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Bush invasion
Gavin Rossdale, lead singer of the band Bush, performs at UCF for MTV's campus invasion.

SHELLEY WILSON
STAFF WRITER

The SG candidates for President and the Executive and Student Body Vice President answered questions and discussed their plans for UCF's future in an open debate held on campus March 24.

"Accountability, a sense of community and a UCF family is what is on this platform. I'm not going to promise you something that I can't get done. We're going to reach out to you instead of you reaching out to us," Tayo Akintefon, SG Presidential Candidate, said.

"There will be a public hearing and we have a mixed population area. Living off campus is considered to be a luxury to many students and Knights Crossing is a popular apartment complex for many. They currently house 2,530 students, making it the largest complex around the UCF area."

"I live in Chatham Landing and we have a mixed population of students and other residents. We don't have any problems of loud noise or parties here," said Jeffrey Douglass.

There will be a public hearing on April 11 to discuss this issue.

Candidates make plans for the future, UCF success

Shelley Wilson
STAFF WRITER

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Cancer organization raises money for research

Relay for Life was held on March 24-25, this fundraising event was a full 24 hours and provided fun and entertainment, as well as exercise, for participants.

**Diana Martin**

UCF hosted Relay for Life at the Arena Athletic Field on March 24-25. Relay for Life is a celebration of life for those who have braved and won the battle against cancer and also a memorial for those who did not. Relay for Life is a fun and unique way to increase cancer awareness while raising the much-needed funds for the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer.

Relay for Life began at noon on Friday and ended 24 hours later. While the relay is going on, a community atmosphere is created by each team that camped out at the track, providing food, games, and contests while enjoying the entertainment.

The registration for this day-long fundraising event for the American Cancer Society took place from noon to around 6 P.M. on the first day. During that time, DJ Darrin was out at the track making announcements and playing music while delicious Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream was being given away. During the last hour of Registration was the Victory Celebration reception at the Arena for the cancer survivors.

The Opening Ceremony then took place at seven in the evening. During the Opening Ceremony, there were several chairpersons of the Relay for Life committee on stage that spoke about the fundraising event and about their loved ones that they lost to cancer. President Hitt was thanked for allowing Relay for Life to take place at UCF. President Hitt made a speech on stage where he talked about the loved family member that he lost.

As part of the Opening Ceremony, the cancer survivors took to the track and walked the first lap, the Survivor's Lap. The Survivor's Lap is not only a victory lap for them, but a chance for the entire Relay for Life team and the rest of the community to see that cancer survivability is real, and that everybody is taking part in helping to fight and win the battle. As each survivor walked, their name was called out stating what type of cancer they had and for how long. When all the survivors were called out, the members of the other teams that were there also took to the track.

During the next hour of Relay for Life, the "campsite" out at the truck became alive during Dinner Hour. Each team that participated in Relay for Life provided their individual services to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. There were different types of foods and drinks being sold, from hamburgers being offered by Lucy's to hot chocolate. There were several games and other activities out at the track as well, such as the UCF Alumni Association's Scooby Doo moonwalk and the Student Union's 54 dance club. Many of the teams were raffling off prizes as well. The BellSouth team was raffling off two 25-inch televisions, and the TWA team raffled off airline tickets for two.

Also during the Dinner Hour, the "King of Rock and Roll" graced the stage. Relay for Life's Elvin provided a live performance while the campsite judges began making their rounds to judge the individual team sites. At 9 p.m. the beautiful and moving Luminary Ceremony took place. This ceremony allowed people to honor their loved ones or friends who have conquered or are battling the disease and to remember and honor those who have lost their life to cancer. Candles are placed in the Luminary bags and lit. The votive candles are then burned throughout the night, providing a beautiful glow to the atmosphere and serving as a glowing tribute to those that are loved.

Also during the Luminary Ceremony, several UCF students a few several heart-felt songs to the crowd. One song sang by three Miss UCF contestants, "I'll Stand by You" by the Pretenders, brought tears to quite a few people. After the Luminary Ceremony came the Talent Show/Live Syn Contest. Seventeen teams out of the 34 that participated in Relay for Life shared their talents with the audience. From a Spanish dance to a step show to a Britney Spears song, the audience was entertained by each of the individual acts. The judges took some time to finally announce the three winners. Third place went to the UCF Foundation. Second place went to Liberty Middle School who.

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Taking a break from his teaching duties, artist Ray Rhodes, a University of Central Florida graduate, is now helping others to create their own dreams. Through the Hands on Atlanta Americorps, a feder­ally funded program, Rhodes works with middle school students in an effort to improve their academic and social skills. Rhodes enjoys the challenge due to the rewarding feedback he receives from the young scholars.

"It was exciting to see how I helped my students prepare for their futures while they helped mine," he said.

UCF student wins award nomination

DUSTY MANDOLFO  
STAFF WRITER

Hard work, dedication and determination can bring great results. Her name is Anna Berger, and she traveled from Virginia Beach, Va., to start a new life and prove to herself that she could be a successful leader.

Berger has achieved that goal and has been recognized for it in many ways. This year she has been nominated as one of the seven finalists of the 2000 Florida College Student of the Year Award.

Berger's initial aspiration for attending the University of Central Florida was to work with Disney. Her plans have changed, but nothing will stop Berger, 20, from achieving her dreams.

"You will always land somewhere. Things always work out for a purpose, and I'll get there," said Berger, a junior.

Berger's 3.87 GPA is a huge step toward the path to success. Her GPA is not the only thing she has to be proud of. Berger is involved in many extracurricular activities including the Student Alumni Ambassador Council, National Golden Key Honor Society and Delta Delta Delta sorority, just to name a few.

Berger's favorite activity this year is her sorority. Delta Delta Delta has created a foundation which she has been able to build upon. It has opened doors and brought multiple opportunities to become more involved with the UCF and Orlando community.

Maintaining an unbelievable GPA and working would be enough for most students, but Berger extends her talents to the community. She has dedicated many hours of her busy days to helping with different community service projects.

Life would seem to be very hectic for this amazing student, who lives by her planner, but she has been able to keep it in perspective. "My one goal in life is to be happy." These are words for everyone to live by. As the UCF student body works in and out of class everyday, Anna Berger has proved to be a leader. She showed it is possible to achieve everything and then a little more.
On-line dating investigated

ELAINE LEBLANC
STAFF WRITER
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Weary of AOL, people, I wasn't sure if I could make it through another date. But then a co-worker found "Creative Writer," a 19-year-old Valencia student. His hobbies really matched mine, even though he was a little younger than I prefer. We talked online for a few weeks, and he sent me some of his poetry. That is when I was a little frightened—a lot of it involved broken bones on unmarked tombs. But one night, we were chatting as I waited for my friend to pick me up, and I told him where I was going. Halfway through my night out, some guy approached me and asked if I was "Deney," the alias I had been using until decided I was not talking to a psycho. Creative Writer looked nothing like his picture. And he was a stalker. Final Verdict: Frightening.

Just in the nick of time, I met "Fint Grad" while searching through the profiles of members that were also signed on. He was really funny and seemed nice. It turns out that his fraternity big brother is the guy practically engaged to my high school friend. So, I figured he was safe, and we made a lunch date for Applebee's. The picture he sent was blurry and distant, so my best friend and I arrived early so he could find us. Like Tall Guy, Fint Grad also looked better in person. He had described himself as funny and accurate; he was the same polite, witty person in real life that he was online. Conversation went well, and we made plans to talk again. Final Verdict: This was a misleading date. Although I didn't feel sparks, I thought he would be a great new friend. Unfortunately, the next time I saw him online, Mr. Hyde emerged. The considerate personality left, and he all he wanted to do was have me come over for a "massage." With each conversation, he became increas-ingly sex-obsessed and described various activities he wanted to do to me. Out of control.

Finally, the last date of this experiment. Although "Spending Money Guy" didn't seem like he fit my physical type, I had been talking to him online for a few months, and I was eager to go out with someone who wasn't a complete stranger. He had been asking for a meeting for a long time, but I always declined, telling him he was too sketchy. So he was extremely excited when I finally said yes under the condition that my friend Viviana was coming. The plan: Bahama Breeze after work for a celebration of taking the GMAT that morning. We made this plan about a week in advance and talked on the phone the day before the big event. He was really worried I was going to back out. However, come Date Day, there was no sign of him—no call, no email, nothing. I was kind of afraid he was going to show up at my work and I wouldn't recognize him, but no such luck. Regardless, Viviana kept her end of the deal, and we went out and celebrated minus Spending Money Guy. Final verdict: Gut instinct was right about his sketchiness. Still haven't heard from him.

So, five dates later have my opinions about AOL boyfriends changed? Based on this week's experiences, I am inclined to say no. However, I realized my good friend Jason originated from AOL—a friend of a friend thought she had a love connection (wrong) that resulted in a pretty cool friendship for me. Then, a co-worker revealed that her boyfriend of more than two years was from AOL, and he flew from Germany just to meet her.

I have found the main difference between AOL dating and real-life dating is that it just takes a lot longer online to realize a person is not right for you. So, my advice is to sign off, try something new and maybe your true love will find you.

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

Week of fun set to begin for fraternities, sororities

KRISTA ZILLI
STAFF WRITER

UCF commenced Greek Week events on Monday with an opening night and Greek Progressive Theme Dinner where Greek teams prepared rooms or sets with decorations and simple food representing their designated themes. This year countries represented Greek fraternities.

