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JENNIFER PATTSON STAFF WRITER

The evolution of UCF from a small, specialized institution by the name of Florida Technological University to a buzzing metropolitan university is apparent to most. New structures added to the campus in the last few years such as three parking garages, the Student Union, numerous classroom buildings, dorms and more have changed the face of UCF from a small, regional and mostly commuter school into one of the largest universities in Florida.

While I came to school here in 1973 there was only the Administration Building, Math and Physics, Phillips Hall, Biology, and some on-campus housing,” said Arno Suicer, a graduate, full-time employee and current Graduate student at UCF.

While it is evident that UCF is undergoing tremendous growth in number of buildings and student population, what is not as obvious is that academically, UCF is booming more than ever.

Dr. Whitehouse, President of Provost, maintains that the primary goal of UCF is to maintain its commitment to undergraduate education. “We are unique for a large institution because we have a higher percentage of faculty teaching courses as opposed to other schools where many graduate students do the teaching,” he said. “Also we want to keep spending dollars on programs that enhance teaching and learning such as the Teaching and Learning Center in the new classroom building.”

The center, he says promotes new ideas and creative teaching, something which UCF feels is very important. UCF is also working to expand in the area of research.

Last year, the school had an increase in funding to $52 million, up 40%.

Interestingly enough, the top two fund-earners were the College of Engineering and the College of Education,” said Whitehouse. “While it is commonly known that our areas of expertise are in the technological arena, the funding to the College of Education shows that our school is more diverse in its research than many may think." The drive to expand the research role of UCF is twofold: while on the one hand the school wants to strive to meet the needs of greater Orlando through research, on the other hand President John Hitt emphasizes that it is research that drives the university forward.

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Getting dressed for Tech

UCF linebacker Tony Hardman, left, assists teammate Antoine Poe with his equipment before last Saturday’s practice at the Florida Citrus Bowl. UCF opens its season on Saturday against Georgia Tech.

— Stories, SPORTS

One part of the downtown campus that has not expanded in the last few years is UCF’s football program. But football is not the only sport getting the attention of UCF athletic director Carl Patton, President Ryan Stiner, Vice President Andrea Almeida and President’s Primary Advisor Jill Ziegler Ferrer. Patton, Stiner, Almeida, Holdsworth and Ziegler attended workshops at chapter success, leadership and personal development. The recent award simply made the trip that much more rewarding.

This is a great honor for Golden Key at UCF. For a chapter that was recognized by a select few two years ago, this honor society is expanding and improving at an impeccable rate. "We're not only growing, but we're going to be up there with big schools like UF," said Almeida.

Three film makers make UCF their home

PAUL WILSON STAFF WRITER

With the success of the "Blair Witch Project," created by UCF students, some might say the film program at UCF was making great strides. But with some new additions, the program is getting even better.

Fox Television’s "American High," Warner Brothers’ "Opposite Sex," and the Academy Award winning film "As Good As It Gets" are just some of the credits of three nationally known filmmakers joining the faculty of UCF’s Department of Film. Jonathan Mednick, Mark Gerstein and Lori Ingle.

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UCF hopes to go from Intensive to Extensive classification

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that is, "a critical component of UCF's ascension to the top echelon of the country's research institutions."

"As UCF and Orlando continue to grow, our research goals will reach new heights. Classification as a Research I institution by the Carnegie Foundation, an objective for the new millennium, will bring a sharper focus on UCF and the community," said Vice President of Research, M.J. Soleau.

Currently UCF is classified as a Doctoral/Research University - Intensive meaning that it awards at least ten doctoral degrees per year across three or more disciplines, or at least 20 doctoral degrees overall. The most prestigious ranking in this system is the Doctoral/Research University - Extensive. These institutions award 50 or more doctoral degrees per year across at least 15 disciplines.

Last year we awarded 89 doctoral degrees in 14 fields," said Dr. Whitehouse. "So you can see how close we are."

While Dr. Whitehouse admits that the new growth in research and development is exciting, he maintains that UCF will not waiver in its commitment to quality and inexpensive undergraduate education. In 50 years he sees UCF has one of the leading metropolitan universities in the world.

"With the resources and growth of the area around us it is hard not to envision this."

Film department developing a hands-on program for students

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these three are the first in a planned expansion of the facility to include more working, hands-on film makers," says Sterling Van Wagenen, chairman of the department. "They love teaching, and have careers they will continue." Mednick, the co-producer of "American High," which is airing nationally on Fox TV, has 15 years experience in the film industry. He is president and founding partner of the New York based film production company Other Pictures, Inc. It recently produced two celebrated independent films, 'Welcome to the Dollhouse' and 'A Perfect Candidate.' He will be teaching film direction and producing classes beginning in January.

"What I like about UCF is that it's a large school, but the Film Department only has about 60 students. It has all the resources of a large school, but small enough classes that you get to know your students, and give them one on one attention," says Mednick. "When you look at the staff that is in place, and the new additions, you can see how this can be a top film school."

Mark Gerstein, A 13-year film veteran, brings extensive digital editing experience to the department. In addition to opposite Sex, which recently aired on Fox TV, his credits include editing on 'Pensacola,' 'Silk Stalkings,' "The Cape" and "Sisters." He will oversee the capstone productions by graduating seniors, and the expansion of the post production area in the department.

A graduate of the California Institute of the Arts, Lori Ingle has worked as an editor in Hollywood for over a decade. She was the Feature Associate Editor on 'As Good As It Gets,' directed by James L. Brooks. She has also worked on over seven feature films. She will divide her time between the newly established digital media program and the Film Department.

"We are developing a practical hands-on program for students who want to make films," says Van Wagenen. "To be a first rate film school, you need to have first rate professors with real world experience. With the professors we have and the three we have added, I am confident we are moving in the right direction."

UCF dedicates Grand Pegasus Ballroom

ANDREA KEEGAN Staff writer

The University of Central Florida isn't known as one of the fastest growing universities for nothing. The Student Union, a building that opened less than 3 years ago, is already dedicated to donors.

The actual ribbon cutting ceremony will take place from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. President Hitt, Dr. Huddleston, and SGA President Dennis Sparkle, are scheduled to speak. Mark Hall, Director of Campus Life Facilities, will introduce the architects and designers of the ballroom. Students, Alumni, Faculty, and Staff will have an opportunity to view the ballroom.

Vendors of the Student Union have agreed to offer freebies from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Free food will be provided by: Steak Escape, Pretzel Time, Mrs. Fields, Cookies, Subway, Wendy's, Sharroo's, Sweet Retreat-ice cream and yogurt, and Baja Burrito Kitchen. Freebies will include sample subs, chips and salsa, cookies, drinks and more.

Other vendors participating include: Loco's, who will be providing free pool, Sonic Boom offering up coupons and free demos, the UCF Computer Store who will be giving away free mouse pads, as well as Greek Unique offering 20% to 30% off selected merchandise, College Optical with an eye exam and glasses raffle, KnightWear with a merchandise raffle, and Knightstop handing out promotional items.

Live music sponsored by SGA and CAB will be provided from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the new patio.

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UCF Police are looking for the individuals pictured below who may have information concerning missing money from the UCF Huntington Bank, which occurred on August 9 at approximately 3:37 p.m. If you have any information please contact Detective/Sergeant Hugh Carpenter at 407-823-6268.

Huntington Bank, which occurred the individuals pictured below who

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Huntington Bank's security camera captured this image of an individual who may have information regarding missing money.

