Many students were impressed, some were moved, but no one was left unaffected, especially UCF English professor, Martha Marinara. Marinara was one of the first to sign her composition/womens studies line class to view Frank Cordell's CENTURY project exhibit, a chronological series of nude women photographed from birth till the age of 100 focusing on issues regarding body image, violence against women and aging.

Because a primary topic discussed in her class earlier in the semester had dealt with body image issues such as anorexia and bulimia, Marinara believed the exhibit would provide her students with an interesting focus for their response papers, as well as addressing the issue regarding the lines between art and pornography.

"I was much older before I CENTURY, Page 3"

Program to promote minority role models

DARY ELENA RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

The University of Central Florida recently received a grant of $600,000 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 Exceptionality 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 fully certified minority teachers to serve as role models of knowledge and success as well as images of respect and inspiration.

"There is a critical need for special education teachers," said Dr. Kevin Miller, project coordinator. "The grant is a direct response to the community."

The VE Project, proposed by the Department of Human Services and Wellness at the Department of Exceptional Child and Exceptional Education, is designed to train educators from diverse backgrounds to work with varying exceptionalities. Students in the program will gain skills and knowledge in understanding, teaching and assessing students through fieldwork and coursework. High poverty areas and exceptional student schools are expected to benefit from this project.

To receive the grant, UCF was required to submit a proposal as to the workings of the project, which was reviewed by a panel and accepted.

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Election 2000
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"Experience the Experienced"
Katie Gilbert, Andy Cupicha, and Eddie Ruiz

"New Leaders for a New Era"
Christine Kurle, Dennis Sprinkle, and Marco Pena

"These Kids Don't Stand a Chance"
Patrick Doogan, John Deeb, and Karen Breneman

CENTURY Project Impacts UCF

KRISTA ZILIZI
STAFF WRITER

A Knight of laughs
Comedian Damon Wayans entertains students during the Week of Knights which included a movie night, a music night, and a luau.

--for more see Entertainment

CENTURY, Page 3
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 through 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 huge week long event with a variety of activities each night.

The Career Resource Center has hosted a part time job fair. The event will take place at the UCF Arena. For additional information you can contact the Career Resource Center at (407) 823-3100.

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 shows 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) 823-4680.

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. Completion of the pond is expected to happen 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 shows 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) 823-4680.

VE Project receives nod of approval from panel

“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 minimal 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 Marianne.

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.

When he was sent from a room to change her baby girl’s diaper, Cordelle still hopes to photograph them. He receives all photographs for a limited time until he has enough photographs to publish a book. Because the majority of Cordelle’s subjects are Caucasian women, Cordelle is now seeking out subjects of Asian, African American and Native American races in hopes of diversifying the CENTURY project.

"When I’m finally done, I will miss it," said Cordelle. "This has been the most important thing I’ve ever done."

School set to be first satellite campus

FROM PAGE 1

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.

If we have a situation where a class needs to see how a front desk works, we have it right there," said Pizam.

The program will be ready in July of 2000, and the school will move into its new home whenever the building is completed. The school is still in the process of searching for a dean. "Hopefully in a few years, we can have a Masters or even a doctorate program. When you are autonomous, you can do that," said Pizam.

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O-Team Decisions made final for 2000

**Krisita Ziliizi**  
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-Teamers main tasks are to provide information regarding UCF academics, policies, campus services and activities, and building locations. In addition, O-Teamers help new students select appropriate schedules and conduct well-organized group discussions where students and parents can ask questions about University organizations, policies and procedures.

This year 36 students have been selected to carry on UCFs Orientation Program spirit: Daniela Arguelles, Lindsay Baach, Brian Bartles, Kristen Brodmerkel, Shawn Cimock, Jessica Cordola, John Crawford, Katherine Domalavage, Bethany Donato, Roy Ender, Tom Hilton, Matt Hinton, Nathan Hunsucker, Erica Hartzog, Kristin Harvey, Joe Hutton, Matt Hutton, Nathan Holle, Mike Hunsucker, Erica Lonergan, Joe Maclellan, Lori McDonald, Jaclyn Melton, Megan Miller, Kristen Murphy, Mike Reynolds, Brittany Rideout, Sam Spelsburg, George Steinbarger, Adrian Summers, Kelly Tamoney, Hope Wehrle, and P.J. Weiss.

