the premier Homecoming theme for each year.

“We’re ready to work with Campus Activities Board (CAB) to establish a permanent tradition of programming and activities for the week of Homecoming,” Sprenkle said.

Making sure students get heard and have representation in decisions that effect them is a subject this ticket takes very seriously. Some of their plans for that to happen are holding town hall meetings, conducting surveys and creating a bulletin board over email with information on it regarding open positions and issues students had along with an opportunity for students to post suggestions or complaints.

“The only way we can hear students is going out and listening to them by being accessible to them in different ways,” Sprenkle said.

Sprenkle, Kurle and Pena all agree that their visionary for the future and the diversity of their ticket sets them apart from the put others.

“The diversity of our backgrounds has put us in touch with all areas of the UCF community and will help us usher in the new era of responsible government,” Pena stated.

Along with responsibility, Pena also believes the change from a two-man to a three-man administration in Student Government will help join efforts made by the organization as a whole.

“Although there are pros and cons to the three-man ticket, I feel that it will make positive strides in uniting the executive and legislative branches of Student Government,” Pena said.

This ticket holding experience in all branches of Student Government is a plus for handling SG issues, but Sprenkle says that their ‘people’ experience counts for more in comparison.

“This ticket has experience in all three branches of SG which is important, but our past experiences with helping and understanding students our our even more important,” Sprenkle said.

Regardless of all experience this ticket may hold, Pena also believes the leaders of Student Government should want to bring it back to serving students.

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Junior, Major: Public Relations  
*Executive Secretary for Panhellenic Council*  
*Arts & Sciences Senator 98’-99’*  
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*Interfraternity Council VP of Leadership and Academic Development*  
*Winner of Emerging Student Leader Award*  
*Representative of Business College Council*  
*Current Business Senator*

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“Moving Student Government in the right direction and away from the past is the final destination that this ticket wants to hold.

“We’re all dedicated to putting the past behind and moving forward to serve the needs of the students by giving it a hundred and ten percent,” Kurle said.

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Deeb, Dougan, and Breneman---Candidates look and plan for UCF present and future

**SHERRY WILSON**
**STAFF WRITER**

Fiscal responsibility, making Student Government more diverse and creating awareness of issues important to students are on the agenda for the SG Presidential ticket of John Deeb, Patrick Dougan and Karen Breneman.

**JOHN DEEB**
(President)  
Senior, (Double)  
Major: Film/Animation and Advertising/Public Relations

*Produced short film, "Continuity"

**KAREN BRENNAN**
(Executive Vice President)  
Junior, Major: Art History/Public Relations

*Produced short film, "Backyard"

**PATRICK DOUGAN**
(Student Body Vice President)  
Sophomore, Major: Public Relations/Public Relations

*Co-produced a television show called "The Backyard"

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Other SG Presidential ticket consisting of (President) Tayo Akinrefon, (Executive Vice President) Lionel Nimmo, and (Student Body Vice President) Temitayo Akinrefon could not be contacted by press time.
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When does Summer/Fall 2000 registration begin?
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When and where can I pick up my Summer/Fall 2000 schedule of courses booklet?
~Schedule booklets will be available beginning March 20th in all of the first year advising offices, college advising offices, or academic departments. Don’t forget to request a degree audit. It will have your registration appointment date and time.

Is it too late to see an academic advisor for Summer/Fall 2000 schedule planning?
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Student receives editing internship

TAYLOR CLARK
STAFF WRITER

UCF junior, Elaine LeBlanc will have a more exciting summer than most. As the first UCF student to obtain acceptance into the Magazine Internship Program sponsored by the American Society of Magazine Editors, Elaine will spend her summer interning with a prominent magazine in New York City.

This program offers hands-on learning experience and will effectively prepare her for the competitive business world, while she concurrently enjoys "The Big Apple."

Elaine, a Finance major and Magazine Journalism minor, first heard about the internship opportunity last spring, while reading a smaller publication, U Magazine, which is often times distributed within the Central Florida Future.

Although very interested, at the time she was not yet eligible. ASME requires applicants to have finished their junior year, with a full senior year ahead. They also require experience in reporting, writing and editing. Motivated, Elaine has spent the past several months gaining experience to help her become a strong candidate for this internship. She became a consultant at the writing center on campus, and also began writing for the future.

Her hard work definitely paid off. Elaine now has the opportunity to intern with one of 44 renowned magazines. As can be imagined, she is eager to begin her summer plans.

"I am looking forward to gaining valuable experience while making potential contacts and new friendships," she said. "It is going to be a great summer."

Following acceptance, participants are required to list their top six choices of publications they would most enjoy working with. Three of the six magazines she indicated were financial ones: Fortune, Money and Business Week.

"I am hoping to intern with Fortune," she said. "It would allow me to simultaneously experience my major and my minor in the real world."

Integrating her interest in money and magazines does not stop here. This ambitious young woman has big plans for herself. Following graduation, she said, "I would like to work on Wall Street for a few years and hopefully use that experience to get involved in the magazine industry."

Being the first UCF student to participate in this program is quite an accomplishment. Elaine acknowledges Journalism professor, Fred Fedler for being a pivotal player in her achievement.

"If it had not been for Professor Fedler, I would not have written to begin with," she insisted. "He encouraged me to write for the paper, he wrote my recommendation for the writing center and he helped me complete my internship application. I am very thankful for all of his help."

While in the spotlight for a moment, Elaine took the opportunity to offer one piece of valuable advice to all other journalism students interested in eventually obtaining the same internship: "Get involved early in journalistic activities so you can get the experience [ASME] is looking for."

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Creating awareness can save lives

SHELLEY WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Volunteer UCF's "Get Carded" program has special meaning to Student Director Ricky Middagh. His father was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, a condition that weakens the heart. At some point he will need a transplant, due to his heart aging three times the normal rate.

Creating awareness of organ and tissue donation is one way Middagh says honors his father and others in the same condition.

"I like doing this for my father and making other people aware," Middagh said. "It makes us feel good when we make a difference and do a good job."

Middagh's family is not alone in waiting for an organ transplant. More than 66,000 Americans are waiting for a lifesaving organ, including 2,346 Florida residents. Less than half of those people will receive a transplant and during this year, 5,000 will lose their lives because an organ will not be found in time.

Although UCF is the only university in the country to participate in this program, others are catching on due to UCF's success. USF will have a "Get Carded" fair in April and Tennessee, Kentucky, Iowa and UCLA also have expressed interest in starting a program.

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grads looking for their first job."
- Forbes Magazine
Every television show, movie and magazine cover has the hot body that every American wants, but it seems that most settle for an extra value meal and banana split instead. Fast food and junk food are what every middle and lower class American lives by.

During the middle ages the kings, queens and others of nobility we very well fed and many times obese. Unlike American today in which those of wealth and the educated can afford to eat healthier food and also know how. While those of the lower class and college kids seem to rely mainly on fast food and junk foods.

Just the opposite countries such as China, India and Brazil show that those that are well off seem to be getting fatter as the poor get hungrier. This, of course, is due to the fact that Brazil doesn't eat half the junk we Americans eat. And the poor in Brazil are barely eating at all.

Has our society come to rely on fast foods as a way of life? Remember those days when Mom cooked a nice big home cooked meal? Now think how many times a week or maybe even a month you get such a treat. Fast foods have become too convenient and acceptable for today's mobile society. Americans seem to be always on the go.

It's hard to imagine that 55 percent of the American population is overweight. What exactly do we consider overweight? Look around your classroom and count how many people do you believe are overweight. How did you figure that out? Are you overweight? Do you think of what is the perfect body? Did you think of who was fat and didn't look like television stars that looks over so sexy in those skin tight pants?

Other countries are having overweight problems too, mainly those in Europe where poor eating habits have become a significant part of their society too.

In retrospect, other countries such as Bangladesh and India are facing their own poor eating habits. It's what many call starvation. Over 50 percent of the people in these two countries are overweight. And they are not on the Jenny Craig plan.

Both underweight and overweight problems are the same, such as sickness, disabilities, shortened life expectancy and lower productivity levels. The television stars that look so good usually have a better chance in correcting their problems because they aren't having a lack of anything but will power.