Police Beat

Rape Aggression
Defense Course
to be offered to
females at UCF

Officer Kelli Smith and Officer-Scott Lowen are looking for female students, faculty and staff that would be interested in participating in a Rape Aggression (RAD) course to be offered on campus starting in September. Smith and Lowen, who were just certified to facilitate this course, are very excited to raise awareness of such an important cause. "Being a female and having gone through the training, I can honestly say that anyone who comes to this class will get a realization of what is available to help themselves," said Smith. Founder of RAD, Larry Nadanoff, offers a philosophy for the course that has also developed into the course objective. "To develop and enhance the option of self-defense so they may become viable considerations for the woman who is attacked." The course is three days long, four hours each day and will be scheduled according to the availability of the majority of students interested. The course requires a ten-dollar deposit, which is refunded at the completion of the course. Each class will be limited to eight to ten people so each person may have a more personalized experience.

The first day of the course will consist of an information session where each student will receive a notebook outlining the course and explaining the techniques offered. "We want the students to have the knowledge to prevent rape before it happens," said Lowen. On the second day the instructors will demonstrate the techniques explained the previous day. "We will teach the students how to recognize threats and how to remove themselves from a situation before it is too late," said Smith. The last day is "dynam- ic simulation" where the students will get to use the techniques they have learned through full physical contact with an officer in a RAD suit, a padded protective suit the aggressor wears.

Victim's Services Advocates will also be on hand during the dynamic simulation portion of the course for any discussion or counseling that may be needed.

Another feature of the course is that each student receives certification upon completion.

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UFPD vacates Wild Pizza building

JAMES NUNEZ

After a nine-month stay in the old Wild Pizza building, the University Police Department's main office staff moved back into building 49 on Aug. 16. The department's original office was moved because of air conditioning system, paint job, and carpeting renovations needed on the old building located on Libra Drive.

Because of the extraordinary yearly growth of the UCF, the Police Department is finding it difficult to obtain adequate space. At present time, the Campus Police, Victim Services Unit, and the Crime Prevention Unit all share the same trailer. "We grow every year, and with that growth, we loose space," said Kellie DeArmas, Senior Property Manager for the Police Department, on the need for continual property renovations.

DeArmas emphasized the fact that much preparation went into the move in order to eliminate any problems with immediate response. Numerous e-mails were sent out, as well, to remind campus officers of the move. "We've got to get back to the area, and still maintain our巡逻, "DeArmas said of the difficult move back. "We've got to get organized again. Obviously, it was an inconvenience, but it was an inconvenience that we were happy to incur, because [the renovations] made our building better."

The Police Department experienced no problems with immediate victim aid, because the campus officers continued to operate out of building 49 for the duration of the renovation. Furthermore, the officers were able to remain in close contact with the campus and community, as they were not directly involved in the actual move. "They still responded to calls, as usual," said Officer DeArmas. In fact, not only did the campus officers operate adequately during the move, but also they were able to upgrade their radio system to an extremely powerful 800 megahertz.

The only change that students and faculty must be aware of is that the finger printing office has been moved to the Specialized Patrol Division office in the West Parking Garage. However, contacting the Police Department and its services can still be done by calling (407) 823-5555. Student Escort Services, a program that escorts students and faculty around campus after dark, can still be reached by calling (407) 823-2424.

FBC Oviedo's Collegiate Ministry

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Rick Paghe, College Pastor

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UCF Employee of the Year chosen, Blood bank returns

JENNIFER PATerson
STAFF WRITER

At the annual Awards Banquet for USPS in July, President John Hitt gave Kay West, an administrative assistant at the UCF Arena, $2500 in recognition of her Employee of the Year Award. West was chosen from among this year’s 12 Employee of the month award winners.

Nearly 1,900 graduate in August

On Aug. 5, nearly 1,900 students received degrees in three ceremonies at the UCF Arena. 623 students were from the College of Engineering and Computer Science, College of Health and Public Affairs, and the School of Optics. The College of Arts and Sciences and College of Education had 712. And 588 were from the College of Business Administration.

Kudos for UCF faculty

Jeanne Leiby, assistant English professor, published her poem "Decisions at the Edge of the Light" in Sunday's The Southeast Review. She presented the short story "Menither and the Headache" at the Berkeley Fiction Review.


Martha Marinara, assistant English professor, published "Writing Outside the Lines: Stories of Literacy" and "Voices from the Outside: A Collection of Nontraditional Writing by Nontraditional Writers," and the poems "The Frame Shop" and "Walking the Dead." She presented "National Blues, Local Changes: How can Part-Time Faculty Empower Themselves?" and "Adult Literacy Women Returning to College" at conferences and "Feminist Parenting" at UCF's Women's Bluestocking Luncheon Series.

Barry Maurer, assistant English professor, presented "Judy Berlin: Case Study of an Independent Film" at the Universal City Plex Theatre.

Nancy Stanlick, philosophy instructor, presented "Hobbesian Friendship: Valuing Others for Oneself" at the 17th International Social Philosophy Conference in Canada.

Did you know?

UCF ranks in the top 100 schools in the nation that confer the most degrees to minority students. UCF ranked 24th in the number of baccalaureate degrees awarded to Hispanics, 33rd to African Americans, and 38th to minority students as a whole.

Money Magazine ranks UCF among the nation's 25 best public education values for in-state students.

The College of Engineering and Computer Science at UCF ranks among the top 15% of the nation's largest engineering colleges.

Professor Donna Baumbach, College of Education, was named the nation's "Outstanding Technology Leader in Education."

UCF offers a total of 149 degrees.

United Nations of instruction

The "United Nations of instruction" is how President John Hitt described Classroom Building I because it will be used by all six of the university's colleges.

"This building offers our students truly a new way of learning, and has already set [new standards]. There's no going back to the old type of classroom," he said during its open house on Monday. "The way technology is being implemented is the story. It says something about what we say about teaching in a research university. This building is a testament to the importance we place on undergraduate studies."

Blood bank back

The Central Florida Blood Bank is having a blood drive Wednesday, Aug. 30 and Thursday, Aug. 31 in front of the Student Union. Call 407-999-8485 for more information.

Jazz Quartet featured in artist series

The Music Department Artist Series featuring the Jeff Rupert Jazz Quartet is tonight at 8 p.m., in Rehearsal Hall. Call 823-2869 for more information.

New exhibits in library for month of Sept.

Art exhibits in the UCF Library for September are "Haiti Via Miami: The Collection Memory of Don Shoemaker," "International Student Fair 2000," "Black Books Galore," and "Sexual Assault Awareness Month."

Don't miss this rally.

Due to the rain out at the Welcome Expo, the First Year Advising Office, CAB, Huntington Banks, SGA and The Future will be hosting the 1st Knight Spirit Rally to make up for mother nature last week. The rally will be on September 8, from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. on the Green next to the Chemistry building. Two of the prizes to be given away are a $150 UCF Bookstore Gift Certificate and two football game tickets to Alabama.

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**To vote or not to vote**

**Kathy Ford**

Staff Writer

Crowded classrooms, fraternity parties, endless homework, and where to find a parking space. These details make up most college students’ lives. Registering to vote is falls short of making it on most college students’ list.

The Student Government Association (SGA) at UCF is hoping to make students interested in not only taking the time to register to vote, but also to vote and make their voices heard.

While the effort is being made to encourage students to vote, statistics show that college students are the worst age group for voting. Professor Aubrey Jewett agreed with this fact.

“We have to get students interested in government again. Not just in college but at the high school level,” said Jewett.

“There just isn’t enough there for students to be interested in politically although there was a spark or two when Ross Perot and Jesse Ventura entered the political arena.”

He also noted that there is almost always an upswing in political interest during an election year.

Rill Cowles, Orange County Supervisor of Elections, does presentations several times a year at UCF. His goal is to educate students about voting. While the 18-25 age group is the worst at voting, he was quick to point out that those same non-voters at the age of 30-35 become the most interested voters.