Final decisions were announced in the late evening hours on March 1 when new O-Team members were notified of their acceptance with toilet paper draped from their cars and glitter and ribbon showering their front doors.

“I didn’t want to come home that night because I was so sure I hadn’t been picked,” said new O-Teamer Hope Wehrle. “When I walked upstairs, it looked like an Easter basket had exploded on my front door.”

Sixty-seven sophomore and junior applicants completed a four week long selection process that included application, resume, essay questions, individual and group interviews. The O-Team selection committee consists of a staff of faculty and students. O-Team closely works with, base their selection criteria on interviews, letters of recommendation, and even call references to help eliminate the overabundant number of qualified applicants they receive each year. Heavy consideration is also based on campus involvement and leadership roles, as well as the newly raised 2.5 minimum GPA requirements.

Premature O-team training begins in April at an organized retreat that will teach basics in teamwork, communication skills and group activities. Official training will begin in May five days a week and will last until freshman orientations sessions begin in late June. A total of sixteen-two day sessions will take place throughout the summer 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 on-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 Doornbosch is this year’s only returning O-team member, and newly chosen program assistant. As Student orientation Program assistant, Doornbosch instituted 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 Doornbosch. “We want people who are doing orientation for the right reasons. We want people dedicated, motivated, enthusiastic, who show their love for UCF.”

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Andrew Cupicha (President):
Senior, Major: Liberal Studies
*Southeastern Interfraternity Conference President, 1st in UCF history
*Founder and Past Director of Halloween Knights
*Student Body President/Vice President 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.
"Student Government officers are elected to serve the students. This principle is the genesis of our ticket. Serving the students isn't limited to allocating money," Gilbert said.

Each candidate on this ticket believes hearing students and having them represented are a vital part of Student Government.
"First and foremost the SB needs to be available for students to express concerns. This includes but is not limited to, open office hours and a proactive approach when dealing with student needs," Cupicha said.

"We have 50 senators whose primary job is to represent the students needs and concerns. Senators should be going to their clubs and organizations, not the other way around," Gilbert said.

CnRG believes their experiences, diversity, creativity, and most importantly, our desire to serve the students sets us apart from the others.
"CnRG is a nucleus of those experienced, dedicated and selfless student leaders who have united because of one common truth: people need one another. Synergy (CnRG) is the combined action of different agents or organs, producing a greater effect than the sum of the various individual actions. Since we all, in one way or another, affect each other, lets make our experiences fruitful. CnRG has been 'Knighted'. We own that to all of you. We can't promise the world, but we can promise we'll change your attitude about Student Government," Cupicha, Ruiz and Gilbert stated.
Dennis Sprengle, 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," Sprengle 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 visibility 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 premiere 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," Sprengle said. Making sure students get heard and have representation in decisions that affect 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," Sprengle said.

Sprengle, Kurle and Pena all agree that their vision is 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 Sprengle 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 are our most important," Sprengle 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.

"My goal is to bring integrity and commitment back into Student Government because the students need leaders who will put their heart and soul into making UCF the school of the present and the future," Pena said.

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

SHELLEY 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 BRENEMAN
(Executive Vice President)
Junior, Major:
Drawing/Printmaking
*Produced short film, "Backyard"

Deeb, Dougan, and Breneman said they want to open the office doors and give the regular student a reason to come in and get involved.

Other SG Presidential ticket consisting of (President) Tayo Akinreron, (Executive Vice President) Lionel Nimmo, and (Student Body Vice President) Temitayo Akinreron could not be contacted by press time.

The ticket of Deeb, Dougan, and Breneman ultimately wants change that they say is desperately needed and hopes through their unique ideas that the change will be a positive one for the students.

"We feel that this ticket represents a much-needed wind of change in the ranks of Student Government and we are ready to extend this independent platform into the most influential positions of the executive branch to implement change from within," Deeb said.

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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.

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Student receives editing internship

TAYLOR CLARK

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 small publication, U. Mag, 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."

All Miller (center) hands out information to students about organ and tissue donation at the "Get Carded" Fair on March 8.