Just remember that old saying from the dinner table that there are plenty of starving kids in China that would love to eat what's left on your plate. Get out the glad wrap and call UPS because off to China go those terrible fiver meals and onions.

Like it or not, cliques thrive in all walks of life

There's an obligatory column to write at some point in the college press. It's the one where your friendly neighborhood columnist laments the cliques and social classes of the university world, usually after he's been shot down in flames by the head cheerleader AND the girl with the ducks and pierced tongue. I'd better take my turn now and write about ostracism, popularity, cliquishness, and bullying - at least before I graduate and step into the real world, which of course has none of these.

True, we have this nasty tendency to categorize ourselves and others. We form little groups, unified by some feature - listening to Marilyn Manson, playing football, wearing those born-rimmed glasses with the little ring of tape across the nose -- and declare everyone else to be inferior or shallow.

I'll spare you the exhaustive listing of each group, and the index of their prejudices. Not only have you read enough lists in enough columns, but we've also all known it since kindergarten.

We start to examine it more critically as we mature, and by the time we're 18 or 19 or 40 - we may realize that there's more to the world beyond our cliques.

Of course, if you're 14 and the jocks beat you up every other week because you can form a complete sentence, you might realize this earlier than most. You might weather the pain, emerge even more healthy, and end up owning your tormentors, at least if movies such as "Back to the Future" are to be believed. You might store it up, become a tormented artist, and produce variously sensitive portrayals of childhood angst.

The brilliant examples of the latter, from "Heathers," to "The Catcher in the Rye," suggest that teen ostracism -- like military school, ruler-wielding nuns, and fathers like Malachy McCourt -- exists only as an evil joke of the Muse.

On the other hand, you might explode. Your father's gun -- hell, your gun! -- starts to gleam a little darker after a few years of bullying.

Remember, Mammie? Of course you do; it's still a focus for national hand-wringing, along with the several shoot-outs we may realize for today's college press.

As a society, we're still heavily invested in the American high school experience, which makes it hard for those who can't fit into the roles I know I've bought into -- and I wasn't exactly one of the cool kids. It takes a steely, icy hearted dissenter to watch a small-town hometown parade without feeling a sorry cultural glow.

And I can live with that. There's a reason, a tolerable if not sufficient reason for the cliques and bullying of children -- namely, childhood. Children have the innocence and lowercase capacity for innocent cruelty. They also have a need to classify, to categorize, to divide, as a first step toward understanding the world.

The lucky ones grow out of it. The unlucky ones become talk-show hosts.

Which I guess is the point. Our college cliques aren't any different from those we've seen in childhood, in high school or in business. The difference is that we're growing up. It's the start of a lifelong chance to break out of our prejudices, in the company of new people.

Take it. Oh, and before it finishes, there's one more way to react to the cliquishness and prejudice. You become bitter if you can count one more inch of moral high ground for every smut, you can hate and parody the values of every social group you see. Why buy into society at all, when it's so flawed?

Perhaps you write news for your column. Perhaps you tune out entirely. Perhaps you gather with others who share your pain and your abilnity.
The Issue: A CSU student faces University discipline for downloading MP3 files on his dorm computer.

Our Response: In this technology age, schools have the responsibility to educate their students about Internet use. The Internet was developed over thirty years ago by the U.S. military in order to decentralize American intelligence. The idea was to make sure that all the vital information wasn't kept in just one building, but stored in several places throughout the nation.

Since then, the Internet has become the greatest information distribution tool ever developed by mankind. Researchers from around the world can share information. Students from all walks of life can benefit from their education with Internet resources. It can also be used to get a lot of free stuff. Colorado State University provides use of the-art computers, systems and software to its students and faculty. CSU's ethernet, wired throughout campus, allows quick and easy downloading of files off the web. These files consist of everything: games, programs and even music. Downloading, however, steps on a lot of companies toes. Those companies aren't happy about it, because it costs them money.

Now, a CSU student living in the residence halls faces University discipline action for downloading too many free music files (MP3s). Blame, though, must be shared. CSU has the obligation to instill in its students potential legalities that stem from "misusing" university equipment.

Ignoreance by a student is not a defense, but for the money students pay in tuition, they deserve legal enlightenment from the university concerning their money.

College graduates today leave universities with more computer knowledge than ever before. A crucial piece of that education, however, is technology-related ethics. It takes some common sense on the students' part, but it also requires further training and education on the school's part.

Parents need to shoulder more responsibility for society's ills

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I read this book by Bryce Courtenay called "The Power of One" when I was in 6th grade. I later saw the movie made from the book, but never really understood the meaning of either until now.

Courtenay weaves a tale of a young boy, Peekay, in war-torn South Africa. The boy is raised by Doc, a German scholar and horticulturist, who teaches him the fine art of boxing, along with how to reach your dreams, and how to live life to the fullest. It wasn't until I picked up a recent copy of "The Orlando Sentinel" to see a picture of two women grrieving on the front page that I could understand the strength this novel possessed.

When a 5-year-old takes a gun to elementary school and fatally shoots another 6-year-old, all we can do is grieve. When students at local area schools are required to pass badges to identify themselves at all times to curb the amount of "strays" on campus and to prevent violence in our schools, we should be concerned. When the state legislature and school board of Louisiana feels they have to pass mandates requiring schoolchildren to address their teachers and staff as 'sir' and 'ma'am' because parents have failed to instill that courtesy, we should be outraged.

We place plenty of blame and point plenty of fingers -- usually away from ourselves, of course. We blame gun manufacturers for not making their weapons safer, the media for flooding our television newscasts with violent images and the entertainment industry for peddling every sick and twisted element of society.

We forget that teaching right from wrong starts at home. Peekay experienced apartheid first hand. He rose above it to achieve his dreams. He didn't give in to the violence and evil all around him -- largely because he had a strong mentor who took the time to educate him about personal responsibility, decency and honesty.

These days, many parents are approaching child raising with a hands-off approach. They are following First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's mantra that "it takes a village to raise a child." Great idea to follow her. She's sure got the ideal family.

The village approach will never work, because individuals rarely see willing to take the blame when their children do something wrong. Not even parents.

Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris' parents have yet to apologize to the town of Littleton, Colos., for the pain their sons inflicted on that community. Neither father has said, "I shouldn't have taught my son to hunt... I'm sorry." Neither mother has said, "Maybe if I'd spent more time loving my child, yours would still be alive for you to love."

Instead -- they point fingers at video game makers and movie directors for giving pumping horrific images into their sons' heads.

I have great parents, who I know raised me right. Because of them, I understand that violence is never the answer, that it is wrong to kill people, that drugs and alcohol won't solve anything, that people are humans just like me and that I am not above anything else in this world.

My parents weren't afraid to punish me, either. I spent my fair share of days and weeks in the doghouse, for making a bad decision.

Instead -- they point fingers down with your child and explaining why their decision was wrong can do wonders. I always knew I had done something big when I had to sit down and talk with my dad. He never raised his voice. He never used profanity or insulted my intelligence.

If I brought home a bad grade, he would simply ask me why. If I did something to anger my mom, again, he asked me why.

There was no punishment worse than having to explain to my father why I had done some-thing wrong -- something I knew was wrong while I was doing it.

Talking to your child can be the most effective form of punishment. The simple acts of expectation and concern are what kids want and need. The want their parents to pay atten­tion to their lives. They want their parents to talk to them. They want their parents to simply love them.

My parents love me unconditionally. And it is because of their love that they want me to teach for my biggest dream and have such high expectations. There is no punishment better or worse for a child than for them to have to admit that they let the people who have unconditional love for them down.

I dread ever letting my par­ents down because I know how much they expect from me. I wouldn't expect any less of them than that.

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Ecstasy, LSD, overdoses, death! How do these things connect to a group of people listening to music? For those people who don’t know too much about the rave scene it’s not because it’s a new concept. In fact the movement began in the ‘80s in England as an underground movement in a time called “The Summer of Love.” It is a movement based on House, Techno, and Acid music but mainly the feeling of love.

Since Raves began to take place they where supposed to be a safe haven of music and socialization, something to enrich the human spirit with togetherness. But today these gatherings have become unwillingly associated with drug use and became illegal. What happens to those who can enjoy the scene without the drug atmosphere? Did some people ruin it for an entire community of music and fun lovers?