Eight teams are participating in this year's Greek Week. Alpha Delta Phi sorority teamed with Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and Phi Sigma Phi fraternity are representing Australia and their designated color is white. Alpha Xi Delta sorority, matched with Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, and Delta Tau Delta fraternity are representing Brazil and the color gray. Delta Delta Delta sorority, Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, and Kappa Sigma are representing Saudi Arabia and the color yellow. Representing the USA and the color black are Delta Gamma sorority, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Acacia. The Kappa Delta sorority, Lambda Chi.

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‘Best of Florida’ honors UCF with unique awards

JENNIFER PLANTE
STAFF WRITER

This year in Florida Leader Magazine’s 11th annual “Best of Florida Schools” issue UCF has been recognized as having the “Best Greek Community”, “Best Turtle Trackers”, and “Best Campus Tradition.”

Every year, Florida Leader recognizes the most outstanding, creative and unique entries in 118 categories from all of Florida’s colleges and universities, public and private. The categories range from best-looking campus to best new major.

UCF received the honor of “Best Campus Tradition” for the annual homecoming Spirit Splash. For the past five years, this wet pep-rally has occurred at tracks. When the student body looks forward to every year. The award for “Best Turtle Trackers” is for the work the biology department does in tracking sea turtles. The goal of the research is to learn where sea turtles go when they are not nesting on Florida’s beaches. Together with marine biologists from the Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries about a dozen UCF students scouted Melbourne Beach in the middle of the night looking for the turtle tracks. When the turtle had been found, they strapped a $3,500 satellite transmitter to her shell. This way, scientists could track her journey, which totalled more than 1,200 miles into the Caribbean.

Florida Leader also has named UCF as having the “Best Greek Community.” Trick or Treat on Greek Street began in 1995 and has brought much attention to UCF and its Greek system. During Halloween, children are able to go around to the Fraternity and Sorority houses on campus to collect candy and participate in games.

Every Greek chapter has to pull together to make this event a success. The objective of this event is to raise money for the Crisis Nursery of the United Way. This event is a great way to reach out to the Orlando community and spotlight all of the positive things that UCF’s Greek community has to offer.

“Everyone is pleased with these recognitions, particularly when students and faculty win acclaim for doing things the serve the community at large,” Dr. Dan Holzenbeck, UCF’s Vice President of University Relations said. “Being recognized for the Homecoming Spirit Splash gives further credibility to UCF’s maturity and the involvement of students in campus life.”

Florida Leader is a college leadership magazine. It’s readers include members and leaders of Student Government, Greek groups, campus clubs, community service organizations and honor societies throughout Florida.

U.S. Census comes to UCF; students predict future

SHELLEY WILSON
STAFF WRITER

A big chunk of the Great Crystal Ball that will be used to predict the next 10 years will be in the hands of UCF students April 1 through April 14. That’s when Census Enumerators will query students who live in dorms, fraternities and sorority houses. The answers the students give to the questions asked by the enumerators will be given to the President of The United States on Dec. 31 of this year as part of the voluminous “Census of the New Millennium”. The data will be used as the basis for projecting America’s needs for goods, services and housing for the next 10 years.

There is monumental political fall out as well. Census data, which is developed only once every ten years, is used to establish congressional districts and the make-up of Florida Legislature. It also determines how federal funds are to be allocated, and this year’s data could be especially meaningful to UCF’s future in a lot of different ways, from better roads and housing to programs involving student loans, teaching grants, and physical facilities.

Census personnel will be available to answer questions and provide forms at the Student Union during normal business hours between April 1 and April 13 for any student who lives on campus, in a fraternity or sorority. There is also an 800 number that can be called: 1-800-471-9424. A TDD line is available at 1-800-582-8330.

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Event raises funds for cancer patients and research

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did a USO Show. The first place trophy was given to Rainbow Elementary who did a space show where they landed on the moon, placed a Relay for Life flag and danced with an uncoordinated alien.

After the Talent Show came a Pie Eating Contest, which was sponsored by Goodings. Two groups of ten competed for a Goodings gift certificate in eating a whole pie each and getting messy. Next on the Relay for Life agenda was their version of the “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?” game with “Regis.” Raffle tickets were sold to those who wanted a shot in participating in the game. Prizes were given away as part of the game, such as Goodings gift certificates and an autographed Olympic soccer ball signed by UCF’s Michelle Akers.

Before “Quiet Time” fell over the campus, there were two theme laps for those walking the track. The first lap’s theme was music from the 1960’s, and the second lap’s theme was music from the 1970’s. Many of those who were out there at the Track were dancing as they walked.

At six in the morning, those who camped out at the track were awakened up by Revelle’s Pancakes and Continental Breakfasts were sold. The rest of the day for Relay for Life was filled with more activities, such as a “Bad Hair Day” Contest, Breast Cancer Bingo, a Comedy Magic Show by PJ the Clown and the drawings for the raffle ticket prizes. At 11 a.m., the Closing Ceremony for the American Cancer Society’s fundraiser took place. During this ceremony was the Victory Lap and Awards given out to the top teams who raised the most money and had the best site.

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Cancer attacks anywhere on the body from head to toe, including the brain, cervix, kidneys, liver, ovaries, pancreas, skin, stomach, testicles, uterus, and other places. One out of three American women get cancer, while one out of two American men get cancer.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society’s Signature Event and is growing by leaps and bounds in the State of Florida. This fundraiser is held in over 2,600 communities nationwide, where millions of dollars are raised to help in the fight against cancer. Relay for Life is the number one non-profit special event that takes place annually in this country. Relay for Life is just a fundraising event, it is a vehicle for participation in the fight against cancer and the celebration of survivorship at the grass-roots, community level.

Theme-oriented Greek Week gets under way

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Alpha fraternity, and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity also are representing the country of Congo and the color purple. Pi Beta Phi sorority, Sigma Chi fraternity, and Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity represents Mexico and the color blue. Chi Omega sorority along with Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and Phi Delta Theta together represents Japan and the color green. Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, Delta Upsilon fraternity, and Lambda Theta Phi represent Egypt and the color red.

Tuesday featured the first round of tug of war contests between seven man teams, containing one member from each of the matched organizations. Later that evening, national speaker and fraternity house owner, Morgan Nunnally spoke to Greeks about image and responsibility, etiquette and dining skills, sex and dating.

The rest of Greek Week will hold two additional rounds of tug of war contests on Wednesday at 11 a.m., and Thursday at 2 p.m. at Lake Myrtle. Also, tug of war competitions will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Arena. Greek Sing will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening in the Arena as well, featuring original music and props by active members of Greek organizations. Games on the Green will be held on Thursday at 5 p.m. on the education green with races including the 3-legged race, Spoon and Egg race, The Worm Race, and The Wheel Barrel Race. A game finale will require participants to ride a bicycle relay race style down Greek Park Drive. Greek Superlative nominations are also being accepted throughout the week through letters of recommendation. This is also the only event throughout Greek Week that is not attached to points. All other events will be judged and awarded points to determine overall winners.

The final Greek Week event will be held Friday at 8:30 at Calico Jack’s to celebrate Greek Week Awards Night where winners will be announced and donation of canned foods or a dollar donation are encouraged to be donated to Bread of Life Outreach philanthropy. UCF’s Panhellenic and Inter Fraternity Council invite all students to attend Greek Week events.

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Many students may have attended a movie on campus or seen a comedian and never really known who is in charge of putting this together. The Campus Activities Board is a student-run organization that provides a variety of entertaining activities and events to the UCF community.

CAB is composed of a Student Director, two advisors and eleven committees headed by one director each. Each director is in charge of their committee for the fall and spring semesters. Each committee director and the CAB Student Director must be able to delegate and guide their committee and be able to work in a team environment.

The Student Director of CAB is responsible for the facilitation and coordination of the weekly Board of Directors meeting, enforces CAB recruitment efforts, administering policies and issues, and offers support and aid to each director and committee throughout the year.

The Director of the Cinema committee is responsible for programming, coordinating and promoting movies and other events that fall under this committee. The Homecoming movie and NET Events fall under the Cinema Director's responsibility.

The Concerts Director is responsible for planning performances of large-scale music acts throughout the year, such as the Homecoming and spring concerts.

Exposing UCF to all mediums of art and culture falls under the responsibility of the Cultural Arts Director. The director is responsible for the programming, coordination and promotion of cultural and art programs.

The Dance Marathon Director is responsible for putting together a board of directors and committee that will plan out the annual 24-hour Dance Marathon event. This director does this annual event to raise funds in conjunction with Children's Miracle Network.

The Popular Entertainment Director is responsible for programming general entertainment programs.

The Public Relations committee is divided into three departments: Internal, External and Graphics. The Public Relations Directors are responsible for marketing and promoting the Campus Activities Board and the Office of Student Activities. An example of pro

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New officers to be selected for Campus Activities Board

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motions that fall under their responsibility is the CAB Calendar. Organizing guest lecturers, seminars and debates fall under the responsibility of the Speakers Director. The director and the committee are also responsible for choosing topics, planning and staffing the events that they bring in.

The Special Events Director is responsible for bringing unique activities and events to campus, such as the CBS College Tour and College Bowl.