“Holding a full time job and a mortgage catch up with them and they recognize the need to take an interest in their government,” said Cowles.

Following the path of other colleges and universities, UCF’s SGA is working on making online registration easy and available for students.

“We want to make registering to vote a life changing event for students,” said Kristian Cosme, Senate President pro tempore of the SGA at UCF.

They have in the planning stages, an event that would enable students to register to vote in person, which will be along the lines of a block party that will include food and entertainment. Politicians like Representative Bill Sublette and former Orange County Chairman Linda Chapin have been asked to speak to the students about the importance of making their voices heard.

“Getting the students registered to vote is just the beginning of the battle. We also have to keep them voting,” added Jewett.

**RAD shows women how to protect themselves**

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Over 100 Universities offer RAD, and the students can take their completion certification to any of those institutions to take a refresher course or practice techniques.

“We want the females to learn that you don’t have to be 6’2” 180 lbs., even the smallest woman has the ability to defend herself,” said Smith.

Added Lowen, “The best defense is common sense, we just want to give them something to add to that.”

Anyone interested in the course or who would like additional information can contact either Officer Kelli Smith at 823-6185 or by email at kjsmith@mail.ucf.edu or Officer Scott Lowen at 823-0341 or by email at slowen@mail.ucf.edu.
Kristen Moczynski
INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR (U. FLORIDA)

Five budding sabal palm trees stand tall in a median on Southwest 34th Street. Five benches that can hold the weight of losing a loved one sit in Gainesville's Victim Park off Williston Road. Five trees planted by Student Government for the first anniversary grew beside a plaque near the Smathers Library. One tree and one bench for each of the victims. And then there is the memorial on the 34th Street Wall that bears the names of the five victims.

These four creations are Gainesville's way of saying goodbye. And they are Gainesville's way of reminding itself to never forget. Friday [Aug. 25] the Wall will be the focal point of a memorial dedication ceremony at 10 a.m. on the fifth hole of the University Golf Course, which was attended by representatives of all the victims' families, some flying in from as far as Ohio and Massachusetts. Priscilla Prince, a Gainesville police employee, sang "Wind Beneath My Wings" and "The Way We Were" during the ceremony. Speakers included the families of the victims and Mayor Paula DeLaney.

Meanwhile on campus, a concert of classical music from Century Tower began at 10 a.m., just as was done for the first anniversary. The ceremony will bring to light memories of the tragedy that painted the 34th Street Wall for a decade. The Wall, which is home to birthday wishes and marriage proposals, is known for not holding on to memories long. The Wall's quick face-lifts beg the question why one panel has lasted so long. Before the 34th Street Wall Memorial was created, local landscaper Nick West made plans for a median memorial, which was put on the back burner. West said he is glad his plans were not fulfilled at the time because the Wall "became a meeting point, focal point, an emotional point for students and families." The Wall, and more deeply the memorial honoring the victims, has become a way to remember and a way to hold on.

"We think about them now, and we'll continue to think about them the rest of our lives," he said of the five 1990 victims, recalling the red, black and white panel that appeared just days after the murders.

And the memorial has had its share of visitors, especially during the weeks leading up to the anniversary. People have stopped to look and take pictures of the painted remembrance. But the memorial has had signs that it's losing its significance. It has been marred several times in the past decade. Spica Bergman, manager at Point West Apartments on Southwest 34th Street, washes out for the Wall, but said she has never caught anyone vandalizing the memorial. "I think sometimes they don't know (the meaning)," she said of those who deface the memorial. "Sometimes I think they just don't care."

Like when Tony Mekeel, a Santa Fe Community College student who lived across from the Wall, taught five people who claimed to be UF freshmen in 1996 as they started painting over the memorial. The group said they did not know what the memorial meant, having just moved to Gainesville.

Sometimes the memorial was chosen because the message would be noticed by all, like in March 1998 when someone painted an ode to "Carlos" over the panel. But sometimes the message was intended for the memorial because the memorial stands, even 10 years later, as the most permanent fixture in a town known for its transience.

Last year, someone named Matt painted over the memorial with a red bubble that had the words "People die" in white, skeleton letters. Each time the memorial has been defaced it has been restored with fresh paint within a day's time. But each time there is a sense that the meaning of the memorial is being chipped away. To set the memorial apart on the Wall, George Paules, Tracy's father, framed it in coquina rock in 1993.

Last month, the 10-Year Anniversary Committee organized the refurbishment of the 34th Street Wall Memorial and the landscape medium memorial.

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If you don’t think you’re having enough sex raise your hand. Hearing complaints about lack of sex or abundance seems to be common among a college-aged population.

My roommates is always complaining about how he never gets laid. It’s annoying,” Florida State University senior Paul Carlise said. While the South may have the image of being a conservative and well-manicured area of the nation, southerners seem to be getting luckier than anyone else.

According to a survey conducted by Yankelovich Partners for Adam and Eve, the South has the highest percentage of sexually active Americans. Forty-eight percent of the South reported to be sexually active and 10 percent reported to have sex once or more a day.

Overall, the survey results showed the majority of Americans having sex between one and four times per week, regardless of what part of the country or in what type of setting they live,” Katy Zvolenik said. “One noticeable difference was between the northern sections of the country and southern and western regions. On average, men are having sex less, and those having sex are doing it less often.”

While the South had the highest percentage of people having sex regularly, those who lived in cities proved to be the most sexually active. People who live in cities were found to have sex three or four times per week.

“Living in the city is a faster-paced lifestyle, which adds tension, which, when coupled with the close proximity of people within cities, can contribute to increased sexual activity,” said Peter Kanaris, Ph.D. and director of sexualhelpNet.com. “Also more temperate climates, like the West and the South, are more conducive of all physical activity -- including sex.”

While the south may be the most sexually active region in the country, as a nation the United States doesn’t seem to be doing too badly. According to a survey done internationally by Durex condoms, America was the second most sexually active nation, beaten only by France. The French, however, were the most considerate lovers. Fifty percent of the French surveyed said that partner satisfaction was their top priority.

“I can believe that. There is something very sensual about a French man,” junior Carrie Vismah said.

It seems that no matter where you go around the world there are drawbacks to finding a happy medium for how much sex to have. The French outdid Americans in the number of times that they had sex each year, having sex 151 times a year compared to Americans’ 148 times. While Americans may have sex, they go a lot longer, spending an average of 25.3 minutes in the bedroom compared to 12.3 minutes in Hong Kong and 13.8 minutes in Italy.

“That’s surprising,” senior Kristen Prentiss said, “Italian men have this reputation of being these wonderful lovers.”

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Law prohibits N.Y. schools from using Social Security numbers for ID

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Social Security numbers and student ID numbers are often synonymous, however, a new law designed to prevent identity theft will restrict New York colleges and on how they can use a student’s Social Security numbers.

The law restricts colleges using Social Security numbers for public identification purposes, such as on student ID cards, class rosters, grade posting and student directory.

For the last two years Cornell has been re-issuing student ID cards with new 16-digit identification numbers, rather than the previously used Social Security numbers. During the next six months the university will conduct an ID card blitz, replacing all old cards that display Social Security numbers. While no major incidents of identity theft have been linked to the use of student’s Social Security numbers in New York, problems have surfaced on the opposite coast. An English instructor at a California community college allegedly used student Social Security numbers to open fraudulant credit card accounts in 1996. After allegedly stealing $43,000 in merchandise, the instructor was arrested.

The law, which also covers public and private elementary and secondary schools, won’t go into effect until July 1, 2001, giving institutions time to comply with the law.
I can do anything you can do, better?