The Future Tribe Project is a non-profit organization that enjoys spreading the message of P.L.U.R.R. They pass along the message of love togetherness, and responsibility in many ways.

FTP’s drug free raves are an opportunity for people to come together and get to know each other, while listening to some awesome music by some great DJs.

But it’s not all just about the partying. At these raves FTP hands out information about STDs, sexual responsibility, and the drugs that are often generalized with raves.

Also, at these raves you can register to vote. It is the FTP’s feeling that in order to be taken seriously people should make their voices heard through the power of voting. In this past mayoral election the FTP registered 100-110 people. The organization felt that Glenda Hood’s anti-drug law which states bars and clubs must close at 3:00 am, was unjust to those who enjoy the scene in a peaceful, legal manner. So the FTP got together information on the candidates so people could be as informed as possible when it came time to vote.

But even outside the rave scene the Future Tribe continues its spirit of love, community, and responsibility. FTP takes part in a lot of community service, such as Habitat for Humanity and Adopt-A-Highway. Along with the community service FTP has found another way to give back to the community.

The organization’s claim to fame has become the Parties in the Park that they sponsor, which is funded by the cover charge guests pay at the raves. The Parties in the Park is another opportunity for people to come together over a day of fun in the sun, barbecue, dancing. The next Party in the Park will be on May 6 at the Barnett Park, which will be free to the public to attend.

The Future Tribe Project has become the first chapter of Dance Safe in Florida. Dance Safe is a nation wide organization that shares Future Tribes disclaimer, which is neither group claims to be anti- drug but they are both pro-education.

On March 18 the Future Tribe held another one of its raves to fund the May 6 Party in the Park. It was held at Haven Lounge.

The theme for this rave was an underwater theme with great decorations that the group spent several weeks preparing.

Future Tribe usually gets about 100-150 guests at their raves.

It is the feeling of the Future Tribe Project that they do not condone or support drug usage.

They feel that there are ways to enjoy life without them, but if you do choose to use them, be responsible.

The Future Tribe Project is an organization that promotes having a good time but doing it responsibly.

For more information about the Future Tribe you can contact them at their website www.futuretribe.com or email futuretribe@hotmail.com.

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Everyone is always a little bit Irish when March 17 comes around but what is St. Patrick’s Day? Who was St. Patrick?

Patrick was born in Scotland around 385, most likely in Kilpatrick. At the age of fourteen he was captured by a raiding party and taken to Ireland. There he was a slave who would tend to sheep. At this time Ireland was a land of Druids and Pagans. Patrick’s captivity lasted till the age of twenty; he escaped after having a dream from God. He was told in the dream to leave Ireland by going to the coast. He returned to Britain and his family.

Later he had another dream in which the people of Ireland begged him to return. He became a priest and then eventually a bishop. He was sent to take the Gospel to the people of Ireland. One of the legends that this man has been known for is that when he got to Ireland he was greeted by a chieftain who tried to kill him but Patrick converted the chieftain after he was unable to move his arm till he was friendly to Patrick.

With his preachers they converted thousands of people and began to build churches. Kings, their families, and entire Kingdoms converted to Christianity. Patrick remained in Ireland for 40 years where he worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God. After living in poverty and suffering he died on March 17, 461, he died at Saul where he build the first church.

Today people celebrate the legends of St. Patrick in many different ways. The city of Orlando displayed its celebration in a parade downtown. On March 11 organizations and businesses from all over Orlando displayed their Irish spirits, from 10:41’s Monster’s of the Midway to the comedic Carrot Top. Tons of people attended to watch the wonderful floats, catch some green beads and possibly spot a leprechaun, despite the cloudy weather.
The Campus Activities Board presented UCF with a week filled of entertainment. March 6 began “The Week of Knights” events that included movies, comics, concerts, and a chance to be creative.

To begin the week CAB showed the movie Sixth Sense over the reflection pond; several students attended to enjoy the thriller.

On Tuesday the arena overflowed with students already to laugh. The very popular comic, Damon Wayans, cracked UCF students up with his hysterical observations about his showbiz family life, relationships and more. Michael Dean Ester warmed up the anxious crowd with his unique take on campus life. Ester, who shared the big screen with Marlon Wayans in the movie Senseless, will return to the arena with his one-man comedy show on March 21.

The week would not have been complete without some great musical entertainment. Big Sky headlined at the arena to excited music lovers.

To complete the week students were given the opportunity to share their creativity with their fellow students. CAB hosted their open microphone Thursday Knight Jive.

The week of March 6 was full of great entertainment and good opportunities to hang out with fellow UCF students. CAB did a great job in presenting the UCF community with night after night of fun events.
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House of Blues was packed with it all March 12 as www.UCFfuture.com have been on a hot streak especially most recently when each group has released their new albums and been playing significant theater and college venues.

Time is Third Day's latest album showcases some of their well known hits from their first two albums, Conspiracy No. 5 (1997) and Third Day (1996). Since they have come together, fans have been drawn to their matters of faith and worship of God which has earned them several awards. Since 1996 they received a Billboard Video Award for "Best Contemporary Christian New Artist Video" for "Consuming Fire", more recently Billboard has named to be No. 5 their well known hits from their first two albums, shipped thousands of copies, and are on an upward roll. Third Day is known to be one of the best rock bands period.

"Lay it Down" is rock n roll, bluesy, country, rockabilly, gospel sound can be best heard on the new album. It's a creative approach to a genre of music that has copy the sound of her successful first album, but committed herself to capturing the cultivation of the craft rather than focusing on image or status. "Lay it Down" was produced in the United States, and she released another album entitled Lay it Down. She contributed time to the cultivation of the craft rather than focusing on image or status. "Lay it Down" has kept this true to form by contributing time to the cultivation of the craft rather than focusing on image or status.

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Jennifer Knapp, Third Day play sold out HOB

Great music, a good time and a positive message! The House of Blues was packed with it all March 12 as Third Day and Jennifer Knapp played for a sold out audience. Both groups have been on a hot streak especially most recently when each group has released their new albums and been playing significant theater and college venues.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

LEAD STORIES

— Welsh artist Donald Jackson began work in March on a hand-lettered, 1,150-page Bible, whose specialty pigmented ink will produce illuminated calligraphy and illustrations; the $3 million, six-year project is by St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn. At the other end of the technology spectrum, the Henderson (Ky.) Gleaner newspaper profiled in February retired bricklayer Truman Meredith, 64, who, despite never having learned to read, had just finished a yearlong project of nearly printing the entire text of the Bible onto 1,700 pages in 14 loose-leaf notebooks, with direct quotes of Jesus in red ink.

— Prescription drugs suitable for both humans and animals carry different price tags, even though they may be exactly the same product, and are usually much more expensive for humans, according to a February report by the U.S. House of Representatives Government Reform Committee. For example, Medrol, an arthritis remedy for humans and an anti-inflammatory for dogs, is about one-fifth the price when intended for dogs. Retailers say the pharmaceutical houses charge more for humans because more sales are at least partially reimbursed by insurance.

Professional Pride

At his booking on drug charges in December, Norman Hardy Jr. was asked by Brattleboro, Vt., police what his occupation was and answered defiantly, "Selling drugs." And at his booking in connection with a carjacking in November, Rafael A. Jackson, 28, was asked his occupation by East St. Louis, Ill., police and responded, "Homicide and robbery."

Can't Possibly Be True

— The Philadelphia Inquirer reported in October that Pennsylvania's lawsuit settlement with the tobacco companies included a $42 million windfall for the two law firms chosen by the governor to represent the state (about $1,300 an hour per lawyer), even though the case's research and arguments were largely copied from other states' lawsuits and the negotiations were streamlined because the tobacco companies had begun settling those cases. Among the expense-padding: $62 to one lawyer and $290 to another for an hour he spent ordering books.

In December, a court in Lusaka, Zambia, approved Dorothy Mapani's strategy to settle the dispute with her husband, Effas Ondya, over which of the two is more responsible for the couple's lack of a sex life. Ondya said he is uninterested because he believes Mapani is infertile, and Mapani has accepted Ondya's challenge to get pregnant, with any man, within 90 days. The $300 bet, said the court's two justices, seemed a reasonable way to resolve the issue.