The Mr. and Miss UCF Scholarship Pageants are the responsibility of the Spectacular Knights Director. The director and committee spotlights the student talents found at UCF by selecting participants and planning each pageant.

The last committee on the Campus Activities Board is the Video Productions committee. This committee's director is responsible for coordinating all videography, editing and post-production work. If interested in applying for a director position on the Campus Activities Board, stop by the CAB/OSA Office at SU 215. Remember that the application is due back to the office no later than March 31, 2000. A complete application packet is required: Application, Cover Letter and Resume. When you return the application you must sign up for an interview: CAB Student Director interviews are April 3-4, and the CAB Committee Directors interviews are April 5-7. If you have any questions, call (407) 823-6471.

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hoops tournament on April 2 at 10 a.m. in the UCF Arena. This three-on-three basketball tournament requires a $50 entrance fee for a team of 3-4 players. Two winners will receive Orlando Magic tickets and additional prizes. During the tournament, a silent auction will also be held. Delta Delta Delta encourages calls for further information at 407-380-8974.

Greek Awards 2000
The 2000 Greek Awards banquet will be held April 3, at 7 p.m. in the Visual Arts Building. Chapters as well as individual members will be recognized at this banquet for their achievements and contributions to UCF’s Greek System.

Hostages for the Homeless
The Omega Phi chapter of FIJI fraternity will hold their annual philanthropy event April 3 through April 6 through a ransom raising canned food drive. FIJI members will kidnap the president of each sorority and will demand canned foods as ransom for their return. During the abduction, each sorority president and a sister of their choice, will be taken out to dinner by a FIJI member. Sorority presidents will be returned to the FIJI house where sisters must meet them with canned foods. The sorority with the most cans to offer will be awarded with a plaque.

Xi Man
Alpha Xi Delta sorority hosts their annual Xi Man competition on April 11 in the Student Resource Center at 7 p.m. The gentlemen of Greek and other UCF clubs/organizations may compete for the title of Xi Man by paying an entrance fee. The ladies of Alpha Xi Delta will fundraise prior to the event and donate all proceeds from entrance fees and fundraising to a children’s foundation. Xi Man 2000 will be responsible for helping Alpha Xi Delta with upcoming philanthropy events.

Many Greeks enjoy the tradition of Spirit Splash, which was named best campus tradition. See story page 5.
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 8: 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.

Amend to:
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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.
B. The University of Central Florida's Student Government Association shall not either explicitly or implicitly prohibit any student from associating himself/herself with anyone.

Constitutional Amendment # 5.
Entire Constitution
Amend To:
Replace all instances of: Chief Student Affairs Officer
With
University President’s Designee
Letter to the editor: Student upset by lack of spirit

March 29, 2000

Dear Editor,

I am writing in reference to a letter to the editor that appeared in the March 8 issue of this paper. It was written by Debbie Shapiro in reference to the Gator paraphernalia around UCF’s campus. I wanted to let her know that I couldn’t agree more, and that she is not alone. It infuriates me when I see students proudly sporting other universities’ paraphernalia, namely UF, FSU and U of Miami. Of course, students have the constitutional right of free expression, but I have every bit of the right to point out and complain about the lack of UCF support.

Those who know me well know that I could be described as a UCF fanatic. Anyone who has ever had the pleasure of hearing my answering machine knows I bleed Black and Gold. I absolutely love this university, all though it could have many improvements. The spotty and lack of student support here at UCF is criminal! Students, where are you? Where were you at the football games, the baseball games to see our once ranked team play, the One Florida rallies, the student protests to save President Hitt, the CAB events, and the basketball games? I have heard the silly excuse, “That we don’t play anybody well known, so why should I support the team?” Silly me. I thought Ole Miss, Nebraska, Florida, Florida State, Auburn, Georgia, Perdue, Clemson, Miami, Virginia Tech, Alabama and LSU were well-known schools.

I don’t expect everyone to be as crazy about UCF as I am, but even though I get goosebumps over imagining what that kind of atmosphere would be like. However, I do ask that students show that respect that our school deserves. What I don’t understand is why anybody would ever choose to go to a school that they couldn’t or wouldn’t support. If you are a huge Gator fan, by all means, pump up your bags, and go bit 14. I want everyone to take pride in the place they give title to. Your college experience should never be one that you settle for. You should love it, wherever it may be.

On a personal note, I believe we had the God-given ability to get into nearly any school in the country. I was accepted to a highly regarded university that takes only five percent of freshman applicants. But I didn’t go there. I chose to come here. I am not trying to brag. Who knows we well know that I don’t like that? I am telling you this because I want you to know why I came here. UCF is an amazing school. I believe this can be the best school in America.

I did not settle for UCF, I was excised and honored to be a part of the UCF community. UCF has earned itself the title “One of the Best Kept Secrets in the SouthEast.” I say the time has come to let the cat out of the bag. First of all, go where you will be happy and love your school. If you are a true Knight, great! If not, don’t let the door hit you on the way out. Secondly, start going to some of the great CAB events planned.

The time has come. The time has come to harness the pioneering spirit that has been laid by the founders of this university and ingrained into the fibers of UCF. We have the means to make a difference and we have the ability to make ourselves known. Take pride UCF.

David D. Taylor

America's police problem growing steadily

If you think police brutality began with the videotaped pummeling of Rodney King, you are wrong. If you think it ended with the execution of Amadou Diallo on the doorsteps of his own home, you are wrong. Police brutality is rampant in this nation, so much so that international organizations such as the United Nations, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch all have documented the consistent abuse that occurs on U.S. streets.

This country has been wrought by the malignant cancer of ‘‘dirty’’ law enforcers since the earliest days of slavery, when their duty was held on March 24-25, a lot of money was raised for cancer patients. Much of this money went toward people who didn’t need to have the authority to stop kids who start smoking and become high risk for cancer. This would help by allowing them to use whatever resources they want to help stop kids who start smoking. While it is important to help all cancer patients it would be easier to help stop kids who start smoking and become high risk for cancer. This would help by allowing them to use whatever resources they want to help stop kids who start smoking and become high risk for cancer.

I am sending out a challenge to all smokers and I am making the challenge to myself. Whether you are a ‘‘social smoker’’ or a full-on addict, I challenge you to quit. Quit for yourself, quit for your future children, and quit to show Congress that the FDA needs to have the authority to make some changes.

The United States has come under direct violation of its laws, and also International Law. According to the U.N. Basic Principles of the United Nations, so it is time we stand up and say enough. We are a country with a police force, and if people don’t like it, they can choose to go to a school that they

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Police Brutality at all-time high

**From Page 12**

Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials (adopted by consensus by the Eighth U.N. Congress Sept. 7, 1990): "Whenever the use of force and firearms is unavoidable, law enforcement officials shall exercise restraint in such use and act in proportion to the seriousness of the offense and the legitimate objective to be achieved."

Since it is difficult to understand the reality of a situation simply by reading reports, it is necessary to personalize the cases a bit more.

Did you know Latanya Haggerty? This 19-year-old passenger in a car was shot dead by police officers in Chicago when they mistook her cellular phone for a gun. Apparently cell phones are now considered deadly weapons.

Donta Dawson was a 19-year-old unarmed youth who was shot dead in 1998 by an officer who approached him after seeing him sitting in a stationary car with the engine running.

Have you heard of Eric Smith? He was a black deaf and mute pedestrian pulled to the side of the road by officers. After police placed a gun to his head, Smith frantically attempted to communicate with the officers using sign language. Frustrated that they could not understand him, the police officers proceeded to beat and suffocate him while he lay on his back.

Or maybe you have heard of Johnny Gammage? He was the 31-year-old black male stopped by Philadelphia police, who beat and suffocated him to death in just seven minutes.

Malice Green was the man bludgeoned to death with flashlights by Detroit police because he refused to show them the piece of paper he held in his hand.

Tysha Miller was the 19-year-old woman shot and killed when 23 bullets were fired at her by Riverside, California, police as she lay unconscious in her locked car. Anthony Baca was the Puerto Rican killed with an illegal chokehold by an officer after his soccer ball accidentally hit the officer's parked patrol car.

If you didn't know any of these people, you never will.

The plague of police brutality continues in this nation while the federal and state governments turn a blind eye to the problem. Similar to the shootings at Columbine High School and elsewhere, when a problem becomes a concern for the majority population the government will give it sufficient attention. So far being a victim of police brutality has remained in large part a consequence of being minority.

Despite the rhetoric there is action that you can take. There is pending legislation to advocate and activities occurring on campus that need your support.

This week, a letter writing campaign is taking place, requiring only your signature and a stamp.

There will be tables outside the Dobbs University Center, in the Rollins School of Public Health and the Law School. Simply sign the letter that supports a federal investigation into the Diallo case and encourages your representative to endorse the Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2000 to be introduced in the House March 15.

As citizens and students, we should remain aware of the injustices committed in our society. Realizing that our actions are required to bring about effective change is an important step to securing the prosperity of this nation. If you allow your voices to remain silent, the injustices will spread and will strike closer to home.

Diallo has not brought an end to police brutality, just ask the family of Mathew Ferguson, who was recently shot down by police a few blocks from where Diallo was killed. The plague continues, but you are the vital ingredients of the cure.
Bush, Moby kick off MTV tour at UCF

PABLO SILVA
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

A humble Moby

Bush and Moby kicked off MTV's Campus Invasion last Thursday playing for a surprisingly small audience at the UCF arena.