KIEL KEAR  
STAFF WRITER

In this day and age of Saturday Night Live and MTV most members of the male species are totally oblivious to the subject of gender discrimination. I myself, as a proud member of the male species, was not even aware of it until I was caught right in the middle of it a few weeks ago.

So not to offend anyone we’re going to say that the problem in this incident were Mrs. A, Mr. B, and Mr. C. OK, now that we know who our participants are let’s layout the scenario for you. Mrs.A and Mr.B are computing for a job packing those little peanut styrofoam boxes into boxes. Mr.C will be the person evaluating Mrs. A and Mr. B. He is supposed to evaluate them on nothing but performance. Mrs. A out performs Mr. B in every aspect of peanut thingy packing. So the choice of who to hire should be easy. You would hire the more qualified worker right? In most cases one would think so, but before Mr. C worked in the peanut thingy packing plant he worked in an all male bubble wrap packing plant and therefore is extremely prejudiced toward females. So even though Mrs. A was more qualified than Mr. B, Mr. B was hired just because he was a guy. The kick in the gut though was when Mrs. A asked Mr. C why she wasn’t hired he told her it was because she wasn’t packing like a man. I heard of this series of events it astounded. Not since I was in the fourth grade and my mom tried to return to work but had heard of such blatant gender discrimination.

Frank Keen, the managing editor of the Central Florida, is a student and an aspiring writer. He has always been an active member of the male species, was not even aware of the existence of such a thing as gender discrimination until he learned from the gut that he was not hired for a job.

DIANA MARTIN  
STAFF WRITER

With my fingers alternating between grabbing a fry from the Styrofoam containers and cradling the coordinating cup of sweet tea. I sit there at the cluttered worktable with my eyes glancing down to both my organizer’s calendar and the notepad beside it. As I skim through the heavily filled-in calendar pages to see what activities needed to be worked on, interruptions from all directions distract me from writing what I needed to accomplish on the notepad. Although I again start to feel myself being pulled in all directions, I know that this is part of my well-rounded college experience; playing an active role on campus through my participation in numerous clubs and organizations.

I remember being nervous but excited about finally leaving home for college that I couldn’t sleep the night before my flight out. Before leaving for the airport, I looked through the depending darkness at my house one last time and felt a wave of sadness and uncertainty wash over me as tears began to stream down my face. At the airport I couldn’t even look at my mother and sister for fear of deceiving them by the façade of excitement that I had been wearing for several weeks. When my father managed to tear me away from my mother’s and sister’s shaking arms as the final boarding call was announced, I looked ahead, aware that I was closing that chapter of my life and about to begin a new one.

Several days after we arrived in Orlando, my father left me.

I realize how weak and ridiculous I was being, I gathered my composure and thought what I needed to do to get through that. I had always been an involved student during high school that actively took part in every activity. Not only did I work hard in my classes while working several jobs, I was seen leading my class as their President, playing Varsity Volleyball, reviving and editing the school newspaper, participating in the Honor Societies, and extracurricular activities. I am the type of person who can not sit still and do nothing during the free time that I get. I need to stay busy, always doing something. I enjoy working with and being part of something, a team.

Realizing that I needed to break through the dark shadow of loneliness and uncertainty, the words of my Orientation-Team Michelle Fernandez rang true... GET INVOLVED! From my breakthrough I came out of my miserable self and went straight into the office of Student Activities.

Being involved has helped me make friends that are there for me. I also have the choice of who to hire as a counselor for the team. So even though I am closed one chapter of my life after graduating from VHS and opened a new one here at UCF, I chose to continue my extracurricular involvements in extracurricular activities, thus taking advantage of leadership positions.

I am continuing my involvement with the Campus Activities Board as the Cultural Arts Director. The Campus Activities Board at UCF is a student-run organization that provides the majority of the shows and events on campus to the students. Made up of eleven different committees that cater to the diverse student population, CAB provides various events and shows from team sports to poetry readings to outdoor movies to comedians.

Two recent endeavors that I have gotten involved with are the Consultants for Effective Leadership and Emerging Knights. The Consultants for Effective Leadership provides UCF with interactive training through professional, educational and leadership consultations. CEL assists the student clubs and organizations, as well as their own members, to reach their full potential. The Emerging Knights program is designed to enlighten and provide both incoming freshmen and transfer students the knowledge and leadership opportunities.

As a mentor for this particular program, Emerging Knights helps new students to discover and develop their own special interests and abilities through the interaction with their mentors, other student leaders and university staff members.

UCF Student Government Association is another organization that I have recently become involved with, taking part in several aspects of SGA. SGA represents the campus population’s views on issues that affect UCF and promotes changes to create improvements in campus life.

I also take part in UCF’s Student Alumni Association (SAA) and its executive board, the Student Alumni Association Council (SAAC). Members of this organization not only are part of the UCF Alumni Association but are also students at the university. The organization is not just for alumni, but for students who wish to become involved in the program or activities. The Student Alumni Association Council is a student organization that is run by students and is open to all students.

I have chosen to active-ly take part in a variety of activities to help improve the campus life. It is important for students to get involved in various organizations and activities to help them feel more connected to the university and to feel that they are a part of something larger than themselves. It is also important for students to become involved in the community and to help others who may not have the same opportunities as they do. It is important for students to become involved in the community and to help others who may not have the same opportunities as they do.
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opinion

Ranting

Raving

Survivor (or not)

CHRIS HALE
STAFF WRITER

This past weekend I was watching TV and was able to catch the
tail end of that Survivor show. I'm sure that you all know the show
that I'm talking about. It's the one where the big broadcasting cor­
poration put 20 people on an island and then told them to "survive."
Of course what they don't tell you is that they give them food, water
and, heck, they don't need shelter because there isn't anything alive
on the island that could hurt them. Plus, to top this all off, the island
is in a tropical climate, I'm absolutely sure that all the cast members
were boo-hooing about that.

So when I first started watching the show I figured it would be
something like MTV's The Real World, but boy was I in for a shock.
This show is just short of pathetic and the only reason that I'm not
calling it pathetic is because it doesn't DESERVE that title. You
mean to tell me that to not die all they have to do is stand on a post
and hold a totem pole and the last person standing and holding the
totem pole is the winner? To make matters worse, we have some
members who is standing on the sidelines and giving recaps to the cast
members. He's asking them stuff like, "What is this man's wife's
name?" Then when one cast member had to get off the totem pole for
not holding onto it, he was asked, "Do you do this mean that you are out
of the running for the million dollar?"

Excuse me? One million dollars? What the heck kind of show
is this? You call a show survivor and you offer a million dollars as a
prize but in the running there is no chance of any of the cast mem­
ers dying, getting mauled by bears or losing limbs? At this point in
the show, when the dolt on the side asked the "million dollar" ques­
tion, I about lost it. So I decided that if there is going to be another
show like this, that I should definitely write the plot for it because,
let's be frank folks, what kind of a challenge is it to sit around and
vote as to who leaves next?

So if I were to use the name "Survivor," this is how the story
would go. Take an even number of people and split that down the
middle, half are male half are female. Strip them naked and give
them each; a toga, thong flip flops, one gallon of water, a loaded
Smith & Wesson 9 mm pistol some of those nifty blue glow sticks
and a box of MRE's (that's military food). For the setting, I'd fly
them to some place desolate and dead-like the arctic, Northern
Canada, Siberia, Bill and Hillary's room in the White House or the
Sahara desert and then tell them that they have to survive until only
one of them is left alive. For the grand prize we have a Mr. Coffee
filled with the winner's favorite brew, a shower and a warm bed.