— Gay adult club owner Kenneth Executive and shepherd's dog, who owed the state (about $1,300 an hour for 12 minutes' work (reading The Wall Street Journal) and $290 to another for an hour he spent ordering books."

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Dear Nancy,

I like to smoke pot. I smoke almost everyday because it relaxes me and puts me in a good mood. I never found anything wrong with it until my friends got on my case about it. They don't smoke but they drink a lot. I think smoking is better because it doesn't make people do stupid things like fight etc. What do you think?

-Smoker

Dear Smoker,

I don't want to be all negative and like be a total buzz kill but- get a life. The '70s are over there's no free hippie love going around anymore and Jerry's dead. He's been dead for 5 years you've got to be over it by now. You've been watching too much Cheech and Chong. Save your smoke to numb up your arthritis when your 80 and have nothing better to do than go fishing and find something else to do with your time.

I agree with you drinking gives people muscles they never had before, they think people are laughing along with them and it causes a lot of trouble. But pot gives you blood shot eyes, cotton mouth and a fuzzy grab bag of other things like paranoia (you start wondering why everyone's staring at you) you get cravings for stuff like stovetop and twinkies, you spend all your money but you don't remember on what and you can't complete a sentence. Your favorite phrase becomes "what was I just talking about?"

And if you need to smoke weed to be in a good mood you better quit while you're ahead. I hate to sound like an after school special but weed is the gateway drug. You start puffing everyday to feel good then weed doesn't do it anymore then you find yourself in rehab. Dude, stay off the grass.

Dear Nancy,

When my girlfriend and I have sex I always think about someone else. It's usually girls I know but sometimes it's someone I've seen on the street. I love her and I would never cheat on her. That's why I don't understand why I do this. Is it a sign we don't belong together? Am I normal?

-Fantasy Freak

Dear Fantasy,

Listen up lover man are you sure you're attracted to your girlfriend? Does she have a hairy back, sewer breath, what it is? Yep, it's normal to think about someone other than who you're in the sack with occasionally - most people think about famous people they're never going to get their hands on while others reminisce about their ex to get themselves revved up.

But you're doing it every time ... why don't you put your imagination to work with the girl you love. "But that's my girlfriend" yeah it's a crazy idea but it'll work.

It will improve your sex life with her because you can imagine things that can actually happen with the person you're with in real life.

The next time you're driving in your car and you see someone you're attracted to put your girlfriend in her place. If you scream at the sight then you shouldn't be together but if you feel a smile coming on stick with it then make your way home to your woman.

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‘Erin Brockovich’ is Roberts in her prime

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We’re always wary when we see Julia Roberts starring in a movie.

It’s not that we don’t believe she is capable of being involved with interesting and quality material; it’s just that she hasn’t done so to this point in her career.

Not to insinuate that her prior efforts have been in vain, but she hasn’t done anything to stretch herself beyond crowd-pleasing productions where she plays Julia Roberts as a (pick one) hooker, jealous friend, movie star, etc.

But now that she is again the most popular actress on the planet and has made her money per film than any woman in history (she has joined the $20 million club with the likes of Leo, Tom and Mel), Julia should be able to choose whatever project interests her because her legion of fans will flock to the theaters to see her latest work.

If “Erin Brockovich” is any indication, Julia Roberts could be involved in some films that do more than make people feel good.

Roberts is the titular character, a twice divorced mother of three who is struggling to make ends meet while simultaneously trying to be the world’s best mom.

Because of an early pregnancy and two poor choices for husbands, Erin has neither the money nor the resume to get a job that would enable her to take care of herself and her children. And her direct and abrasive manner doesn’t help.

During the course of a day that would have sent some desperate people over the edge, Erin meets attorney Ed Masry (Albert Finney) and by being Erin, eventually gets herself a job.

Now anyone who has been watching television for the last month knows the premise of the film (a David vs. Goliath lawsuit that is the largest single payment in a punitive damages case in history - $333 million).

And because there’s a movie being made about this woman, you know that Erin and Ed won the case.

So an effort that could have turned into a “Patch Adams” type of movie is instead saved because of director Steven Soderbergh (“Out of Sight” and last year’s terrific but largely unseen “The Limey”).

Granted, there are a number of crowd-pleasing moments because of the story and Erin’s personality, not to mention constant viewing of Julia Roberts’ cleavage.

But where a lesser craftsman would have had soaring music during emotional scenes or any other number of sophomoric devices to elicit audience response, Soderbergh instead keeps the film looking good because of his restraint.

His talent as a storyteller circumvents any need for cinematic accessories to connect with the audience.

As for Roberts, she is perfectly cast in her most demanding role to date as the assertive and resourceful woman who demonstrates that she can still be effective in today’s world.

It will be interesting to see what she chooses to do next because “Erin Brockovich” will likely make enough money to finance a revolution.

She has the enviable position to do whatever project she wants and has the sort of natural charisma that hearkens back to Audrey Hepburn or Ingrid Bergman or any number of actresses from the classic period of Hollywood.

These actresses made their mark in some amazing films, and Roberts more than anyone has a chance to be remembered in the same vein if she makes the right choices.

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Dead Prez
Let's Get Free

Poet Gil-Scott Heron once wrote, "the Revolution will not be televised."

But the Brooklyn duo Dead Prez will be damned if it's not broadcast. On their debut album, "Let's Get Free," Sticman and M1 deliver a hip-hop oxymoron, an album with substance and style.

The subject matter on "Free" is a throwback to the days when every head was sporting a red, black, and green medallion and the music actually had something to say.

Combining a revolutionary rhetoric with a historical knowledge not seen since Chuck D and Public Enemy were rocking singles like "Can't Stop The Music," Dead Prez's music would fit in seamlessly in the late 1980s/early 1990s. Their blend of politics, historical knowledge and head nodding beats would feed off one another reminiscent of the chemistry between the duo from the Jungle Brothers, their strengths lie in the subject matter and the fact that their views are genuine and not forced, and that makes the material easier to intake.

With this release, all of you old school cats who remember the high tops fades and the Africa medallions, this is a reintroduction to music with a soul to go with the groove.

For the newer heads, this is an education of the mind that shouldn't be slept on. The revolution is here, and this time it's not hawking Nikes.

AC/DC
Stiff Upper Lip

At this point, it's pretty safe to say that AC/DC will never change. After 17 albums, including a handful of outright masterpieces, the quintet's oft-stolen/never-duplicated bare-bones rock is as relevant as ever, if not quite as potent.

But this isn't even a new problem, seeing as much of the band's work between Highway To Hell and Back In Black and 1990's marvellous return to glory The Razor's Edge is usually described with a sigh and a shrug. But if AC/DC's "ain't-broke-don't-fix-it" philosophy (also employed by The Ramones, Van Halen and The Cure) could endure, the Rick Rubin-produced Ballbreaker proved to be dually disappointing:

Not only did it disappointingly fail to deliver the goods in a dangerously rock-less 1995, but everything on it was easily overshadowed by "Big Gun" from the Last Action Hero soundtrack.

Considering all this, AC/DC albums separate into two camps: the spotless holeless pure rock covers like "Can't Stand Still," "Safe In New York City" and the like; and the albums with lyrics reminiscent of N.W.A.'s classics "F**king The Police" and "Enzyme Lines" they demonstrate their historical awareness, documenting the imprisonment of Fred Hampton, Jr., the son of the late Black Panther.

The chemistry between the duo is apparent, as they rock the rugged production with lyrics and subject matter that shouldn't be slept on. The revolution is here, and this time it's not hawking Nikes.
Constitutional Amendments

Constitutional Amendment # 1.
Article II Section 2: Composition
The Senate shall be composed of;
A. A Senate President who shall be the Student Body Vice President

Amend to:
Strike
The Senate shall be composed of;
A. A Senate President who shall be the Student Body Vice President

Article III Section 4: Duties of the Vice President
Amend to:
Add: Section B.
B. The Vice President shall be responsible for 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.

Also
Article III Section 6: Additional Elected Executive Branch Officers
There shall be an elected Vice President for the Executive Branch who shall be responsible for 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.

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

Constitutional Amendment # 3.
Article III Section 2
Section 2: Election of Executive Officers
The President and Vice President shall be elected according to statute, by majority vote of the Student Body, and shall serve a one year term of office following each election.