Creating awareness can save lives

SHELLEY WILSON

Volunteer UCF's "Get Carded" program has special meaning to Student Director, 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 shows honor for 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."
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Americans overweight compared to world

Joshua Murdock
STAFF WRITER

Are we becoming pigs or just victims to society's cruel but delicious fast food craze? In the year 2000, not only is the world population growing but the world waistlines are too.

For the first time in history, it has been reported that the number of the underfed equals the number of overweight. I don't think that means all the people overweight are stealing the food that could be eaten. It means all the people overweight are stealing the food that could be eating the ideal bodies of the super-fit, super-thin and super-sexy superstars.

Just the opposite countries such as China, India and Brazil have been reported that the number of the underfed equals the number of overweight. How did this happen to those that are overweight? Did you think of what is the perfect body? Did you think of who was fat and didn't look like a television star that looks over so easy in those skin tight pants?

Other countries are having overweight problems too. 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 those poor eating habits. It's 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 overweight and underweight have the same problems, such as sickness, disabilities, shortened life expectancy and lower productivity levels. The television stars that look over so easy in those skin tight pants 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 rible and onions.

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

Brett Wingeier
THE BULLARDOO
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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 curls and pierced tongue.

I'd better take my turn now and write about ostracization, 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 horn-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 all also 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, remain in every family, 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 various sizzling 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 mobs, and fathers like Malachi 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 the Mambino? Of course you do. It's still a focus for national hand-wringing, along with the several shoot-ins which followed. But there was an interesting subtlety that appeared soon after the initial shock, played out beneath the outraged calls for more metal detectors and censorship of "The Matrix."

A few commentators dared to suggest that we should examine the social structure of the American high school, and were crucified for their pains by the censorship hordes. How much does censorship and family values matter? It's a valid point, though.

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 been in -- and I wasn't exactly one of the cool kids. It takes a steely, icy hearted dissenter to watch a small-town hometowning of paradise without feeling a rosy 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 learn the incredible capacity for innocent cruelty. They also have a need to classify, to categorize, to divide, as a first step toward understanding the world.

The unlucky 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, ok, and before finish there's one more way to react to the cliquishness and prejudice. You become better at it. You can count one more inch of moral high ground for every snub. You can hate and Sealy wool in peels of every social group you see. Why buy into society at all, when it's so flawed?

Perhaps you write new papers or columns. Perhaps you tune out entirely. Perhaps you gather with others who share your pain and your nihilism.
Parents need to shoulder more responsibility for society's ills

KELLI POINTER
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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 read his 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 grieving on the front page that I could understand the strength this novel possessed.

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STAFF WRITER

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 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 FTP’s feeling that in order to be taken seriously people should vote, in order to be taken seriously people should vote.

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.

The Future Tribe Project is a non-profit organization that enjoys spreading the message of P.L.U.R.R. They pass along the Peace, Love, Unity, Respect, and Responsibilities in many ways.

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, and 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.ftpcfl.cjb.net or email futuretribe@bellsouth.net.

Orlando turns a little Irish on St. Patrick’s

Patty Canedo
STAFF WRITER

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 has this man has been known for is that when he got to Ireland he was greeted by a chief that a priest who tried to kill him but Patrick converted the chief and 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 104.1’s Monster’s of the Midday 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.

High on lots of fun: The new Rave scene promotes drug-free parties, safer venues and the same drum ‘n bass beats.
The Campus Activities Board presented UCF with a week full 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 the 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.
Jennifer Knapp, Third Day play sold out Hob

Patty Canedo
Staff Writer

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 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. In 1996 they received a Billboard Video Award for “Best Contemporary Christian New Artist Video” for “Consuming Fire”, more recently Billboard has named to be “one of the best rock bands period.”

Third Day’s album is full of great tracks that get you in touch with your own faith. This sense that Christians hope Christ will return soon but also a sense that it is time for Christians to be bold about their faith. It’s a message that Third Day has kept this true to form by contributing time to other organizations such as children’s mercy “give-backs” and Jennifer Knapp’s new album which has earned them several awards.

Jennifer Knapp’s debut album, Lay it Down (1999), demonstrated Jennifer Knapp’s beautiful, soulful voice and her ability to write wonderful music. This album has good music and a good message.