With all of these great prizes and the chance to see some far off
places, I'm sure that my show would do a ton better than what some
corporate bigwig's idea of putting people on an island and watch­
ing them backstab each other for what he found hiding in the cracks
of his plush leather couch.

Oh and by the way, while I was watching the show and writing
this article, I was coloring my hair a deep shade of red. So don't
blame me for what was said or done here, I was snoring half of the
time from the fumes. You don't even want to see what my monitor
and keyboard look like.

Involvement key in making difference

FROM PAGE 11

nies? In order for any college
career to be a fun-filled, reward­
ing, and most importantly, well­
rounded experience, it has to be
more than just classes, jobs and
a social life. I believe that it is
extremely important for students
to get involved around campus
because it is that make a
difference to the school. A few
students can't do everything and
the more involvement the school
has the more outstanding it will
be, enriched with spirit and
diversity.

Through all the interrup­
tions that I experience daily
from my involvements, I do not
regret taking on so many activi­
ties. I wouldn't have been able to
get through my first semester at
UCF if it wasn't for that break­
through. Now that I am a junior
majoring in Journalism with
three minors and my foot in
"millions" of clubs and organi­
cations, I look back to that first
week and wonder why I even
felt alone. Now I can honestly
say that the past two years and
the years to come here at UCF
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Overcoming differences: 'Should Russia have asked for help?'

TARA SMITH
STAFF WRITER

When the Russian submarine Kursk went down, it raised a lot of questions about the morality of the Russian government. People started asking questions. How could a government just leave those men down in the submarine to die? How could the government lie to the Russian population about what was going on? Why would they refuse help from other nations that had the capability to rescue the rest of the crew?

While I agreed that the Russian government should've accepted some help, I still don’t understand why they didn’t. The last thing you want to do in the military is open yourself up to the enemy. Accepting help from the Western powers would have done just that. But what doesn’t make sense is why they didn’t accept help from Norway when they offered only hours of the news release of the sunken submarine. Norway isn’t a threat to the Russian navy.

Another thing that bothered me was the fact that Russia tried to hide the truth from the world in efforts to hide what had happened. According to MSNBC, the Russian government lied about efforts being made to rescue the submarine, the condition of the crew, they claimed to be pumping down air and power to the sub, and even the truth about the nuclear reactors that had been on the sub.

Naval authorities claimed they had established contact with the crew, but was later forced to admit that the noises they had heard were faint, incoherent, and nothing close to the SOS messages they had said they heard. According to MSNBC, the noises could’ve been caused by the changes in temperature of the submarine in freezing water.

Russia’s pride has always been in their military, and the fact that something of this nature happened, was an embarrassment. They were too ashamed to ask for help to save the crew, but now they are making an international plea for money to bring up the submarine.

"Not a single country on its own can handle such an operation," said Deputy Prime Minister Ilya Klebanov.

So in short, it’s an embarrassment to ask another country for help to bring up the living sailors, but it’s not embarrassing to ask for money?

In 1963, the United States lost a submarine carrying 129 men. The joints in the piping of the submarine were faulty, and the ship flooded and fell below crush depth. Everyone was killed instantly. As a result, the United States built a Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle that could perform rescue operations on disabled submarines. So my next question is, why is it that after the numerous problems that Russia has had with their submarines, have they not built something like the DSRV? Lack of funding is one of the major reasons. According to Dana Lewis of NBC News, the Russian military is practically bankrupt.

"For ten years, the Russian military stubbornly resisted in trying to keep a very heavy, big army and now they’re in a fix,” said Pavel Felgenhaur, a Russian military analyst. "They don’t have the money."

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And the whole time this has been going on, I have been wondering about how the United States would have handled the same situation. If we didn’t have the means, would we have accepted foreign aid?

This was tested in 1998 when Florida was faced with wildfires that were out of control. MSNBC’s Michael Moran uncovered that Russia had offered the United States two of its IL-76 tanker aircraft, the largest aircraft in the world. It can carry four times the amount of the C-130 Hercules, the largest aircraft in the world. It can carry four times the amount of the C-130 Hercules, the largest aircraft in the world. Russia has had with their submarines, have they not built something like the DSRV? Lack of funding is one of the major reasons. According to Dana Lewis of NBC News, the Russian military is practically bankrupt.

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So what is the price of independence? Russia puts their sailors at a larger risk because they are too proud to ask for help. The United States needlessly lets thousands of acres burn, houses demolished, and lives ruined because they are too proud to accept help from the Russians. Are human lives that expendable that we can just let them die because of political differences?

Until we can put the past behind us and move forward thinking of the entire world as one, this is the type of policy that we have to deal with. How can we expect to overcome our differences if we are too stubborn to admit our mistakes and learn from them? Until we do, we as nations are nothing more than pawns in the game of politics.
The latest boy group to come out of Orlando’s very own Transcontinental Records Company is Take 5. This group is already riding the same wave of success that other groups such as Backstreet Boys and *NSYNC have. Take 5 formed in 1997 and for almost two years, the group has been on a hit tour in Europe and Asia. Their U.S. debut album “Against All Odds” is scheduled for release on August 29.

This is not just another boy band. Their current single “Shake It Off” blends beats that are not familiar to the pop world, resulting in music that sounds fresh and surprisingly mature. Their mix of pop with R&B tones sets this group apart from others. With producers like Missy Elliot, Timbaland, Shekspeare, Delite and Flavahood, Take 5’s album is sure to give a new sound to pop music.

Currently, the group is on tour with Britney Spears. Their welcome back concert will be at the House of Blues on September 30. Take 5’s members are (as they appear in the picture from left to right): Tilky Jones, Clay Goodell, Stevie Sculthorpe, T.J. Christofore and Ryan Goodell.

Musically, how are you different from other groups?
Tilky: When you hear pop music today, a lot of it is starting to sound the same. Much of it is written by the same writers and produced by the same producers. Our record label, Elektra, hooked us up with different producers and writers so we could create our own sound and do our own thing.

Stevie: We are bringing a new sound to the industry and pop music to a new level.

What can we expect from your album on August 29?
Stevie: Expect some great tracks by Missy Elliot, Timbaland and Flavahood. Our next single called “Can I Come Over” is written by Diane Warren. Expect a totally different sound.

What are your thoughts about the tour with Britney? Are you hoping some of her magic rubs off on you?
Tilky: We hope the tour opens a lot of doors for us. It starts on August 21 and finishes September 18. We’re really excited.

What’s your rehearsal schedule like?
Stevie: We do five hours of dance and three hours of vocal training.

Do you guys have any rituals or traditional things you do before a performance?
Ryan: We have a stretch time. A half-hour before each show we sit down and try to block out all of the distractions. We spend time together and try to get the mentality we need before going on stage. We think about the performance and say a prayer.

Stevie has been quoted as saying: “There’s no reason for any sort of racial barrier in music. We want white listeners, black listeners, Hispanic listeners, any age and any race. We think everyone could like us.” Do you guys think about that type of stuff when you are choosing which songs to put on your album?
Ryan: We went in to make the best album we could. We don’t sit down and say ‘Oh, what is going to make us the most money?’ We’re happy with the album we made and how far we have come. There are so many barriers that people have broken down. Music crosses all those barriers. We have traveled all over the world. We’ve been in Asia and Europe for a couple of years. There are a lot of stereotypes against groups. I think this album will break down some of those stereotypes.

What was it like performing with Destiny’s Child in Georgia at the Wild Adventures Theme Park?
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Ryan has said, “Against All Odds’ is a true reflection of our musical vision.” What is that vision?
Ryan: Between the last album and this album, it has seemed like this album was never going to come out. Finally, our vision is coming to fruition.