Amend to:
Strike, and Add
Section 2: Election of Executive Officers
The President and Vice President shall be elected according to statute, by majority vote of the Student Body, and shall serve a one year term of office following each election FROM JULY 1st THROUGH JUNE 30th.

Constitutional Amendment # 4.
Add
Article 1 Section 5
A. The University of Central Florida’s Student Government Association shall not either explicitly or implicitly prohibit the free exercise of speech in any form, be it spoken or written.
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Knights play key TAAC road series at GSU

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field against some tough competition. The Panthers have already beaten No. 24 Georgia Tech and 23rd-ranked Georgia - both by a 4-3 score - at Panther Field. Meanwhile, UCF has not been very strong away from Tinker Field. Granted its 3-5 mark on the road includes two losses at fifth-ranked Alabama and a loss to now-No. 2-ranked North Carolina at Disney, but Bergman hopes the road will be easier against ranked teams will help the Golden Knights.

"We’ve got some real tough road series," Bergman said referring to trips to Georgia State, Jacksonville State, Jacksonville, and Florida Atlantic. "We have four of them in the next month, so we’re going to find out how strong we are because these are some bad road trips. That’s why we took the trip to Tuscaloosa (against Alabama) to find out how we can handle it."

The biggest turnaround for GSU has been the development of their pitching staff, which allowed 35 UCF runs in a three-game series last year. Their team ERA has dropped thanks to the leadership of seniors Billy Boughey (4-2, 2.03 ERA), Steven Kidd (2-0, 4.66), and Brian Jones (1-1, 3.33) with Kidd and Jones splitting time as the third starter.

Junior Ryan Parrylo (3-2, 3.29), who earned the win over Georgia, has rounded out a starting rotation that has been solid for Coach Mike Hurst. But closer Kevin Hopper is the dominant force on the pitching staff. He has six saves in 12 appearances with a 0.61 ERA and has walked none in 34 2/3 innings.

“They’ve got one pitcher (Boughey) that’s (definitely) going to give them one good game," Bergman said. "It’s going to be up to us as to how well we pitch on the road. That’s going to really be the significance of it all.”

Fortunately for UCF, most of the GSU pitching staff that sees significant playing time are right-handed. UCF is hitting nearly 70 points less against southpaws.

As for GSU’s offense, they have had no problems scoring runs during the past two seasons. The Panthers’ lineup is looking to challenge many of the offensive school records that were set last year, led by junior shortstop Scott Youngbauer.

Youngbauer is hitting .377 with 13 extra-base hits and 17 RBIs. But he is not the only pop in the middle of the lineup, as outfielder Chad Smith and catcher Paul Schlosser have helped GSU score 159 runs and hit 28 home runs in their first 24 games.

Smith is hitting .318 with a team-leading nine home runs and 28 RBIs, while Schlosser is second with seven home runs and 21 RBIs. However, the key statistic for the UCF pitching staff is that GSU has struck out nearly eight times per game. UCF pitchers are averaging nearly one strikeout per innings (227 K’s in 234 innings).

“We just need to go out and see what we can do on the road,” Bergman said. “We have to pitch well and play good defense, and we have not been playing good defense (as of late). We’re getting to balls, but we’re not concentrating on catching the ball or making good throws. You get on the road and those walks and those errors add up.”

GSU has been trying to prove this year that they belong among the elite in the TAAC, and they haven’t done much to prove themselves wrong. Despite a 3-3 mark in conference, the Panthers held tight with defending regular season champ Florida Atlantic last weekend, winning one of three on the road. The Golden Knights will be trying to improve upon its 6-0 all-time record against the Panthers, which include three-game sweeps in 1995 and 1999. This will be UCF’s first severe challenge of its TAAC schedule, as GSU tries to prove that they belong near the top of the standings against the preseason favorite.

Rich Wallace, a freshman who broke out against LSU earlier this month, continues to swing a hot bat for the Golden Knights.

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Brisson continues to swing potent bat

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Commitment is a very strong word, especially when it comes from a college baseball player. If a player is selected in the Major League Baseball Draft as a junior, nine times out of 10 the player leaves to take his chance at success in the professional ranks.

Dustin Brisson, a senior from Wellington, is already one of the most prolific sluggers in UCF baseball history.

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Dustin Brisson, a senior from Wellington, is already one of the most prolific sluggers in UCF baseball history.
Brisson wrestled with decision to leave for pros

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But following his record-breaking year in which Brisson set school records with 17 home runs and 76 RBIs while hitting .386, he had no problem using the word committing back for their senior year. "It's always said that, especially in baseball, you need to go out your junior year," Brisson said. "I think that needs to change a little bit, I think players need to focus on coming back for their senior year. I made a commitment to UCF and I really am sticking by it." Surprisingly though it was a player who was taken in the 1998 draft that was the biggest influence on Brisson returning besides his family. Of the 10 players taken that year from UCF, only three were seniors. Todd Bellhorn was one of them when he returned after being selected in the ninth round of the 1997 draft. "I just saw how much he enjoyed his senior year, and I really took that to heart," Brisson said. "He came back after he was drafted in the ninth round as a junior, and his decision was a lot harder than mine I think." Once Brisson made his decision, he says there was no looking back and now he has had no regrets about it. He has proven on the field that he wanted to return for two simple reasons: return to a NCAA Regional and possibly lead UCF to its first ever College World Series appearance. Bergman says Brisson's return is a critical part of UCF's development. "You can't measure it," Bergman said. "If our seniors come back and continue to come back then we're going to be in the same position that we're in now because they provide leadership and they provide experience. They do so many intangible things besides what they really do as far as numbers are concerned." Through Sunday's double-header sweep of Cornell, Brisson is hitting .386 (59-for-101) and leads the team with seven home runs and 30 RBIs. But he has also made an early season assault on rewriting the career record books, setting a new mark for doubles (57). His school-record 22-game hitting streak ended Sunday, surpassing the previous mark of 19 set by Mike Josephina and Jose Soto. "I really didn't have any set personal goals," said Brisson, who is currently third all-time in home runs (39) and RBIs (180). "I thought I would get pitched around a lot more this year. Coming back to break some records was always on my mind because I knew that I was so close." Brisson decided to come back thanks in large part to another senior's advice. He doesn't plan to seek out junior standouts Jason Arnold and Matt Bower to give them advice about whether or not to return for their respective senior years. However, he would gladly help them through the decision process if they asked. Obviously, Bergman would be pleased if they would return because he has seen Brisson's improvement after returning this year. "I think that he is a better ball player right now and he is better ready for professional baseball right now than he was at the end of last season," Bergman said. "Had he gone in at the end of last season to pro ball I think he might have had a strong summer. But now I think he's realized some things and he's made some adjustments, and I think he's going to be more prepared to go into pro ball this summer." No matter where he is taken in the draft this year, he says that is on the back burner for now and he is strictly focused on leading UCF on the field in search of winning the conference title. He also says that Bergman is a driving force for him to lead this team. "I really will be highly disappointed if we don't make a regional," Brisson said. "That's tough to say now because a lot of stuff can happen. I felt that if I came back I could really help this team, and I really think Coach Bergman deserves to go to Omaha and to a super regional." While he continues his run at individual records, his number one goal is to make an appearance in a NCAA Regional for the first time since his freshman year. The Golden Knights have already played five College World Series-caliber teams and went 4-5 against those teams. Brisson had arguably the biggest hit of the season to win the series-opening game at Alabama. With the game tied at five in the top of the ninth, Brisson hit a two-run, game-winning home run to beat the then-No. 5 ranked Crimson Tide. He says that is easily what this team is capable of accomplishing. "What awaits UCF in May is a chance to redeem itself in the TAAC Tournament, which has slipped through its grasp the past two years. Brisson was on the last team that won the conference tournament, and he says only one thing will truly make his return for his senior year worth it all. "The only thing that's going to solidify it is going to Omaha (for the World Series)," Brisson said. And Brisson will be the driving force to lead the Golden Knights to college baseball's holy ground.

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Women’s Basketball Notebook

The Slipper Didn’t Quite Fit

For the UCF women’s basketball team to reach the NCAA Tournament, they would have had to complete a Cinderella run through the recent TAAC Championships.