MTV's Campus Invasion is a series of campus concerts that will crisscross the country in the next six weeks, making stops in 20 other universities and colleges.

Moby steered on stage and played a short set that included dance floor anthems like "Drop a Beat," "Next is the E" and "Go." The multi-talented New Yorker frantically danced, played the percussion, flirted with punk rock riffs on the guitar and even managed to tell the crowd some jokes.

Moby asked the audience what they thought of the new James Bond movies and replied saying, "the movie sucks, but we're gonna play the song anyway," before firing a loud, guitar-induced version of the classic movie theme from 1997, "I Like to Score." Moby played the song over lyrics stolen from Public Enemy's "Bring the Noise."

Sporting the usual shaven head and low profile wardrobe, Moby went on to playing songs from the newly released "Play," a mix of old late '20s and '30s gospel vocals and hip-hop beats. Moby fired "Natural Blues" and "Body Rock," both in heavy rotation in college radios and on MTV.

The band joked around playing an improvised version of Led Zeppelin's "Whole Lotta Love," before Moby explained that he always wanted to sample that guitar riff, but was threatened to get sued by the British classic rockers.

Moby left the stage after playing songs from politically correct "Animal Rights" and saying a humble, "thanks for coming, once again my name is Moby."

British Invasion

British post-grunge sensation Bush kicked things off with the 1993 hit "Machinehead" driving the audience, mostly local high schoolers, against the stage in frenzy. The audience sang along with frontman Gavin Rossdale during pretty much the entire set.

Bush played the 1995 MTV hits "Everything Zen," "Glycerine" and "Comedown" all of which bought Bush a one way ticket to the top of the Billboard charts.

Rossdale ended up taking his sweatshirt off and body surfing while playing the guitar over the young audience. He was then helped by security and returned to the stage without a scratch and some extra ego boosting.

Bush also made sure to cover the other hits, going over songs from 1996 acclaimed "Razorblade Suitcase" and also a songs from their new release "The Science of Things." Rossdale made sure to announce "Chemicals Between Us" and "Jesus Online."

Rossdale thanked the audience in an overly laid-back tone and explained that the UCF arena show was their first gig in the United States this year. The British MTV wonder was headed to Florida Atlantic University the next day.

MTV's Campus Invasion wraps up at Cal Poly Tech in the West Coast in early May. Make sure to check out updates of the tour at the redesigned MTV site at: http://www.mtv.com/mtv/music/campus_invasion

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Universal packs more than just movies

PATTY CANEDO
STAFF WRITER

Universal Studios has always been the place where guests can live the movies, but during the weekend of March 24 people could also experience some great music.

Although, a throat illness prevented Latin pop star, Enrique Iglesias, from performing in a free concert at City Walk, Miss Jane and SK8 went on. Enrique Iglesias is said to return to City Walk for the concert soon.

Even though Enrique was unable to perform, you could still attend the awe­some concerts that went on at Mardi Gras. On March 24 one of the modern faces of Rhythm and Blues played at the Mardi Gras stage.

The Robert Cray Band has revitalized the popularity of the blues since the 80's and has continued in doing so. It was in 1985 that Robert Cray received his very first Grammy Award and on February he received "Contemporary and Blues Album" for the release of "Take Your Shoes Off". This has made 11 nominations and 5 wins to the band's credit.

In 1994 Smash Mouth began when boyhood friends Steve Harwell (vocals) and Kevin Coleman (drums) recruited guitarist Greg Camp, who then brought with him bassist Paul De Lisle. Smash Mouth's first hit single was played on a San Jose radio station. "Nervous In The Alley" was a huge hit and was continuously played all while Smash Mouth was unsigned. It wasn't to long till Interscope Records signed the group and in 1997 they released their first album "Fush Yu Mang." "Walkin' On The Sun" and "Why Can't We Be Friends" became Top 20 hits. They soon followed with another top single "Can't Get Enough of You Baby" which debuted on the Can't Hardly Wait soundtrack and the latest Smash Mouth album, "Astro Lounge". "All Star" began its successful climb up Billboard's in May 1999. Another Astro Lounge hit was "Radio" which speaks to those people that once referred to Smash Mouth as "one hit wonders". "Astra Lounge" has become one of the biggest records of 1999.

Although there was much disappointment about the cancellation of Enrique Iglesias's performance at City Walk, there were still great concerts going on over at Mardi Gras. The Robert Cray Band and Smash Mouth performed on the Mardi Gras stage to some very excited fans.

The Universal Mardi Gras celebration will come to an end next weekend with performances by Sonia Dada and Foreigner.

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Universal Studios brings special music acts, such as Smash Mouth, to help in the amusement park war in Orlando.
‘City of God’ is twisted faith tale

MARK PETERSON
FM CAMPUS

Did you ever hear the one about the priest, the rabbi and the rabbi’s wife who discover a huge brass cross on the top of a synagogue? Sounds like the start of a good joke, doesn’t it? But comedians beware! This plot, just one of many in E.L. Doctorow’s newest book, “City of God,” is anything but laughable when examined through the author’s insightful eye.

Doctorow, author of “Ragtime” and “Billy Bathgate” and recipient of the National Humanities Medal, tells his most recent tale through the eyes of a skeptical author named Everett, or more precisely, through the cluttered and seemingly random entries in Everett’s notebook. As Everett begins, his notes are disjointed and confusing. Like the world after the fall of the Tower of Babel, each break in the narrative seems to bring both a new story and a new point of view without any explanation for why each story is being told. It is only when Everett seizes upon a newspaper article about the theft of a large bronze cross from an Episcopal church that each of his stories begins to coalesce into a semi-coherent narrative in which the main players seem to be a radical priest that the author affectionately refers to as Pem, a bespectacled rabbi of the Synagogue of Evolutionary Judaism, and the rabbi’s wife.

To say that the book only revolves around these three would be totally unfair to the novel, though, as it also includes the plot for a movie, the story of a Holocaust survivor and the story of a middle-aged vigilante New York Times reporter. Everett even includes a series of entries titled “The Midrash Jazz Quarter,” which uses the traditional rabbinical commentary of Midrash to explain songs such as Gershwin’s “Someone to Watch Over Me” and Jolson’s “Me and My Shadow.”

Strangely enough, this lack of a coherent narrative is what makes Doctorow’s newest novel so intriguing. Doctorow follows a biblical format when creating Everett’s notebook, beginning with the Genesis of the world by the Big Bang and ending with an apocalyptic Revelation of military coups, mass riots and government-created plagues.

This self-described mystery novel deals not so much with the whodunnit theft of a brass cross and the vandalism of a synagogue but more with the question of how faith fits into our increasingly secular world. Pem may describe himself as the “Divine Detective,” but this novel contains no simple confessions or Sherlock Holmes-like endings. The “mystery” that

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

LEAD STORIES

State and federal authorities recently refused emergency water-quality funds to the town of Browning, Mont. (population 1,100), finding after extensive testing that the water is safe to drink, even though it was described in a February Associated Press report as “mucky brown and silty; “gritty black;” “filthy;” and “revolting.” The water’s excessive iron and manganese violate no law, effectively, but as long as the bacteria count is low, only longer-range improvements (such as digging more wells) can be considered.

Mixed News for Women: Twenty wives petitioned for divorce in Cairo, Egypt, on March 19, the inaugural day in which women are eligible to file without elaborate proof of abuse. (They must still wait three to six months for a ruling, whereas a husband who files gets his divorce instantly and with no reason required.) And in February, South Korea’s national police announced it would begin placing unarmed female troopers on the front lines in potentially violent street demonstrations, hoping to calm protestors. One rowdy labor union leader, acknowledging the wisdom of the decision, admitted, “How can we attack females?”

Japanese Cult Massacre

By government estimates, 6,500 religious cults operate in Japan, according to a December Boston Globe story. Included are the $600 million organization Honohana, whose leader was accused by the government in January of defrauding disciples of up to $10,000 to alter their negative fates as revealed by his examinations of their feet, and Life Space, whose founder died in August but whose body was discovered by police in a Tokyo airport hotel room four months later, being misinformed by followers as if he were still alive (and, in fact, the followers insisted to the media that the dead mummy was responding nicely to their care and had recently enjoyed some tea).

Questionable Judgments

According to a January Boston Globe report, 3 million residential customers still lease AT&T telephones (from Lucent Technologies) at rates of $53 to $252 a year, virtually all of whom would save $10,000 by altering their service. The report, 3 million residential customers still lease AT&T telephones (from Lucent Technologies) at rates of $5 3 to $252 a year, virtually all of whom would save $10,000 by altering their service.

Craig J. Ziegler, 35, was sentenced to five years in prison in February for swindling a Nova driver’s license suspension in a Nova

1998, News of the Weird touted the increasing popularity of therapeutic self-trepanation (drilling a hole in one’s head to improve blood flow around the brain) for stress relief. In February 2000, after unsuccessfully soliciting doctors to drill in her native England, Heather Perry, 29 and suffering from what she believed was a physiologically induced exhaustion, flew to Philadelphia to seek guidance from prominent trepanist Peter Halverson.