What do you hope will be the difference, when we go on stage and put on a show that will make people go crazy. Music is music and we are just trying to hit people with different ways to catch it.

If you have any comments or questions about the Entertainment Section, please email us at: Be_entertained@hotmail.com
For those of you who read my last article about the band Agent Felix, you probably heard me mention a place called DIY Records a few times. Over three years ago, Jeff Hogan had a dream of opening up a record store that has concerts there also. He originally opened the store on Mills Avenue. The location then changed to Edgewater Drive.

Last July, the store moved to a bigger space that is located on the northeast corner of University Boulevard and Goldenrod Road (in between the Jiffy Lube and Mobil). There lies one of the most unique record stores in Central Florida.

DIY (Do It Yourself) Records specializes in underground music. You can find punk, ska, hardcore, oit, emo, indie, and metal there. What makes this store so unique is the fact that you can buy your CDs and see concerts in the same place. Along with new CDs, the store also has some great prices on used CDs. All used CDs are between $2.99 and $5.99. College students can definitely appreciate that.

During the month of September, they also have some great deals going on. There is a September Ska Sale. All ska CDs are 25% off. Also, if you buy $15 worth of merchandise, you get two free stickers that usually sell for $1.25 each.

The store consists of two rooms: the front room is a regular record store that sells vinyl, CDs, posters, t-shirts, and more; the back room is a room that holds about 150-200 people. In the back room, you can find both local and national bands showcasing their talents there about three to four times a week.

It's often hard for local bands to get shows because almost every venue wants a big "promo pack" with pictures, biographies and CDs. DIY Records asks for is a demo tape, and the chances of your band playing there are very good. For booking info, e-mail Toby Brown at ubersnort@aol.com. To check out the website, go to www.diyrecords.com.

Here are the upcoming shows at DIY Records for the month of September:

- September 2nd - Boxing Water, Blind Luck, Life in General and No Such Thing ... 7:30 PM
- September 7th - Jeremiah’s Grotto, Stalemate and Nothing Back East ... 8:30 PM
- September 8th - DIY BENEFIT featuring Bring Back Joel, Peterbuilt and Polly Esther ... 7:30 PM
- September 9th - Riverside, Unsung Zeros, This Year’s Model and Saturday Supercade ... 7:30 PM
- September 12th - Footproof, Slingshot and Jr. Claud ... 7:30 PM
- September 15th - Dark Angel Divine, Five O’Clock Shadow and Pronounced Dead ... 7:30 PM
- September 16th - The Hybrids, Nutrajet, All That’s Left and Third Grade ... 7:30 PM
- September 21st - The Enkindels and Keepake ... 8:30 PM
- September 22nd - Jumpstart, Cutaway, Summerlane and The Tim Version ... 7:30 PM
- September 28th - Otto, Maxwell and Hopsing ... 7:30 PM
- September 29th - Agent Felix, Hollywood Beach Brian, Beefeater and Luckie Strike ... 8:30 PM

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Dear Sexpert,

My boyfriend wants me to have a threesome with her and her best friend. Other guys would probably jump at this chance, but I am hesitant to try it. I really care about her, and I think we have a good thing going. I just don't feel that this would be good for our relationship. What if she gets jealous watching me with her friend? What if she leaves me for her friend? What if she wants to try it with another guy next? I guess my question has two parts: Will this ruin our relationship? and Does she feel that her wishes and have some fun while you're at it.

-Secret in Orlando, male, 20

Dear Troubled in Orlando,

It appears to me that you aren't very confident of her feelings for you. Yes, a threesome usually means instant death for most relationships, but what stood out to me most about your letter were your insecurities: "What if she leaves me?" and "Don't I excite her?" If this is someone you are serious about, you should be open enough to discuss these fears with your partner.

Ask her what part of this threesome is most appealing to her. Does she want to fulfill a voyeuristic fantasy by watching you with a trusted friend? Or does she want to substitute this third person scenario with one involving some sort of kinky sex toy, bondage or even some good old-fashioned role-playing.

What you also need to do is dig deeper into this relationship and find out what is missing. You are obviously intrigued to bet. Does she want to fulfill a voyeuristic fantasy by watching you with a trusted friend? Or does she want to substitute this third person scenario with one involving some sort of kinky sex toy, bondage or even some good old-fashioned role-playing.

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Sposted in beautifully upholstered high-back chairs, chaise lounges and sofas, both upstairs and behind the main bars downstairs. Drapes with tassels decorate the walls, drawing your eyes around the room to the two smaller oases lying in each corner, with one more bar stretching the width of the walls upstairs. This abundance of watering holes makes short order of waits while purchasing drinks.

Facing each other on opposite walls by the stairs are the Tabu dancers, working in the spotlight all night long to inspire the wallflowers and entertain those waiting by the bar. As the night wears on, a couple appears to dance on a platform between the main bar and dance floor. They are adorned only in body paint and red satin clothes that billow with their movements.

The ambiance is captivating; it is hard to believe that this was once the eyesore that was Zuma Beach Club. The renovations have captured the historical character of the 1920's theater and added the trendy style and flair more commonly associated with the clubs in Miami. With music ranging from high-energy dance breaks on Mondays (hospitality industry night) to "Pasión Latina" with DJ Lesney and DJ Cano playing salsa, merengue and Latin house on Sundays, Tabu accommodates a variety of musical interests.

The club also hosts special events and guest DJs regularly, for example, the opening of "Flat Funky Tabu" on August 30 with Biz Markie. Covers can range from $5 up to $10 and there may be long lines at the door, but once you're inside it is worth the wait.

You can visit Tabu on-line at www.tabunightclub.com.
School resumes and it's welcomed chaos on campus with wide-eyed students, awe parents in tow and Greek Rush in full swing. I'm moseying along, taking care of business as usual when suddenly, I realize I haven't had lunch and it's already three o'clock. I silently apologize to my stomach and haul butt to my Civic.

Where to eat, where to eat? I didn't feel like driving far and the storm clouds were rolling in, so, I went across the street, to the UCF plaza. And there it was. I had to look twice. The Chili Hut? What's that, I wondered. Didn't recall that being there before.

"Hi, how are you?"

"Fine, thanks and yourself?"

I was almost immediately greeted uppon entering the dimly lit restaurant.

"You can order up there," Karla tells me, pointing to the register area. I grabbed a menu and couldn't believe it. Man, this stuff is priced rather nicely... The most expensive thing on the menu is six-fifty. It was going to hate me after ordering one of the chili dishes. Many people think it's only spicy or it only comes hot. Ah, a common misconception I also fell for.

"It's hot as hell and I'm having chili."

"Is everything hot here?"

I had no idea it could be served cold. Don't tellers and spicy chili go together like peanut butter & jelly? I sat down and took a load off, watching some television and sipped on my lemonade, yet, my concerns were quickly assuaged.

"I’ve been in the restaurant business for many years. From dishwashing to managing, you name it, I’ve done it."

"Cute place. Kind of small, intimate. The walls are a terra-cotta shade with western flavor adorning them, from a local artist’s paintings (which you can buy), to wooden landscape carvings. TVs hang from the ceiling, just to make sure you don’t miss anything vital.

I perused the menu, wondering if my mouth was going to hate me after ordering one of the chili dishes.

"Is everything hot here?"

"No, no. Actually, it’s pretty mild."

Fear not, though. For those of you who like to ‘kick it up a notch’, in true Emeril style, you can add as much of their spicy Jalapeno relish as you want, among other hot sauces. My eyes traveled from Salads to Spuds to The Chili Hut Dog, The Chili Sandwich, and more. I chose The Chili Hut Taco Salad and a bowl of chili with sour cream, shredded cheese, and Jalapeno relish. It also came with corn muffins (man, those are good). You might be wondering what the heck “Spuds” are. Basically, it’s a seasoned baked potato topped with butter, sour cream and chives. You can then add toppings like Monterey Jack or Sharp Cheddar Cheese, among other choices.