UCF, which had to complete a Cinderella run through the recent TAAC Championships, did just that. The Knights started out the first round with a 60-60 tie and went on to a big first half advantage, outscoring Campbell 37-29 in the first half. But Stetten fought back and tied the game at 60-60 on an Amy White three-pointer with 15 seconds left. After calling a timeout with nine seconds remaining, senior guard LaDonna Larry received the inbound pass, dribbled the length of the court, and made a layup with 2.8 seconds left, clinching a 82-60 victory for UCF.

Freshman Diana Hill led the Golden Knights with 14 points and 12 rebounds, becoming a team-high 19 times, and earning a spot on the TAAC’s All-Freshman Team, while senior LaToya Graham led the conference’s top foul shooter, making 28 of 38 free throws in the game.

Graham, Paige Earn All-TAAC Honors

Junior forward LaToya Graham and freshman forward Erin Paige were recently rewarded for their breakout seasons by being named to the 1999-2000 All-TAAC Team.

Graham, who made the All-TAAC third team, led UCF in scoring, averaging 12.9 points a game, and finished second on the team in field goal percentage (.481) and rebounding (6.1). She reached double figures in scoring a team-high 19 times, and scored a career-high 26 points in the Golden Knight’s second regular season meeting with Campbell. It was the highest scoring performance by a UCF player this year.

Paige was named to the TAAC’s All-Freshman Team, leading UCF with 2.79 offensive rebounds per game. Her .518 field goal percentage ranked her first on the team, second among TAAC freshmen and sixth in the conference. She finished third on the team and among TAAC freshmen with 5.6 rebounds a game, and averaged nearly 10 points per contest.
UCF EXTENDS WIN STREAK TO EIGHT

The UCF baseball team started and ended Spring Break the same way to move its current winning streak to eight games following three-game sweeps at home of Samford and Cornell. The sweep of Samford has UCF (19-8, 3-0 TAAC) tied atop the Trans America Athletic Conference standings.

"We were ripe and we were ready," Coach Jay Bergman said. "We played two tough weekends against LSU and Alabama, and I think those games are really starting to show up. That's given us some poise and some confidence about how to get on top of people and stay on top."

Starting pitching and offensive production were the story of the two series as all six starting pitchers earned the victory in their respective games. The lineup also provided 68 runs and nine home runs for the pitching staff to work with.

Dustin Brisson was the leader of the offense while he set a school record with a 22-game hitting streak that ended in the series finale against Cornell. However, he has still reached base in all 27 games this year, drawing walks in the two games that he has been held hitless.

Justin Pope and Casey Kennedy made sure that UCF got off to a quick start against Samford (7-9, 0-3). The right-handed starting combination threw back-to-back complete games and reestablished that the Golden Knights rotation could potentially carry it through conference play.

"In my mind, there's no ace (pitcher) on this team," Pope said. "Anytime one of us goes out there we have a chance to throw a complete game."

David Rankin assured the sweep in the finale as he allowed only two hits through five innings during an easy 19-0 victory. The bullpen got plenty of work in relief of Rankin as they did in the series against Cornell.

While the pitching staff held both opponents at bay, the lineup pounded out 77 hits and many people broke out of slumps, including Jeremy Frost and Matt Bowser.

Frost carried UCF to a double-header sweep of Cornell on Sunday. He went 4-for-4 with two home runs and nine RBIs during the 9-5 and 13-2 victories, while Bowser hit his first home runs since Feb. 20 and had nine hits and 10 RBIs during the six-game stretch.

Catcher Pete Gavillan has been a key contributor behind the plate, taking over for last year's starter Brent Spooner, who left the Knights for the professional ranks.

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"If you hit one ball good, then you immediately have confidence in yourself," Frost said. "Everything definitely follows that one good at-bat, and everything falls into place after that.

Justin Pope had the most dominant pitching performance on Saturday, as UCF beat Cornell 8-1 in the series-opener. He allowed the Big Red no runs on four hits in his first start of the season in the No. 1 role.

After dismissing Cornell in its final non-conference weekend series, UCF is geared up for its TAAC schedule to resume with eight consecutive series against conference opponents. Georgia State is UCF's first bump in the road that must be overcome on its way back to TAAC dominance.

"Now everyone around the TAAC knows that we're sitting atop the leader board and hopefully we won't move all year," Rankin said. "This series put Samford down, so hopefully that will be just another team that we don't have to worry about in the end."

MISSING IN ACTION

Senior pitcher Casey Kennedy missed his first start of the year against Cornell with tendinitis in his throwing elbow. Kennedy's last start was a complete game 10-6 victory in the series opener against Samford. However, he scattered 11 hits and six runs to earn the win.

Kennedy missed only one start last year at Virginia due to a minor shoulder injury. He has struggled in his last four starts, allowing at least six runs and 10 hits in three of those starts. Nevertheless, UCF is still 6-0 when Kennedy has started a game.

RARE START

Despite winning four conference championships in the previous seven years, UCF's three-game sweep of Samford to begin TAAC play was only the second time in that seven-year stretch that the Golden Knights accomplished that feat. The only other time UCF started the TAAC schedule 3-0 was following a sweep of Florida Atlantic in 1998. UCF has only been swept once by Stetson to begin the 1996 schedule.

FINAL PREPARATION

UCF plays its final non-conference opponent from outside the state of Florida Wednesday when Lehigh visit Tinker Field at 7 p.m. Lehigh has played one game in Orlando each year since 1996 but has provided little challenge for the Golden Knights. UCF leads the all-time series 4-0 and has outscored the Mountain Hawks 42-13 in the series.

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UCF's eight-game winning streak ties the longest streak since it won eight in a row from March 13-26, 1999. Ironically, both streaks began with two wins against Siena. UCF improved to 8-1 all-time against Cornell and 10-1 against Samford. UCF improved to 4-3 in TAAC season openers, and 3-1 at home in openers. Jason Graham's home run in the finale against Samford was the first of his UCF career. He had hit one previous collegiate home run while at Kentucky last year. Brian Steenson drove in his first collegiate run with a single in the seventh inning against Cornell on Sunday. UCF is currently 15-3 at home this year.

Travis Bell
Women's soccer nets sterling class

Local high school talent Amanda Sidor (Ormond Beach/Seabreeze HS) and Lauren DeBellas (Lake Mary/Lake Mary HS) along with Georgia State ODP member Lindsay Mair (Adauna/Chattahoochee HS) have signed national letters of intent to play soccer for the University of Central Florida, joining three elite seniors who committed to UCF in February.

"All the women coming in have amazing skills," said head coach Amanda Cromwell. "Sidor has great speed and left-foot serving capabilities, DeBellas has an excellent defensive mentality and a great work rate and Mair has a nose for scoring and is versatile at midfield and up top."

Sidor, a 5'9" midfielder from Ormond Beach, tallied 31 goals and 16 assists in her senior year with Seabreeze high school, taking them to this year's Florida High School Div. II State Cup Final Four. Also heavily recruited by the University of Florida, Sidor took Target Tournament MVP honors and was named the Orlando Sentinel Player of the Week during her senior campaign.

Sidor spent her first three years with Seabreeze as a defender, earning three all-County, three all-Area, and three all-Conference selections. Her career could have been over after tearing an anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee her freshman year, but Sidor fully recovered, taking all-State honors and the Coaches Award for Outstanding Performance at the end of her junior year.

DeBellas, a 5'9" defender out of Lake Mary, is a two-time ODP district and regional pool member and twice made her way to the state ODP trials. Yet another member of the Kumba Dynasty (five current Golden Knights of the Kumba dynasty (five current Golden Knights)

helped her team post 40 wins over the past three seasons. A natural leader, Mair's team voted her captain for the upcoming season, having finished her junior year with 11 goals and 13 assists and performing well enough in the classroom to receive the Scholar Athlete award.

"The whole class is very talented and capable of contributing to the team right away," Cromwell said. "I really enjoyed recruiting them because they are not only great players, but great people. They will have no problems fitting into the team chemistry."

Patty MacDowell, a 5-6 defender/midfielder from Maitland, Andrea Clarkson, a 5-9 forward/midfielder out of Titusville, and Courtney Haarhuys, a 5-6 midfielder from Tacoma, WA, all previously signed national letters of intent to play for the Golden Knights. The three will be primed to fill positions left vacant by the graduation of three-time All-TAAC defender Margrette Auffant, two-time All-TAAC Tournament midfielder Wendy Wilsey, team captain Alison Thomas, and four-year starting midfielder Monica Holschauer.