After being on top, the technique, Perry performed the 20-minute procedure that was witnessed by a camera crew from ABC News. Perry afterward, “‘Oh, definitely more mental clarity, I feel wonderful.”

Also, in the Last Month...

A 62-year-old woman thought a stranger punched her in the neck, but it was a stabbing, and the 4-inch knife remained in her neck for 40 minutes while she grocery-shopped before a passerby pointed it out to her (Darby Township, Pa.). A Maryland state senator introduced a bill to make it illegal for one woman to breastfeed another’s baby.

Last Vegas police burst into an apartment and arrested a Florida murder suspect while he was watching “America’s Most Wanted” on TV, believing that his crime would be featured that night. People on the Internet had targeted an anti-milk campaign to college students, urging them to drink beer instead.

A routine traffic stop, police found 22 pounds of cocaine hidden in a car’s center console, with a lock controlled by a magnet inside a person’s shoe (Enon, Ohio).

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Dear Nancy,

Last semester was really hard for me, so I decided to take this semester off. The problem is my parents have no idea that I did that and my dad still sends me money for "school stuff," as he calls it. I feel like I took this too far, but I just don't have the guts to tell them the truth, especially my dad. What should I do?

—Terrified Dropout

Dear Terrified,

Who has to know? The semester is almost over. If you've made it this far and you're parents aren't smart enough to sniff it out themselves—that's they're problem.

If you're having trouble sleeping at night or looking at yourself in the mirror, stop taking their money.

—Confused

Dear Confused,

Duh, tell her that you've always dreamed of flying in a dinky little plane and ask her to take you along. She'll probably tell you that neither of you can go because he just got hired to fly Madonna around but you can come over anytime you want and swim in the pool that's in her basement. Or maybe you can take a trip to visit her cousin in the royal family.

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'City of God' is an insightful look at religion

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This book seeks to address isn't concrete, but metaphysical. Doctorow, like his character Penn, seeks a "making" of God so that he fits in with contemporary scientific theories. Just as Penn realizes that no one religious faith is ever wholly correct, so does Doctorow leave both the nature of God and the nature of God open to the interpretation of the reader. That's the beauty of this novel. Like any true classic, the book doesn't simply give the reader answers but poses questions that the reader must answer for himself.

Some people need an absolute ending and a clear resolution from a book. If you see yourself fitting that description then this novel is not for you. As Penn himself says toward the end of the novel, "It doesn't matter what maniacs put it there or why they did. A sign is a sign. And when you know it is a sign, that's enough."

Doctorow raises many questions with his unique style of storytelling and the subjects about which he writes, but he rarely offers any concrete answers to these questions. Instead, the book acts more like a catalyst, an element that can be introduced to the complex solution in order to determine its nature. Like the Bible or Torah, everything written is concrete and it is the interpretation of the reader that gives each story its meaning and, conversely, tells each reader about himself.

The answers the reader sees in the book are his own. Penn is no more than a priest and the Rabbi no more than a rabbi. The cross is just a cross and the Big Bang is just a big bang.

And, ultimately, like the Bible and the Torah, Everett's notebook will be nothing more than a collection of jumbled stories without the reader's interpretation.

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The album was a reaction to the suicide of E’s sister and the impending death of his ailing mother. On the new album, Daisies of the Galaxy, the electro-shock is mostly abandoned in favor of a more traditional steel guitar and interspersed horn arrangements. The sonic innovations have been amply recalled by the Eels’ previous works. The haunted album opens with the first single, “Mr. E’s Beautiful Blues,” an unlabeled song on the otherwise 14-track record. The verses are infused with morose lyrics like “the smoke stack spitting soot into the sunny sky.” E, singing with an indefinable satisfaction, follows up those verses by belting the questionable chorus, “Goddamn right it’s a beautiful day.”

The blues occur throughout the album. On “Estate Sale,” a collaboration with R.E.M.’s Peter Buck, an organ hymnal relates the misery that E’s words would do no justice to. In this same vein is “It’s a M....” a song where the singer deals with the tragedies in his life. “Selective Memory” has the singer rising an octave, stretching his vocal skill and coming back down to sing “wish I could remember what my selective memory won’t let me.”

Some of the album’s highlights recall the Eels’ previous works. The haunting “Flywatter” opens with a music box tune, leading into an ominous lullaby. E sings, “Field mice, headlice, spiders in the kitchen, don’t think twice about whatever keeps you itching.” while a toy piano in the background creates a creepy air that doesn’t soon leave you. Daisies is by far the band’s most mature work.

It simultaneously shows their musical progress of the band (which is really just two people these days) and the progress that E has made living with his personal ghosts. He may have put all his grief behind him, but until he does, we can listen and enjoy his beautiful blues.

The result is not a good thing, but the Melvins know that. Somehow, that’s the whole point. The Crybaby is essentially a compilation album, with one or more guest stars helping out on every song.

David Yow from The Jesus Lizard sings two songs with the Melvins as the backup band, and Hank Williams III steps in to sing “Ramblin’ Man” and “Okeh from Muskogee.”

It would be a mistake to call the Melvins a lazy band, though. This is their third album in less than a year, the last part in a series of three totally different things. The Maggot was nonstop metal riffing, The Bootlicker, a string of ambient softies. This one seems to be the punch line to the whole thing.

It’s actually an interesting document of how one band can be mixed up in so many things without worrying about the consequences. So what fun is it to blast them for doing something they already know you won’t like? The final word is that the Melvins are having fun being jerks. You can either sit there with your arms crossed like a crybaby or grin and pretend you’re in on the joke.
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Bergman shines brightest churning out win after win

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presence of a star player was again absent for Bergman.

Who do you choose to be the star of the 90th win against GSU? Is it Mike Myers, who hit a homerun on the first pitch he faced against the Panthers?

Do you pick starting pitcher Casey Kennedy, who won the game on a six­inning, one-hit pitching performance?

Or do you pick the team, which worked together to guide the Golden Knights to the win?

As he's done so many times before, it was the lack of a single superstar that has helped make Bergman and the Knights into one of the best-run programs in the country. Opposing teams can't concentrate on shutting down, say, leading hitter Mark Batia and his .450 batting average. Stop the smart-hitting Batia and they have to figure out a way to keep homerun hitters Matt Bower (six homeruns) and Dustin Brisson (eight) from holding an unofficial hit the Citrus Bowl contest at the Knights home next door to the Bowl, Tinker Field.

The Golden Knights' bench boasts six players who hit .280 or better while the Knights bullpen features a team ERA of 4.45. In short, Bergman has won by making his "star" players into a star-studded team year-in and year-out.

Best of all, it is Bergman's star-less quality that keeps the team winning and as a result, happy. UCF is on pace to win 40 games for the 11th season in 18 tries, leaving little room to squabble about the things that can bring talented teams down fast.

So, maybe Bergman hasn't always had that "star" player to hang his hopes on each night he gets to the baseball diamond. But what he has had is 900 wins, 51 former players take a shot at the major leagues and 18 seasons of great baseball "star" players be damned.
Knights looking for revenge against Dolphins

TRAVIS BELL
STAFF WRITER

Since May 21 of last season, UCF has had its March 28 rematch against Jacksonville University circled on its calendar. UCF (22-9, 5-1 TAAC) has been looking forward to its rematch with Jacksonville because the Dolphins (21-7, 6-1 TAAC) ended the Golden Knights season last year.

But that was not UCF’s only loss to JU last year. The Dolphins came to Orlando and swept a three-game series against UCF that sent the Golden Knights into a tailspin. UCF went only 7-9 - including the three losses to JU – down the final stretch of the season.

“We were a little disappointed with how we played against JU last year,” Coach Jay Bergman said. “We needed to try and rebound from that series.”

The four losses against JU last year was the first time the two teams had played since 1992. The Dolphins lead the all-time series, which began in 1973, 22-20.

If UCF is to continue its run atop the Trans America Athletic Conference standings, then winning the series on the road against the Dolphins is a must. UCF has already been road-tested this year with series at Alabama and Georgia State, coming out with a 1-2 record against the Crimson Tide and a 2-1 showing against the Panthers.

Bergman hopes those series have his team ready to face the Dolphins on Friday.

“That’s why we play those guys,” Bergman said. “We’ll just have to try to weather the storm to win two out of three. But I think our guys are ready.”

While UCF is coming off a series victory on the road at GSU, JU lost two of three on the road at Florida Atlantic - who along with UCF and JU are the favorites to win the TAAC. JU won the opener 6-5, but they were swept by FAU in the double-header. 7-6 in extra innings and 2-1.

However, JU is still a force with both its lineup and its pitching rotation. As a team, the Dolphins are hitting .318 and are averaging more than eight runs per game, while the pitching staff has a combined 4.42 ERA with a 21-9 record.

Sophomore catcher Chad Oliva is anchoring the explosive lineup. He is hitting .427 with 42 RBIs and 13 extra-base hits in the middle of the lineup. But senior John Vollstedt and sophomore Troy Veleber are the players who get the ballpen. If the UCF starters can go deep into the game and reach Jason Arnold, then the Golden Knights could have a chance for a series sweep.

“Having Arnold is a real game saver,” Bergman said. UCF has a chance to drop JU out of a three-way tie for third place and could solidify itself as the leader in the TAAC. But for UCF, revenge is most on its mind.