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"How are you?"

"It’s often eaten as a side dish or as a whole meal, with the trimmings.” I had no idea it could be served cold. Don’t tellers and spicy chili go together like peanut butter & jelly? I sat down and took a load off, watching some television and sipped on my lemonade, and in less than five minutes, the food arrived. This is truly an unheard of feat - unless the microwave is involved. Yet, my concerns were quickly assuaged.

"We make the chili in large quantities, it takes several hours and the food is cooked fresh every day. That’s what this restaurant is based on. Great food, great atmosphere, and great service.” I noticed this mantra on the menus. Well, the Taco Salad would have been enough for most, but tangey with a hint of spice, the Chili bowl was too good to resist.

"Gray and one of his assistants, Karla

"I always thought chili had to be spicy, but mine wasn’t and you can get it hot or cold. You might be thinking to yourself, “I don’t like fatty foods. And I don’t do chili.” You can get chicken chili, but even the meat chili is made with lean meat. And, if you really aren’t into chili, they also have tuna salad, egg salad sandwiches and pasta salad. Chili Hut desserts are anything but cliché. I helped myself to one of their cupcakes with peanut butter frosting and a Reese’s Pieces Peanut Butter cup on top.

Overall ambiance was quaint and it’s the type of joint where you can rush to in-between classes (not to mention, it’s close so you don’t have to worry about traffic). And it’s a healthier alternative to Burger King and McDonald’s.

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Women Tell PEOPLE What They Think

An upcoming issue of PEOPLE magazine surveyed women on how they see themselves physically and on the hardship they face in trying to measure up to Hollywood's ideal. The results were interesting: 21 percent say Cindy Crawford has the body most of them want; 37 percent can identify with Oprah Winfrey's bizarre diets; 31 percent think Drew Barrymore's weight is perfect; 21 percent say Oprah Winfrey's story "the chosen one when it comes to lawsuits." His estranged wife, Kimberly Mathers, is suing Em for $10 million on accounts of defamation and being an unfit parent. Kim is also trying to get custody of the couple's daughter as well as revenge for Em's stage antics (in which the rapper throws a doll which resembles Kim about the stage) and lyrics which describe her murder. Kim's suit also alleges that Em has threatened to throw Kim out of their home and cut off all financial support. Em's mother has also filed another suit against her son for $5 million. Debbie Mathers-Briggs is suing for "disparaging" comments Em apparently made about her regarding her existing $10 million suit against him. Reportedly the rapper made comments that his mother was always looking to make a buck by using the pawns off of any company "she could catch on the wrong foot." Em also has felony weapons charges facing him on two separate counts from this summer.

Pitt Causes Frenzy In London

Brad Pitt was in London, when he and writer-director Gay Ritchie (father of Madonna's new baby) showed up for the premiere of their new movie Snatch. Pitt plays an Irish character named One Punch Mickey. The movie is a British gangster thriller. Pitt caused 4.000 bystanders to scream outside of the West End movie theater, when he and Ritchie showed up. As the fans surged forward, police told Brad to stand back or be squashed. "There were kids getting crushed at the front," Chief Inspector John Moore told the Associated Press. "I told Mr. Pitt that 'You owe it to them not to put them in danger.'" Pitt agreed and stopped signing autographs. He stopped talking to reporters as well, though he managed to say that he did the movie because he "liked the story" before he was ushered away by security.

Emirates Is Being Sued...Again

Emirates seems to be the chosen one when it comes to lawsuits. His estranged wife, Kimberly Mathers, is suing Em for $10 million on accounts of defamation and being an unfit parent. Kim is also trying to get custody of the couple's daughter as well as revenge for Em's stage antics (in which the rapper throws a doll which resembles Kim about the stage) and lyrics which describe her murder. Kim's suit also alleges that Em has threatened to throw Kim out of their home and cut off all financial support. Em's mother has also filed another suit against her son for $5 million. Debbie Mathers-Briggs is suing for "disparaging" comments Em apparently made about her regarding her existing $10 million suit against him. Reportedly the rapper made comments that his mother was always looking to make a buck by using the pawns off of any company "she could catch on the wrong foot." Em also has felony weapons charges facing him on two separate counts from this summer.

Eminem's Life

The runner up for that title was Hillary Clinton has the body most like "the average woman." The runner up for that title was Sarah Ferguson. According to 27 percent, Giselle Hun, 54, in a magazine, the body of women 50. Tim Turner was next with 25 percent. The poll also asked about dieting. Twenty-two percent of women have tried to diet in order to lose weight, 35 percent have bought a celebrity's exercise video or book and 62 percent said they thought if Julia Roberts gained 50 pounds, she wouldn't be cast in any more romantic roles.
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(NOTE: Two weeks ago, some editions of News of the Weird contained an item that was, to my embarrassment, made up (the strip-club owner who had never heard of Rev. Billy Graham). I apologize to readers. -- Chuck Shepherd)

LEAD STORIES
-- In a July hearing in Akron, Ohio, Judge James Murphy briefly reopened a 1994 case to take testimony from the victim who was only 7 at the time but who now claims to remember the incident much better. His recantment had been torn by (according to police) his mother’s remarriage, with the uh appearant (because he had soiled his pants or (according to the mother) a sexual attack by the family’s pit bull (corroborated, perhaps, by the fact that dog scars were found in the recant). The mother is serving a life sentence, but her son (who was retarded at the trial, because of trauma) is now positive that the dog did bite. A week after the hearing, Judge Murphy let the conviction stand, relying on other 1994 testimony.

-- In August, entrepreneur Adam Bilski received a license from the city of Oswiecim, Poland (aka Auschwitz), to open a disco on the spot of a World War II-era hamlet that “employed” concentration-camp workers and became a graver site for many of them. And in September, “Stalin’s World,” a tourist attraction devoted to themes of the World War II-era Soviet police state, is scheduled to open near Grua, Lithuania, which was a gateway through which 200,000 Lithuanians passed on route to Siberian labor camps. The developer said he even plans to have visitors actually enter the park on cattle cars and eat oat gruel and fish broth, just as the prisoners did.

Use Columbus’ Libraries at Your Own Risk

In Columbus, Ohio, on July 12, Lester DeBold, 36, was sentenced to five years in prison for hiring an 11-year-old girl to a far corner of a public library, where he had fondled her feet. (He faces a similar charge in a library fondling in nearby Worthington, Ohio.) Four days later, police arrested Dwight P. Pannell, 40, for the assault of a 33-year-old female student (a stranger to him) in the main library at Ohio State; with a motive he is keep- ing to himself, he allegedly picked her foot with a syringe containing an unknown substance.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit
-- The same engineering firm responsible for the notoriously wobbly Millennium Bridge in London, England, which has been closed as unsafe, was identified as the consultant for the soon-to-be-released Bioform braces, according to an August report in the London Daily Telegraph. The Ove Arup company found that replacing the brac’s underwire with plastic bands would more comfortably distrib- ute the load and reduce stress; it is also working on shock absorbers to make the Millennium Bridge once again usable.

-- In May, the Food and Drug Administration approved the prescription product Eros Clitoral Therapy Device, a suction-pump instrument that increases blood flow for the purpose of improving sexual responsiveness. (Radicutary blood-flow suction-pump devices for men, not approved by FDA, have long been on the market and sell for far less than $399 price tag, and in fact are illegal to possess in Alabama, Texas and Georgia, which ban devices sold for the purpose of stimulating sex organs.