"There is a lot of great potential among the three and given that we had three freshmen start this year, it would not be out of the question for any of these recruits to see some start time next season," said Cromwell.

MacDowell was the defensive MVP for the 1998-99 Lake Howell Silver Hawks, a team ranked first in the Narrows league and first-team All-Area selection.

MacDowell was a member of the F.C. Kumba with five current UCF players, including All-TAAC selections Jackie VanLooven (Lake Mary/Lake Mary HS) and Brooke Asby (Oviedo/Oviedo HS). MacDowell helped carry Kumba to three Florida State Cup Final Four appearances, winning the championship in 1994 and taking runner-up honors in 1995.

An ODP (Olympic Development) state finalist every year since 1994, MacDowell was named to the NF Elite Camp All-Star team in 1998. She was the District championship in the Triple Jump and the 4 x 100-Meter medley as a member of the 1998 Lake Howell track and field team.

Clarkson scored 76 goals and 44 assists in her first three years with the Astronaut high school War Eagles. She helped her team to three District championship titles, three Regional championship appearances, and a berth in the Florida State Cup Final Four in 1997. In 1997 she was the only freshman selected to the All-Space Coast team, repeating the selection in 1998 and 1999.

A two-time All Cape Coast Conference honoree, Clarkson was voted to the All-State team last year. Also a member of her high school track and field team, Clarkson won the 800-Meter at the 1997 regionals and helped her 4 x 800-Meter relay team to three regional titles.

A three year ODP regional team selection, Clarkson took her club team, the Brevard Premier, to seven State Cup tournaments. She captained the runner-up squad in 1994 and the finalist squad in 1999.

Haarhuys comes from one of the most respected club teams in the nation, the Seattle, WA, P.C. Royals. The Royals, featured in the January 31, 2000 edition of Soccer America, have won the Washington State Cup Five out of the past six years and are in the tournament again this year.

Haarhuys was the 1999 Offensive MVP for the Stadium high school soccer team. She was a first-team All-Narrows league and first-team All-Area selection in 1999.
UCF women hire
goalkeeper coach

SPECIAL TO THE FUTURE

University of Central Florida women's soccer coach Amanda Cromwell has expanded her championship staff with the hiring of full-time goalkeeper coach, Donna Fishter. Fishter brings a combined four years of amateur-league playing experiences, four years of collegiate play and five years of coaching to her post with the Golden Knights.

"Donna brings many qualities to the team," Cromwell said. "She is knowledgeable and enthusiastic and has a lot of insight and ideas to offer. She is not only giving advice on the field, but she has accepted responsibility to help with fundraising and mental fitness." Fishter, a 28-year-old Annapolis, Md. native, spent the summer of 1999 playing with the Tampa Bay Extreme women's amateur league team, the summer of 1998 with the Orlando Ladyhawks, the summer of 1997 with the Indianna Blaze and the spring of 1996 with the Cleveland Eclipse. A member of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Fishter spent 1999 as the head coach of the Trinity Prep School women's soccer team and 1998 as an assistant coach at Edgewater high school. She also headed teams under the Volusia Sports soccer club from 1998-99 and still coaches the Winter Springs and Central Florida United club teams.

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Spring Football Notebook

Spring Game Brings Surprises, Expectations

While most UCF students were on their way home or to the beach on the Saturday before Spring Break, the Golden Knight football team took the field at the Citrus Bowl for the annual Black and Gold spring football game. And unlike last year, when defense produced the contest’s only points, the offense did manage to score this time around.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Ryan Schneider, working with first team receivers Kenny Clark and Tyson Hinsaw, completed 23 of 32 passes for 329 yards and three TDs to lead the Black squad to a 28-7 victory over the Gold.

“Defensively we just had a really good plan in place,” he said. “This spring, we worked on the area of consistency and they really came along. I think we’re further along in terms of where we were last year.”

And while it was only a scrimmage, the Black and Gold game gave the small crowd that showed up a good show, and temporarily filled the appetite of Golden Knight fans who are waiting for the kickoff of the 2000 season.

Fryzel Stands Out

Sophomore wide receiver Jimmy Fryzel didn’t get a chance to contribute much last season, but that will almost certainly change this year. Fryzel led the Gold team with seven catches for 81 yards, including making an incredible one-handed grab while falling out of bounds near midfield in the third quarter.

“I didn’t think (Vic Penn) was going to throw it to me,” Fryzel said. “I had a guy under me and a guy behind me and he let the ball go, so I just went up and tried to get to the highest point with one hand and it stuck and I just pulled it down.”

Following last season, Fryzel dedicated himself to improving all aspects of his game. Not only did he spend a lot of time in the weight room, where he can now bench press 360 pounds, but he focused on mastering the playbook.

“I felt more confident because I have a year under me,” Fryzel said. “Last year, a lot of times when I got out on the field, I had to think too much about what my assignments were. This year I got to concentrate more on how to do them and technique wise I felt more comfortable.”

“I needed that year just to get all the plays under my belt. I’m happy because if I wouldn’t have played last year, I don’t think I would have known the plays right now.”

And in the Black and Gold game, Fryzel made it obvious that he knew the plays, and will look to make many more of them on the field in the fall.

Fryzel has played last year’s game.

Kruczek a (Not So) Innocent

Though the offense provided plenty of highlights, the defense did not go without gaining attention. Gold linebacker Tony Hardman led everybody with 10 tackles, while Senior safety Damien Demps had five tackles, two pass deflections, and one interception for the Black squad.

“We came out here with good excitement throughout the whole game,” he said. “Besides one big play, we basically owned the game.”

Defensive Coordinator Gend Chizik was encouraged by his unit, even more so than after last year’s game.

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The Gold team scored first when No. 1 quarterback Vic Penn connected with walk-on wide receiver Jimmy Johnson on a simple out pattern that Johnson turned into a 68-yard TD with 3:59 remaining in the first quarter. Penn completed 21 of 37 passes on day for 257 yards, one touchdown and one interception. Johnson finished with three catches for 88 yards.

The Black squad responded in a big way, however, scoring on their next four drives. Schneider connected with Hinsaw on a 34-yard TD pass before halftime, and once more for a 20-yard TD pass in the fourth quarter. Hinsaw finished the game with 13 receptions for 197 yards. Eddie Mack scored the first touchdown of the second half on a 10-yard run, and Schneider hit Kenny Clark seven minutes later for another touchdown. Mack carried the ball 15 times for 40 yards while Omar Howard gained 42 yards on eight carries. Clark caught six balls for 111 yards.

Despite coming out on the losing end, Penn said the game was really just about having some fun.

“They did a lot of good things and we did a lot of good things,” Penn said. “We moved the ball and made some plays but it’s kind of winding down here with the spring game and it’s just for fun. We won’t really take this game very seriously. It’s more for the fans.

“We’ve had a lot of scrimmages throughout spring and this was more of a fun type of day to come out and play college football in the Citrus Bowl and have fun. I think everybody pretty much had a lot of fun.”

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Defensive intensity in mid-season form

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SPORTS EDITOR

With time running out in Saturday’s spring game, Gold team quarterback Vic Penn hooked up with freshman Derek Ponder for a large gain to move the ball inside the Black’s 5-yard line. One play later, Damian Demps picked off UCF’s starting quarterback and a wild celebration ensued.

No, Demps’ pick didn’t salvage a Black team victory. It just kept the final margin at 28-7. The bottom line was that the defense didn’t want to be scored on.

“Great job, defense,” shouted linebackers coach Billy D’Ottavio from the Black sidelines. “Now let’s go out there and run out that clock.”

Meet the 2000 UCF defense. They’re young, improving and, most important, overflowing with attitude.

“We were hyped for this. To get out there and really hit and play,” Demps said. “We knew we had good players on both sides of the ball. Both teams wanted to bring it all, which brought out the best on both sides.

“But this defense, we’re on the verge. We have to show up and be consistent every time. We know the talent is there, but we want to have the mentality that no one is scoring. We have to show up all the time.”