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UCF STAYS ATOP THE TAAC

Coach Jay Bergman said his goal was to win two out of three in Atlanta against Georgia State. That goal was accomplished as UCF won the series opener and finale to take two from the Bulldogs and remain in a first place tie with Stetson at 5-1 in the Trans-America Athletic Conference.

UCF had decent starting pitching and some clutch hitting to pull out the series victory following a not-so-impressive 9-2 loss in the first game of the double-header on Saturday. The Golden Knights held on for its two victories, a 6-5 win Friday and an 8-6 victory in the second game Saturday.

"GSU is probably the most improved team in the conference," Coach Jay Bergman said. "Anytime you can win two out of three on the road, you've done a good job."

Matt Bowser and Mike Myers provided almost all the offense on Friday. Bowser went 2-for-5 with five RBIs, including a three-run home run in the third for a 4-1 lead. Myers was 3-for-5 and was driven in all three times by Bowser.

Justin Pope (5-1) scattered 10 hits in 6 1/3 innings for the victory. Jason Arnold came in relief with UCF leading 6-4 and held on to the victory to earn the save. Arnold struck out eight in 2 2/3 innings.

Casey Kennedy (5-0) returned to form after taking two weeks off allowing eight hits and two runs through six innings to win the series. However, the bullpen almost blew UCF's 8-2 lead when it...
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allowed four runs in the final inning.

"Our bullpen goes in cycles," Bergman said. "Sometimes we just have to take it by trial and error."

Jeremy Frost delivered the big blow in the sixth inning when he hit a three-run home run to give the Golden Knights a 7-0 lead. It was his only hit of the series. Mark Batia, Dustin Brisson, and Mike Fox each had two hits in the victory.

David Rankin (4-4) took the loss in the middle game after allowing eight runs on five hits with five walks in 5 1/3 innings. GSU had two big innings as they scored four runs in the second inning and five runs in the sixth after UCF had cut the deficit to 4-2.

"They only had two real good situations, but they took advantage of them," Bergman said. "Overall, this weekend showed the character of our team."

MILESTONE

With the victory on Saturday, Coach Jay Bergman set another milestone in his successful coaching career that began in 1967. The win over GSU was Bergman’s 900th victory at the NCAA level. The 900 wins span four decades beginning with his first at the University of Florida in 1976.

"The irony of it all is that I never swung a bat or made a pitch during all the wins. My job is just to make the lineups and coach the players," Bergman said. "My assistant coaches and the players made it all happen. But I had some great memories."

He recorded 216 wins in six years with the Gators. He now has a 664-403-3 record in now his 18th season at UCF. He also won 180-79 as the head coach at Seminole Community College from 1967-73.

SPARK PLUG

Shortstop Mike Myers has batted in the leadoff spot for all but one game during UCF's first 29 games entering Saturday's double-header. Myers was hitting .300 with 34 runs scored, five doubles, and two triples. However, he became the offensive force during the double-header split with GSU.

He drove in both runs during the 9-2 loss in the opener, including his first collegiate home run to score UCF's first run in the third inning. Then he led off the second game with a home run to lead off the first inning. During the three-game series, he went 6-for-12 with five runs scored, three RBIs, two home runs, and three doubles.

"Myers had a great series," Bergman said. "I can't remember anyone having that type of series, especially not being a home run hitter."

ETC

UCF's 10-game winning streak ended with the loss on Saturday. It was the longest streak since winning 13 in a row in 1998. The Golden Knights beat Lehigh 23-3 last Wednesday. The 23 runs scored were the most UCF has scored since beating Cleveland State 24-2 on Feb. 28, 1991. The 10 runs in the sixth inning broke the school record for runs in that inning. The previous record of eight was set against Centenary on May 11, 1996.

Darryl Stephens' home run against Lehigh was his first of the season. The game against Lehigh was the last game against a non-TAAC team other than South Florida.

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**Women's tennis keeps on thriving**

**David Winberg  
Staff Writer**

Week by week, and win by win, the nation took little notice. But on March 3, the UCF women's tennis team climbed into the WingspanBank.com Collegiate Tennis Rankings after upsetting No. 41 Texas Christian 6-3 in Fort Worth, Texas, and then into the top 50 after two convincing wins against Trans America Athletic Conference foes Campbell and Georgia State.

"This is a step in the right direction, but now we have to pay attention to detail," said first-year head coach Patricia Allison after UCF achieved its highest national ranking since May 1997. "People are gunning for us now."

First out to test the No. 48 ranked Golden Knights was Big East contender Syracuse on March 17. UCF grabbed a 4-2 lead going into doubles play after Veronica Widyadharma downed Shareen Lai, ranked No. 82 in the nation, 6-1 and 6-1 at the No. 1 position. The Golden Knights sealed the victory after winning two of three doubles.

"We did a great job against a very good Syracuse team," said Allison whose team improved to 12-3 on the season.

UCF's second opponent of the week, Louisville, came to Orlando ranked No. 60 in the country. Though only 10 spots ahead of the Cardinals, the Golden Knights made short work of their opponents. UCF received singles victories from Widyadharma, Marieke Gunawan, Ann-Jeanette Svantesson, Gaelle Gouttefarde, Sonja Prokopec and Daniela Okal to boost a convincing 6-0 lead heading into doubles. Again, UCF won two of three doubles to win the match, 8-1. The Golden Knights continued their TAAC dominance shutting down Samford 9-0 for their 31st straight win in league play.

UCF won all singles contests in straight sets. The Golden Knights picked up their second win in a week against a Conference-USA opponent after defeating UAB 5-4. UCF won four of six singles matches going into the doubles portion with a 4-2 lead.

Svantesson and Okal sealed UCF's 12th victory in 13 matches with a 8-2 win against Sjouke Lien and Esther Obergfoll in the No. 3 slot. These wins will prepare us for the close of our schedule," said Allison.

UCF is now 15-3 on the season and 6-0 in TAAC play.
Men's tennis loses three in New Mexico

the taste of sweet victories, the Golden Knights fell to 8-9 on the season after a three-game winless drought to New Mexico and San Diego State in Albuquerque and New Mexico State in Las Cruces on March 17-20.

Playing New Mexico for the first time in school history, UCF got off to a bad start losing the doubles point for the first time in eight matches. The Lobos continued to roll claiming victories behind Takeshi Itoh at No. 3 and Andrew Irving at No. 6 for a 3-0 lead. Fernando Martinez gave UCF hope by outlasting Bart Scott 6-2, 4-6 and 6-4 at No. 5, but New Mexico's Matt Amgwerd, ranked No. 9 in the latest WingspanBank.com Collegiate Tennis Rankings, Nicolas Dubey and Jens Weiss downed UCF's Federico Camacho, Grayden Moore and Augusto Sanabria respectively in tough three sets matches.

"We came out a little bit flat in doubles and fell behind immediately," said first-year head coach Bobby Cashman. "We never got back in the game."

The Golden Knights returned to action on March 18 against San Diego State, ranked No. 27 in the latest WingspanBank.com Collegiate Tennis Rankings. For the second straight day, UCF lost the doubles point. The Aztecs took a 3-0 lead after Alex Waske defeated Grayden Moore at No. 1 and No. 63 Oliver Maiberger topped Federico Camacho at No. 2. Dan Castro clinched the match for San Diego State downing David Moore 6-2, 6-3 at No. 6. UCF picked up its two points on the road at No. 3 and No. 5. William Guerin rallied from a set down to beat Adam Webster 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 at No. 3 for his 10th win of the season and Martinez picked up his second victory in two days by outlasting Cabe Coren 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 at No. 5.

"I'm pleased with the effort today. We gave a very good San Diego State team a fight," said Cashman.

For the second time in three years, the Golden Knights played New Mexico State in Las Cruces. In 1998, the Aggies defeated UCF by a score of 5-2 after capturing the doubles point. This year, it was UCF's turn to win the doubles point. The Golden Knights won at No. 2 and No. 3 behind victories from Guerin/Federico Camacho and Martinez/Augusto Sanabria. In singles play, New Mexico State got two wins immediately from the top of the line-up. No. 63 Marc Legris defeated Grayden Moore at No. 1 and Camacho retired after only two games due to arm injury to Cesar Obieta. Down 1-2, UCF rallied for a 3-2 lead. Johan Westin defeated Felix Hur 6-4, 6-4 at the No. 4 position and Augusto Sanabria rebounded from his two tough three-sets losses against New Mexico and San Diego State outlasting Ben Newsome 7-6, 2-6 and 6-1 in the No. 5 slot. UCF then had a golden opportunity to seal its first win against a ranked opponent this season when both Guerin and Martinez served for the match in their respective tilts. However, both Aggie players broke back and went on to win in three sets and escape with a 4-3 victory.

"It was an extremely tough loss for us," said Cashman. "It would have been great to finish the trip with a win over a ranked team, but now we have to prepare for the last four matches before the TAAC tournament starts on April 15."

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Women's soccer alumni gets best of current team

DAVID MARSTERS
STAFF WRITER

In the midst of their offseason training program, the UCF women's soccer team took time out for some fun in last Sunday's 2000 UCF Alumni Soccer game. In the end, experience won out over youth, but in youth's defense, experience did have a World Cup hero on its team.