Both, Third Day and Jennifer Knapp played to a sold out crowd at the House of Blues on March 12, performing their wonderful hits filled with positives messages. You can find more out about each group at their websites, www.third-day.com or www.jenniferknapp.com.

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In March, Prescription

LEAD STORIES

— Welsh artist Donald Jackson began work in March on a hand-lettered, 1,150-page Bible, whose specially 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 technologyspectrum, 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 neatly printing the entire text of the Bible onto 1,700 pages in 14-ounce-leaf notebooks, with direct quotes of Jesus in red ink.

— Prescription drugs suitable for both humans and animals carry distinct 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-inflammation drug for dogs, is about one-fifth the price when intended for dogs. Generic 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, “Homocide 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 he spent ordering books). And at the same time, Maryland’s lawsuit settlement with the tobacco companies brought a $43 million windfall for the two law firms chosen by the governor to represent the state (about $1,300 an hour he spent ordering books).

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Taschen debuted a 480-page, 70-pound “coffee-table” book by renowned photographer Helen Newman that is only available in its own coffee table, designed by Philippe Starck, for about $1,700.

— In March, the venerable San Francisco Art Institute disciplined student Jonathan Yegge, 14, for his final performance-art piece, which he said “explores Hegel’s master-slave dialectic” and Kant’s theories on freedom of thought and action. However, what 20 observers described as two hours of silence, a blankfolded volunteer engaging in oral sex, then Yegge administering an enema, then the two men exchanging excreta. Complained Yegge, “They say you can do whatever you want in art, but can you justify it artistically. It was given no chance to do that (before being disciplined).

Parenting Licenses Reckoned

In February, Dawn Marie Sprinkle, 29, was ordered by a judge in Helena, Mont., not to get pregnant for the next 10 years; she had failed several drug tests after her conviction for giving birth to a girl with phenbutamines in her system. And in February, Kathy Loomey, 29, was ordered by a judge in Monroe, La., to choose between sterilization and 10 years in prison, following her conviction for the extension-of-cordings beaths of three of her eight children (all of whom she has now been denied custody).

Update

In June 1999, News of the Weird reported that Palestinian researcher (and 15-year-U.S. resi- dent) Mazen Al-Najjar had just completed his second year of federal incarcerations in Brasleton, Fla., having never been charged with a crime and never told of the “evidence” against him. In February 2000, the FBI’s General Counsel told a House immigration subcommittee that four other men were similarly incarcerated with no charge presented for presentable evidence or to cross-examine witnesses against them. These exceptions to fundamental American rights are apparently permitted under a 1996 anti-terrorism law even though the “terrorism” evidence is known only to a few people in the U.S. government.

Thinning the Herd

A 24-year-old man accidently shot himself to death in London, Ohio, in February while doing a scene with two women in a video. In other horse play tragedies; a 22-year-old man fell to his death after sliding backward down a banister at America West Arena during the Phoenix Suns basketball game on Dec. 20, and a 26-year-old stand up amateur wrestler fell to his death from a Las Vegas light pole he had climbed in order to celebrate New Year’s Eve better.

Also, in the Last Month...

A land developer filed a lawsuit against a former city councilman for the return of the $250,000 bribe he paid (and for which both had gone to prison) (Kansas City, Mo.,). A sixth-grader won a $1,500 judgment in small claims court against his school, which lost his 161 playing cards after confiscating them (Pittsburg, Calif.). Twenty-one mayors and more than 100 other offici- cials lost their jobs when a new provincial law in Newfoundland took effect, tossing out any office- holder who owes back taxes. A couple in Alabama that had been having a holiday baby resid- entially setting a major fire in their hotel (Hull, Quebec). Two teen-age boys fled police rather than stop for a minor equipment violation but were caught after all.

(See your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 18737, Tampa, Fla. 33679, or Weird@compuserve.com.)
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 stove top 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.

—Nancy

Dear Fantasy,

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.