The defense showed up for most of the day, dominating the scrimmage with the exception of big plays that allowed the offense to get on the scoreboard. Long touchdown receptions by Tyson Hinshaw, who had two, Kenny Clark, and Jimmy Johnson, as well as a 10-yard TD run by Edward Mack accounted for all the scoring.

Other than that, the high-powered UCF offense was silenced.

“Absolutely, it was great competition,” said defensive coordinator Gene Chizik. “The guys got to run around and make hits. We’ve got a lot of young players who really going to be better. Players like Asante Samuel, Elton Patterson, Edward Mack (23) was the only UCF running back to find the end zone in the Black and Gold game, which served as a showcase for a young, energetic defense.

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Schneider leads Black over Gold, 28-7

OFFENSE is that he's not afraid to tell them what to do, and they respect him because he's not afraid to take a lick," Cox said. "When we defensive linemen say that Schneider's in the game, we're saying that he's going to take one step to try and miss you, and if he doesn't miss you he's going to stand there and get the hell knocked out of him. He brings a little bit of toughness to the offense."

Clark says Schneider's toughness reminds him of a more famous blue-collar quarterback.

"Everybody loves to play with him because he's a Brett Favre-type quarterback," Clark said. "He's hard nosed. He's not going to let anybody, I mean anybody, talk chump to him and get away with it. He's going to make them hurt, one way or the other."

Despite his recent elevation in status, Schneider's backup job is never safe. Quarterbacks coach Darin Hinshaw says there are plenty of things he still needs to work on.

"He's a very fine quarterback," said Hinshaw, "but he's still a freshman and he makes mistakes in different areas and we've got to fine tune that. He's got to take it from here and he's got to get better next fall. We need him as a solid backup next year, and he could lose the job if he's not careful."

"He's got some problems with his work ethic that he's got to fix, and his footwork and different things like that, but he's done a real good job throwing the ball. He's got great touch and he's done a great job of being able to complete passes in certain situations."

Schneider moves forward with high expectations but with plenty of support, starting with the player he is backing up.

"I'm pleased to see Ryan Schneider go out there and have a great day today," Penn said. "He's worked hard and he's overcome a lot of adversity and he's done a great job stepping in and taking the No. 2 job."

"He's a typical hard-head. He sits there and he'll take a hit and he'll take a hit and it's not going to affect his game one bit. He makes throw after throw and he makes his reads and he did a great job out there today. I'm real impressed with Ryan Schneider."
Defense comes together in Spring drills

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Albert Snyder and Don Page had really good showing.

"This is the best the defense has looked at this stage of the year in my three years here. They have had a tremendous spring and are doing a great job."

Tony Hardman of the Gold led everyone in tackles with 10, while former walkon Chris Plinko led the Black with seven. Black linebacker Antoine Poe and Gold safety Snyder each had six.

Snyder shined throughout the scrimmage, breaking up a sure touchdown by getting back and batting a ball away from Jimmy Fryzel downfield, and recovering a fumble earlier.

"The move to safety has really helped," said Snyder, who played cornerback last year. "I'm the type of player that is going to do whatever I'm asked to, but I feel really comfortable there, because I'm a real physical player so it suits me well."

Physical play was the recurring theme of the day, as the defense forced five fumbles with big hits. Page, Larry Brown, Thomas Andrews and Brandon Greenlee, all of whom are redshirt freshmen, recovered fumbles. The younger players have brought an infusion of physicality that is helping the unit come together.

"We've started to bond and come together," Snyder said. "Whether it's in the weight room or on the field, we're doing things together. If we've like this now, by the time Georgia Tech comes along (for UCF's 2000 opener) we'll be in synch."

UCF's defense will look to get stronger and become more familiar with schemes through film study, as the mid-March end to spring practice gives the team almost five months of uninterrupted time in the weight room and classroom.

"They are taking great pride in what they do and it's certainly showing," D'Ottavio said. "Improving and stopping the offense has been the driving force with what I've seen from them."

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Schneider stands out in spring game

Redshirt freshman Ryan Schneider made the most of his opportunities this spring and has emerged as the front-runner to back up senior Vic Penn at quarterback.

Lounsberry leaves Knights for South Carolina

Tony Mejia
SPORTS EDITOR

UCF's offensive coordinator/offensive line coach Paul Lounsberry, a mainstay with the staff the past 13 seasons, resigned last week to take a job on Lou Holtz's staff at the University of South Carolina. He will be one of two offensive line coaches for the Gamecocks and returns to the SEC, having served at the University of Florida from 1985-87 before coming to UCF.

"First of all, financially it's a move I have to do to protect my family and do what's best for them," Lounsberry said. "Professionally, it's a great opportunity to go to a Southeastern Conference school and work for a legend like Coach Lou Holtz and also to maybe turn around a program that's down that I think can be a great program and compete for the SEC championship and the national title. All of those things are very enticing.

"I struggled with it really hard. I have a lot of friends here, being here 14 years. Mike Kruczek, is like a brother and all these guys on the staff here are great and all the people at UCF and all the people around Orlando who I've built friendships with. I'm going to miss them tremendously, I really do have mixed emotions but it's something I feel I have to do for my family and for myself professionally and I'm excited about South Carolina too."

Lounsberry personally recruited Dannie Culpepper and helped bring him to UCF, and was promoted to offensive coordinator last year, although Coach Mike Kruczek still called all the plays.

He has been a key figure in UCF's ascension as a Division I-A program.

"Building UCF to a I-A program and being successful at the I-A level, that's a strong legacy," Lounsberry said. "And of course recruiting Dannie is probably the single thing I feel really good about. But there's a lot of good things."

Kruczek expects to have a new offensive line coach hired as quick as possible.

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UCF aims to continue winning streak on the road

Travis Bell
STAFF WRITER

The true test of a team's character is defined by how well it can play on the road, especially in conference play. UCF gets an opportunity to prove itself this weekend with a three-game series at Georgia State.

After rolling through its opening conference series at home against Samford and dismissing Cornell in a non-conference three-game set, UCF faces the biggest surprise of the Trans America Athletic Conference. The Panthers, who were predicted to finish seventh in the preseason coaches' poll, have jumped out to an unexpected 15-9 start.

"I think that's the difference (is winning on the road)," Bergman said. "If you can go on the road and get two out of three or get a sweep then you have a chance to be the top team in the conference."

More importantly for USU is that they are 10-1 at home, and they have established that they can defend their home court.

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David Marsters
STAFF WRITER

While much has been made about the leadership of Vic Penn and the raw talent of Brian Miller, another UCF quarterback quietly became the story of the spring.

Redshirt freshman Ryan Schneider, who spent last season on the scout team, has emerged as the team's backup quarterback and proved he deserved the spot with a breakout performance in Saturday's Black and Gold game.

Schneider, benefitting from being able to throw to first-team wide receivers Kenny Clark and Tyson Hirshower, led the Black team to a 28-7 victory, completing 23 of 32 passes for 329 yards, three TDs and one interception.

"I told everybody the biggest surprise of spring was Ryan Schneider," Coach Mike Kruczek said. "You saw how he was able to come out here and do a pretty good job executing for really being his first time running things at the varsity level."

"Last year he was a scout team guy and never had any exposure to our offense and learned it pretty quick and was able to transfer it from the classroom to the field. He's done this all spring."

Although this is the first time he has received this much attention as a Golden Knight, Schneider did not come to UCF without well-known credentials. He won 37 games as a quarterback at Plantation High and was named Class 6A Player of the Year as a senior. He was initially recruited by a number of colleges, including Auburn, but most lost interest after saying he lacked the mobility needed to play I-A football.

Defensive tackles coach Andy Cox, who recruit the southeast region of Florida, was pleasantly surprised to find out other schools didn't want Schneider.

"Last time I checked, you don't need him to run if he can get it there throwing it," said Cox. "He's not pretty, he doesn't do a lot of fancy stuff. He just knows how to play football and win.

Entering this spring, Miller was seen as the person most likely to fill the void created by Kelvin Robinson transferred after last season. But while Miller has been inconsistent, Schneider has made the most of his opportunities.

"I just want to compete and try hard every day, I always felt like I could play, if I could just get my chance. I got my chance and I've performed. I've proved to myself that I'm good enough to play Division I football."

QB, Ryan Schneider

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