The game, which was played in front of a small crowd at the team's practice field, featured a matchup between UCF's current squad and an assembly of former Golden Knights players, including USA National Team member Michelle Akers. The alumni dominated the first half, taking a 4-0 lead on two goals by Akers, one by Kelley Barnes, and another by Amy Getz. Akers' second goal came on a booming shot from 20 yards out that ended up in the top right corner of the net, while Getz completed an impressive set of passes by heading in a cross from Akers. The current UCF players did not go without a fight, however, and made a game of it in the second half. Freshman forward Amanda King scored the Golden Knights' first goal off a pass from Jackie Kutidis, and junior midfielder Claire Kohake picked up a goal later in the half, also on an assist from Kutidis. In the end, however, the 4-2 final score was insignificant, as the participants said it was more about fun than anything else.

"We wanted to come out here and have fun," said Kohake. "It's always a good game against the alumni. I think we did okay."

Michelle Akers, she worked us a little, but we had a lot of fun and that's basically what we wanted to get out of it."

Despite the light nature of the contest, both teams on the field made no secret of their desire to win, and there was plenty of competition.

"We're UCF soccer players so we're always competitive and we always want to win," said Akers. "That's kind of the heart and soul of the whole tradition of UCF, so it's not surprising."

"It's basically showing your pride out here today," said UCF head coach Amanda Cromwell. "The alumni have a lot of pride and great tradition, and they showed it, and that's something that we can learn from."

The game did have one very scary moment, when Akers and UCF goalkeeper Maria Bamus collided while both going for a loose ball. Akers lay on the ground clutching her shoulder, but said she wasn't seriously hurt when she came off the field. She spent the rest of the contest on the sideline with a bag of ice on her shoulder.

The previous day, the Golden Knights had participated in a round robin tournament featuring other Florida schools, including FSU, Miami and Jacksonville University. Though that event was a better gauge of UCF's offseason progress, Cromwell was still able to take valuable lessons away from the game with the alumni.

"We're not clean enough technically, as far as first touches or bending the ball with a certain part of our foot," said Cromwell. "We saw (the alumni) doing that, with more experience and sophistication. Our whole team needs to work on the technical aspect of the game."

Akers, who returned to UCF last season as a part time assistant coach last season, offered her advice on what the team will have to do to improve upon their second round loss in the 1999 NCAA Tournament.

"I think right now they're going to have to get a little refocused and become more disciplined in their training," she said. "If they do that, they can pick up where they left off (last season) and they're going to be a really good team.

"I think the game (against the alumni) was a little more fun than anything else."
SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- The clock was ticking off the final seconds and Kenyan Weaks, the University of Florida's lone senior, wanted the ball. More importantly, he wanted the moment.

There would be no dramatic finish. The Gators led Oklahoma State by 10. The outcome was determined. The orders from the bench were simple.

Hold the ball until the horn, then let the celebration begin.

"That wasn't good enough," Weaks said. Nope, Final Four-clinchers deserve more.

Weaks sped around an OSU defender, took the baseline and smashed home what he called an "explanation point" to a 77-65 victory in the NCAA East Region championship game before 30,388 at the Carrier Dome.

Sophomore forward Mike Miller scored 14 points and grabbed five rebounds to lead an ultra-balanced UF attack that had seven players with at least eight points, as fifth-seeded UF fended off a second-half rally by the third-seeded Cowboys to wrap up the second Final Four berth in school history.

The Gators (28-7), who on Friday upended No. 1-ranked Duke to remain alive, earned the right to play one of the nation's other stalwart programs, North Carolina (22-13), in Saturday's 8:18 p.m. national semifinal round nightcap at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

The winner will advance to face either Oklahoma State (30-7) or Wisconsin (22-13), as their trademark pressure defense took its toll.

The margin ballooned to 17, at 50-33, with 16 minutes to play, when the Cowboys (27-7) made their last stand. A 20-6 run over nearly eight minutes cut the lead to 56-53 with less than eight minutes to go. Donovan would say later that he had to pull his team out of its press to prevent his players were showing signs of fatigue.

"With eight minutes to go, they had to reach down and dig deeper," Donovan said.

After two free throws by Dupay pushed the lead back to five, the Gators resumed the press-out of a timeout and the Cowboys had no answer. Five straight points from Miller, including a clutch 3-pointer from the top of the key, extended the margin back to 10.

OSU was still hanging around, down by eight with five minutes to go, when backup freshmen center Donnell Harvey (10 points, six rebounds) scored six straight points, the last two coming on a vicious one-handed slam dunk as he crashed down the left side of the lane.

Dispirited senior forward Brent Wright: "I thought he was on a trampline."

Harvey's dunk bounced whatever spirit remained in Cowboys.

"When you're playing catch-up against a good club, you use up so much energy that it's hard to get over the hump," OSU Coach Eddie Sutton said. "We didn't play one of our best games, but I'm sure Florida had a lot to do with that."

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The Gators are going to the Final Four, where a chance at the ultimate exclamation point awaits.

"Coach Donovan just told us to come out here, enjoy the moment and play our game," Wright said. "Every game he's just told us to be fearless and be confident and that's what we've gone out there and done."

"I think when you're playing or doing something for someone you love, you have a tendency to try to dig down a little deeper," said Donovan, who chose wife Christine and the rest of his family as the people he would coach a little harder for. "When you're young, you're selfish. You worry about you. But, to me, it doesn't matter what you accomplish in life if you have no one to share it with."

On this day, Donovan had his wife, children, parents, as well as family and friends from his days growing up on Long Island.

And share in it they did.

The Gators led for virtually the entire game, as their trademark pressure defense took its toll on an OSU team with nowhere the depth to match UF's 10-man rotation. Behind 56-per-cent shooting, Florida led by as many as 15 in the first half while forcing 16 turnovers on the way to a 43-31 lead at the break.

The winner will advance to face fourth-seeded Oklahoma State on Sunday, March 29, at 5:42, on ESPN at the Carrier Dome.

The Cowboys (27-7) couldn't keep pace with the Gators (28-7) for long. Jordan Trojanowski finished with 10 points and nine rebounds.

Miller, voted regional Most Valuable Player, had 14 points and nine rebounds while reserve guard Robert Smith contributed 12 points. Reserve forward Zach Johnson was clutch with three 3-pointers and nine rebounds.

Donovan said of a team that asks big minutes of four freshmen and four sophomores, "This is something they'll remember for the rest of their lives."

After the game, the Gators doled East Region champion T-shirts and hats, mugged for the CBS cameras and delighted in the customary cutting of the nuts. Weaks wore one around his neck in the post-game locker room.

"I'm giving it to my mom,' he said.

Fitting. On Sunday, Weaks had the word "Mom" scribbled on the tape that wrapped his ankles. Center Udosok Haslem's ankle said "Sam," in memory of his step brother who died last summer of cancer. "Family" was the choice of point guard Teddy Dupay, and several others.

"We were playing for more than just the glory of winning a basketball game," said Miller, voted regional Most Valuable Player. Donovan, in his remarkable growth as a head coach, told his players to pick someone they loved to dedicate the game to; someone who had helped put them in position to experience one of the grandest spectacles in all of sports.
FSU shuts out Maryland in three straight

Schools Around The State

FSU shuts out Maryland in three straight
As in every year under the reigns of head coach Mike Martin, the Florida State pitching staff was once again expected to be a key ingredient in FSU's return to the College World Series.

But few expected the pitching staff to be this dominant.

For the first time in 29 years, FSU (27-4, 7-2) shut out a team in a three-game series, making it three straight. The last time an opponent scored was Wake Forest, Varnes shut Maryland down for six innings. In the game, Varnes (5-1) gave up five hits and struck out five batters for his fifth win of the year.

With its third consecutive shutout of Maryland, the FSU pitching staff has now shut out both Wake Forest and McDonald also registered good starts.

The last time the Noles accomplished three shutouts in a row was in 1989 when FSU shut out Rice twice then blanked Richmond two days later.

As the scores would indicate, the games and the sweep were never in doubt.

On Saturday, the Seminoles once again received strong starting pitching in a game, this time from Blair Varnes. After throwing a complete game victory last Sunday against Wake Forest, Varnes shut Maryland down for six innings. In the game, Varnes (5-1) gave up five hits and struck out five batters for his fifth win of the year.

With its third consecutive shutout of Maryland, the FSU pitching staff has now thrown 12 consecutive shutout innings.

UCF Athletics Named To GTE-Academic All-District Team

SPECIAL TO THE FUTURE

University of Central Florida cross country and track team member Sarah Kureshi (Okeechobee/Okeechobee HS) and men’s soccer team captain Rami Vehmas (Rovaniemi, Finland/Damavanda Sport HS) have been selected to the GTE/CSSDA Academic All-District III first teams. As members of the All-District first team, Kureshi and Vehmas are now eligible to be named to the national All-America teams which will be announced in several weeks.

Kureshi, a junior pre-med major, has been twice honored as the team's scholar athlete and has been an Academic All-American athlete. She has been on the Academic All-American team the last two years. Kureshi is now eligible to be named to the national All-America teams which will be announced in several weeks.

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OFF THE WIRE

A group of university faculty members from across the nation met this weekend in Des Moines in an effort to clean up college athletics by cutting the length of schedules and financial scholarships for athletes and removing the title "student-athlete.