—Nancy

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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 intone 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 a member of the million club with the commands more money per film than any woman in history (she plays Julia Roberts as a (pick one) hooker, jealous friend, movie star, etc.), Julia should be able to choose crowd-pleasing productions where she

Because of an early pregnancy and two poor choices for husbands, Erin has neither the money nor the emotional scenes or any other number of crowd-pleasing moments because of the story and Erin’s personality, not to mention constant viewing of Julia Roberts’ chauvinage.

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 will always rise above even 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 the classical 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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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 M-1 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 Trust It.” “Free” is brain food with banging beats. Their revolutionary and black empowerment themes are prevalent throughout.

On “African” they drop lyrics proclaiming their allegiance to the motherland over a bounce beat similar to much of Juvenile’s production. “They Schools” is a scathing editorial on the state of African Americans in the U.S. school system.

“Hip-Hop” finds the duo burning the “gotta-get-mine” mentality so prevalent in hip-hop nowadays, dropping jewels such as, “Would you rather have a Lexus, or justice? A dream or some substance? A Beemer, or necklace or freedom?”

The duo continues dropping their rhetoric throughout the LP. On “Police State” the boys in blue take a beating with lyrics reminiscent of N.W.A’s classic “F *** The Police.” On “Enemy 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 of Fred Hampton, Jr., the son of the late Black Panther.

On “Mind Sex” the duo espouse on the joys of a healthy mental relationship with your partner.

On the Latin-flavored “Be Healthy,” Sticman and M-1 speak on the evils of eating dairy an meat and the importance of drinking eight glasses of water a day, all the while riding a tight Spanish guitar-driven track.

Dead Prez’s music would fit in seamlessly in the late 1980s/early 1990s guitar-driven track.

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 dismal failure 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.

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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 this road tour of three 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 0.60 ERA and has walked none in 14 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 28 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 finished out nearly eight times per game. UCF pitchers are averaging nearly one strikeout per inning (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

Travis Bell
Staff Writer

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.

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

Coach Jay Bergman is no stranger to this phenomenon because he lost seven underclassmen to the 1998 draft. So when Dustin Brisson was taken in the 24th round last year by the New York Mets, most everyone associated with UCF baseball thought he would be taking his shot at the pros.

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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 .388, he had no problem using the word commitment when he decided to return for his 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 make UCF’s return 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 (39-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 to close.

Brisson decided to come back thanks in large part to another senior’s advice. He doesn’t plan to seek out junior standout 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 definitely 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 argued 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 exactly 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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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."

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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 outside the state of Florida on 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.

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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 (Atlanta/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 have played for Kumba), DeBellas helped the club team to four state finals, including trips to the 1996 and 1999 Florida State Cup Final Four.

Her defense won Lake Mary High School two regional championships and two district runner-up titles. She also carried the Rams to two Div. VI-A Florida state finals, helping to capture the championship in 1998.

Mair, a 5'7" forward/midfielder with Atlanta's Stone Mountain soccer club, has been a member of the Georgia State ODP team and regional camp since 1995. Last year she was chosen to play for the ODP European tour in Italy and Germany and she will represent the team again this year in England.

A four-year starter at Chattahoochee high school, Mair has 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 Haarhues, a 5-6 midfielder from Tacoma, Wa., all previously signed national letters of intent to play for the Golden Knights.

The three will be of the Kumba dynasty (five current Golden Knights have played for Kumba), DeBellas helped the club team to four state finals, including trips to the 1996 and 1999 Florida State Cup Final Four.

She took her club team, the Brevard Premier, to seven State Cup appearances, 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 Revard Premier, to seven State Cup tournaments. She captained the runner-up squad in 1994 and the finalist squad in 1999.

Haarhues comes from one of the most respected club teams in the nation, the Seattle, Wa. F.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.

Haarhues was born in the Olympic Development Program in 1991. 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 in the UF Elite Camp All-Star team in 1998. She was the District champion 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.

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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 Springs soccer club from 1998-99 and still coaches the Winter Springs Central Florida United club teams.

Even though the Golden Knights posted 13 shut-outs in 23 games last season, tying them for 6th in the nation in shut-outs-per-game, Cromwell felt adding a goalkeeper coach was necessary for her team to continue to climb the ladder of success.

"Goalkeepers need individual attention," Cromwell said. "I can offer some insight, but it is hard to critique the goalkeepers when I don't have that experience. Donna has already done more to help them in one week than I could do in a month."