While University of Iowa faculty members were not in attendance at the conference, which was held at Drake University, Jon Carlson, the president of the University of Iowa Faculty Senate and a professor of law, said Iowa athletes are treated no differently from students involved in other UI-sponsored extracurricular activities.

The "Drake Group," named for the location of its first meeting, plans to rejuvenate "100 years of failed effort to clean up college sports," said Jon Ericson, a rhetoric and communications professor at Drake and the founder of the group.

During the two-day meeting, the group drafted a five-part proposal intended to initiate policy reform at some universities. The list will be sent to Faculty Senates at NCAA Division I universities and to various academic organizations for support, Ericson said.

"College athletics has been transformed into a multibillion-dollar industry that has compromised the academic mission of the university," he said.

The Drake group hopes to restore academic integrity, fulfill faculty members' obligations, and protect the welfare of all students, Ericson said.

The proposals include eliminating the term "student-athlete," reducing the number of games played during a season, public disclosure of all student academic information with the exception of individual grades, eliminating athletic scholarships and removing the responsibility of academic counseling from the Athletics Departments.

Ericson said he hoped these measures would help to bring the focus of college back to the classrooms. He noted that the process of reform will not be easy and that every point in the proposal serves a significant purpose.

Ericson said students involved in athletics are treated differently from other students, something that is perpetuated by the title "student-athlete." He also said athletes are sometimes shortchanged in their effort to gain a quality education.

"I'll have students in my class who come in the first day and say that they'll be missing eight classes because of games," Ericson said. "That automatically puts the student at a disadvantage. You'd think that teaching is some kind of magical act."

Ericson said that aside from missing class, athletes who attend his classes are often fatigued from practice and are unable to reach their full potential.

"There are a lot of faculty who are concerned about the situation of athletes on campus -- how the student athletes are treated, are they given the opportunity to get a good education, or are they exploited by the university," Carlson said.

A.J. Blazek, a UI junior (junior-college transfer) and center for the football team, said the quality of UI academics was stressed heavily when he was recruited last Christmas.

"During my campus visit, I had more meetings concerning academics than athletics," he said.

"The coaches are more concerned about classes than they are about practices," Blazek said. "There has been a couple of times when they have told us to go to class first and come to practice when we are through."

Carlson said there are also UI faculty members who are drawn to the Iowa's high-quality athletics.

"From an academic standpoint, athletes are doing a pretty good job. A number of coaches stress academic achievements," Carlson said. "I can tell, the average student-athlete is doing as well or better (than the average student)," he said.

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Knights gain valuable experience in injury-filled year

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For the UCF women’s basketball team, the 1999-2000 season started with promise. Entering the year as the defending TAAC Champions, the Golden Knights opened the season against Conference USA member South Florida.

Despite the fact that just two members of UCF’s starting five that night had ever started a collegiate game, the Golden Knights nearly upset the Bulls, losing 62-60 in the game’s final minute. First year head coach Gill Striegler had hope for a good season, but that game would only turn out to represent the potential that was never filled.

During the course of the year, the team experienced what Striegler called a “merry go round” of injuries, losing seven different players to injury at some point during the season. Perhaps the most devastating of these injuries was the loss of center Camille Howard to arthroscopic knee surgery midway through the year. Howard, who was the team’s leading scorer and rebounder at the time of her injury, missed most of the second half of the season, and even when she did return, she was still playing hurt. Junior guard Nancy Richter, who was expected to be the team’s best outside shooter, wasn’t able to find her touch, fighting through nagging knee and ankle injuries all year. Faced with the task of playing shorthanded nearly every night, Striegler was forced to use whatever players were available to her for each game - and that was a group that changed frequently.

Despite all the injuries, the Golden Knights repeatedly showed signs that they could play with and beat anyone in the conference. Striegler maintained that when healthy, her team was one of the TAAC’s best. Unfortunately, UCF never got healthy, and limped to a 9-20 record, their worst since the 1992-1993 season.

The team did not go without its bright spots, however. UCF was the conference’s best rebounding team, spending most of the year in the national top 10 in rebounding margin. A 69-64 win over Campbell, the eventual TAAC Tournament Champion, came in the Golden Knights second game without Howard.

Entering the TAAC Tournament in last place, UCF upset Stetson in the first round in dramatic fashion. With the game tied at 60-60 in the final seconds, senior LaDonna Larry drove the length of the floor to make a layup that beat the buzzer and the Hatters 62-60. Individually, junior forward LaToya Graham was a pillar of consistency, playing in every game and leading the team with 12.9 points per contest. When Howard went down, Graham became the Golden Knights’ main post player, and she flourished in her new role, earning All-TAAC Third Team honors. Another player who emerged after the loss of Howard was sophomore forward Khaliah Guillory. Guillory became the emotional leader of the team, averaging 10.6 points and 6.3 rebounds per game. She had a knack for having a big night at the right time, scoring a career high 23 points in the win over Campbell. Freshman forward Erin Paige showed great potential in averaging 9.0 points and 5.6 rebounds per game, and also led the TAAC in offensive rebounding.

Paige was named to the All-TAAC Freshman team. Though very few of the conference’s top teams are losing significant players to graduation, next season looks to be a good one for UCF. A top priority for the Golden Knights will be to fill the gap left by the departure of two seniors, center Paula Nesbitt and guard LaDonna Larry. Nesbitt and Larry did not start in a majority of games, but were valuable role players who brought experience and leadership to the team.

“LaDonna and Paula are special people,” said Striegler. “They are great kids and have played hard every game. They’ve been through more adversity in their careers here, and they both are two of the most adversity in their careers here, and they both are two of the...”

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Coach Andy Cox listed family problems as the reason for his resignation as defensive line coach for the Knights, a position he shared with Charles Huff, who remains in his capacity.

Football team loses another coach

He was known as a player's coach who often had dinner with current and former players, creating a bond with his segment that many players talked about as a key influence.

"I thought Andy did a good job here," UCF head coach Mike Kruczek said. "His strong point was his relationship with his players and they played very, very hard for him. He instilled in them the idea that they had to give great effort on the football field. I wish him well in whatever he does." Cox, who came to UCF from McNeese State, split the defensive line duties with defensive ends coach Charles Huff. Huff will take over the entire line on a temporary basis while Kruczek conducts a search for a replacement.

The Knights are also looking to replace former offensive line coach Paul Lounsberry, who left on Mar. 11 to accept a similar job at South Carolina. A national search will be conducted to replace both he and Cox.

Women's basketball looks forward to 2000-2001 season

The Golden Knights went through more injuries this season than most teams will go through in four seasons, and yet were still competitive. If there is an upside to all of the injuries, it is that a number of players got a lot of experience that they wouldn't have been able to get while sitting on the bench. That will greatly improve the quality of the team's depth, something that is needed over the grueling stretch of conference games. If UCF can stay healthy, a return to the top of the TAAC next season is not that farfetched.
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Bergman wins 900th career game

**Jeff Case**

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As a rookie reporter three and a half years ago, I approached Jay Bergman to ask him about a then-player of his, shortstop Eric Riggs. Riggs was in the midst of a breakout year as a sophomore and I asked the type of question that someone wheated on ESPN would expect.

"Coach Bergman, are you hoping that next year Riggs will be your star player?"

An old-school coach like Bergman didn’t bite on my poor question but instead followed up with one of his own.

“What do you consider to be a star player?” Bergman said.

Dumbfounded by the wisdom from UCF’s skipper and without a lack of a good response, I moved on to my next question and finished the interview, but Bergman’s words stuck with me.

What did I mean by star player? At the time UCF had plenty of stars in its line-up, from Riggs to Todd Bellhorn to Erik Johnson. But as I spent the next few seasons watching Bergman-led ballclubs, I realized the stupidity of my question.

There are no stars in Bergman’s lineup each night, just quality players helping the 18-year coaching veteran win games.

Bergman has seen his share of big wins in his career, but perhaps none were bigger than Saturday’s 8-6 victory against Georgia State. For a coach that has defeated the likes of Miami, North Carolina and Clemson in his career, a routine win against GSU wouldn’t seem like much.

But when this win is the 900th in a coach’s 24-year career as a Division I coach, it has a little more meaning attached to it. Perhaps most impressive of all is that Bergman has accomplished a stellar coaching career without what some reporters would call “star” players.

For coaching many star-free teams, Bergman’s managed to weasel some of his former players into major league contracts and camps. In his tenure as the Golden Knights coach, Bergman has helped get 51 players a chance to play at the next level. Of those 51, one has been a first rounder. (Chad Motola and Joe Wagner), seven have been drafted in the fifth round or higher. (Brian Alson, 1989, Motola, ’92, Wagner, ’93, Jay Veniard, ’95, Riggs, Mike Maroth and Kevin Gordon, ’98). He’s had at least two players plucked from his squad for the majors for the past 10 seasons, including a team-high 10 draftees in 1999.

But it takes good coaching to get a player ready for the rigors of playing their way into the major leagues. And that preparation is something Bergman has always provided to even his least talented player. In his 900th win, the long-standing success that has allowed the 1999 Atlantic Region Coach of the Year to survive in college baseball was present.

Bergman has gotten to 900 wins by combining talent, some star-less power and one of the best coaching minds in the country. After falling to the Panthers 9-2 in the opener, Bergman rallied his team as he has many times before.

In earning the landmark victory, the...