In addition to training at the SoccerPlus National Training Center, Fishter has played for numerous leagues including the Central Florida League, Indianapolis Indoor League, Diamond Cup Indianapolis Amateur League and the Anderson YMCA Indoor League.

Fishter was introduced to collegiate soccer as a member of the Anderson University (Div.3) women's soccer team from 1992-94. Her talents not limited to soccer, Fishter and her sister, Colleen, played on AU's softball team. Voted AU's Most Outstanding Female Athlete, Fishter joined the AU soccer coaching staff upon graduation with a BA degree in graphic design and communications.

Prior to her illustrious career with AU, Fishter defended the net for Riverside High School in Upper Marlboro, Md. A tremendous baseball enthusiast, Fishter said some of her fondest memories were attending Baltimore Orioles games at Memorial Stadium (the predecessor to Camden Yards).

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SPECIAL To THE Future

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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 Hinshaw, completed 23 of 32 passes for 329 yards and three TDs to lead the Black squad to a 28-7 victory over the Gold.

“The guys who stepped up for most of the spring were the guys who did it today,” Coach Mike Kruczek said. “I told everybody the biggest surprise of spring was Ryan Schneider and you saw how he was able to come out here and do a pretty good job executing for really being his first time running anything at the varsity level.”

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 walk-on tight end, Omari Howard, on a 34 yard TD pass in the third quarter. Schneider also threw two more touchdowns, giving him a big way, however, scoring on their next four drives. Schneider connected with walk-on tight end James Clark and Kenny Clark on eight carries. Clark caught seven balls for 111 yards.

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.

“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.

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UCF coach Mike Kruczek doesn't take sides during the Black and Gold game, opting to roam both sidelines during the annual scrimmage and let his assistant coaches take charge of the two teams. And while he didn't have a hand in the play calling for either side, he had plenty of things to say following the game.

One of his biggest concerns was the play of the offensive line, which will need to be at its best against big time opponents like Georgia Tech, Alabama, and Virginia Tech in the fall.

"Our skill guys are going to be good football players," Kruczek said. "I still have a question mark about our offensive line. We're going to have to revisit that. We're going to have to make sure that we get some things done in offseason conditioning on the field with technical things; come up with drills to keep their pad level down as they go through conditioning. We'll revisit that next week."

According to Kruczek, it is difficult to gauge how good or bad things went.

"I wanted to get out of this healthy with no injuries and see the effort that we really wanted going into this," he said. "It's tough to tell. I thought we had pretty good effort most of the way. When you dilute teams, when you break it up in the draft, the execution isn't nearly as sharp so it's a very difficult thing for people (fans) up there to say 'they're better than they were or weren't.'

"But we are a much better football team."

—DAVID MARSTERS

Defensive intensity in mid-season form

Tony Mejia
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

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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 don’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.”

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STUDENT UNION, SECOND FLOOR
Defense comes together in Spring drills

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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 up a sure touchdown by getting back and batting a ball away from Jimmy Fryzel downfield, and recovering a fumble earlier."

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UCF's defense will look to get stronger and become more familiar with schemes through film and 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 their attitude is great. I'm definitely pleased with what I've seen from them."

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.

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Golden Knights to fill coaching vacancy in a hurry

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A replacement will likely be named in the coming weeks, but Lounsberry's impact on the program will forever be felt.

"Paul is a close friend," Kruczek said. "We spent many qualities hours together, thousands of them really. He was a very dedicated guy in taking this program to the next level. He took a lot of pride in what he did. He did a great job in recruiting. I think the dates." Petrucci will forever be felt.

Former OL Coach, Paul Lounsberry

Paul Lounsberry was a critical part of UCF's growth into a 1-A program, serving as a key assistant for 13 seasons with the Golden Knights.
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.

Boston College moved to a 2-7 victory, completing 23 of 32 passes for 329 yards, three TDs and one interception.

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Kevlar and toughness are what have impressed Schneider's coaches and teammates the most. Schneider (6-2, 215) stands out in spring 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 tremendously, I really do. I've had 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 Daunte 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 Daunte 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.

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.

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