-- In July, engineer Roman Kamituk gave a pub- lic demonstration in Ufa, Russia, of his gasoline-powered boot-wearing boot that would grand elderly who to jump around at about 12 feet per side and run at a pace of about 25 mph. The boots, not yet on the market, weigh about 2 pounds each, including fuel.

Weird Science
-- While U.S. sewage plants efficiently screen out bacteria and solid waste, many other facilities cannot break down certain chemicals and hormones in pharmaceutials, including pain killers, caffeine, antibiotics and birth-control pills, which, as they spread into wastewater, cause environmental harm, including mutations in the reproductive organs of fish. Findings presented at the annual meeting of the American Chemical Society (including studies blaming perfumes), along with recent studies from Europe’s waterways (involving antidepressants, estrogen mimetics, and cholesterol-lowering compounds) warn that certain species of fish are in jeopardy of extinc- tion.

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As it stands today on American television, reality-based shows have stolen the ratings once held so dear by generic sitcoms and hour-long hospital dramas. Shows like "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" and "Survivor" are prime examples of this growing trend in the television entertainment industry, a trend that takes viewers away from fantasy and into the real world. It is with this in mind that Comedy Central plans to launch its own reality-based show, known as "Battlebots," a competitive sport that the station hopes to turn into a profitable franchise.

The premise behind "Battlebots" is very simple. Essentially, what
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occurs is that an individual constructs him or herself a robot, designed to specifically destroy other robots in battles to the death. The radio-controlled automatons are directed by their masters in a 48" by 48" arena. Their sole objective is to have theirs be the last bot standing, or at least not pulverized or annihilated. This, however, is much more difficult than it sounds, for each robot is equipped with instruments such as saws, spikes, and even sledge hammers that would put Gallagher to shame. Additionally, there exist several weight classes, light all the way up to heavyweight. This is especially important considering that some of the robots weigh in at almost 500 pounds, and would smash the smaller bots to pieces. Think of a sumo wrestler in a match against Mini Me and you might get the picture.

As for the show itself, it will premiere Wednesday, August 30 at 10:30 PM. Additionally, there are a several celebrity hosts of the show including Bill Nye the Science Guy (an appeal to the nerdy crowd perhaps) and Donna D’Errico of “Baywatch” (a definite appeal to the male crowd). Apparently, they will provide commentary as the match goes on, much like announcers on wrestling shows such as WWF and WCW. All in all, Comedy Central hopes the show to be as successful as others it has spawned such as “South Park” and “Win Ben Stein’s Money.” There are high hopes for the series, especially since the TV Critics Association voted it one of the top ten most original shows of 2000. Original or not, only ratings will determine whether the show is a success or an abysmal, Godzilla-type failure. The show may be a success, however, for there is a certain comedic value in watching small robots annihilate one another, a value somewhat reminiscent of burning ants with a magnifying glass or watching “Dukes of Hazard.” Okay, maybe that’s going too far.
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The UCF women's tennis team picked up a pair of preseason honors last week, as senior team captain Gaelle Guettofarde and junior Sonja Prokopec were named Scholar-Athlete All-Americans last week but the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, the governing body of collegiate tennis. The ITA also presented the Golden Knights with the All-Academic Team honor for the teams combined 3.626 GPA.

"This again was a total team effort," said UCF coach Patricia Allison. "When our latest recruit came in and was having difficulties with the language, being an honor for the teams combined 3.626 GPA."

4.0 GPA average," said Allison. "I'm proud of what the team accomplished." Prokopec, who came to UCF from Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, has finished all three of her years at UCF with a 4.0 GPA. She went 16-11 in singles and 14-7 in doubles last season, and will be expected to be one of the team leaders this year.

"Sonja is a tremendous example of how to make the most of a difficult situation," said Allison. "Coming from a war torn, where opportunity is very limited, she has demonstrated her desire to play great tennis and to really excel in the classroom."

Michelle Akers to retire from international competition

Michelle Akers, who played her collegiate soccer at UCF and now serves as an assistant coach to the Golden Knight women's soccer team, has decided to retire from international competition after a long battle with injuries and chronic fatigue syndrome. Akers retires as the career leading scorer of the Women's World Cup, and as one of only four players in women's soccer history with 100 or more career goals in international competition. Her 105 goals, 37 assists and 247 total points trail only Mia Hamm in career scoring for the U.S. national team. She has made 153 appearances for the United States, and holds U.S. records with five goals in a game, 39 goals in a year, and nine consecutive games with a goal. Akers had planned to play for the U.S. National Team in the upcoming Sydney Olympic Games, but after reinjuring her shoulder earlier this month, she decided not to play.

"I finally said to myself, 'This is insane,'" she said. "I was battling at my absolute gut level to just get through the day, and finally, the last straw was that I reinjured my shoulder. I just said, enough is enough. I am no good to myself, no good to the team, and I am certainly no good to my country." She still plans to play for the new WUSA franchise in Orlando, which starts play in April of 2001. There was no word regarding who her replacement would be with the Olympic team.

"After battling back from a messed up shoulder and making the Olympic team, I found myself at the end—physically and mentally—with a body ready for a M-A-S-H unit," said Akers. "It has been a hard-fought year, and the decision not to go to Sydney was just as agonizing, but gave huge peace in knowing I fought to the very end and have nothing else to give."
Beorlegui looks to bounce back from ‘99 season struggles

JOE MANZO
STAFF WRITER

One of the most experienced units of the UCF football team this season will be the special teams. Junior kicker and punter Javier Beorlegui is back, and has put last season’s disappointment behind him and will be counted on to make all of the important kicks for the Golden Knights this year.

Beorlegui converted on only half of his field goal attempts (10 of 20) in 1999, but did well on short kicks, making 9 of 12 on attempts of less then 40 yards. He fared better in the punting game, averaging over 40 yards per punt, and landing the ball inside the 20-yard line 13 times.

Beorlegui has worked on his accuracy this off-season, and has shown it in fall practice. At the end of many of the practices, UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek put Beorlegui into a pressure situation where if he made a field goal, the team would not have to run sprints. If he missed, however, the team would have to run. Beorlegui nailed a majority of those field goals, much to the delight of his teammates.

Beorlegui will be doing the kickoffs, punting, and placekicking, however, something that could hamper his performance in one of those areas. Even Olinda Mare, the Pro Bowl kicker for the Miami Dolphins, missed two field goals in a game last season when he also had to punt because of an injury to the team’s punter. Miami signed a new punter the following week and Mare connected on all of his field goal attempts.

Despite having all three kicking responsibilities, the coaches are confident that Beorlegui will be able to handle his job.

“He’s the best kicker, and he’s the best punter, so he’s going to be doing both,” said special teams coordinator Charles Huff.

The fact that Beorlegui’s backup, redshirt freshman Gabe Leavitt, is out with an ankle injury takes away the possibility of Beorlegui becoming a punter exclusively. Beorlegui has done well thus far in practice, and his reps have been cut down to prevent fatigue.

Also returning to the special teams unit this year is junior Ricot Joseph, who had a UCF record three blocked punts last year, as well as kickoff returner Edward Mack and punt returner Britt McGoff. Joseph was the main reason why UCF’s eight blocked kicks ranked third in the nation last year, and two of his punt blocks were returned for touchdowns by junior Thad Ward, who is also back this season. Joseph also had a touchdown of his own on special teams, returning a punt blocked by junior linebacker Elliot Shorter. Mack was the team’s best kickoff return man with an average of over 21 yards on his 24 returns, with a long of 51 yards. McGoff, who returned 10 punts in 1999 for 82 yards, has been sidelined for most of fall camp with a hip flexor strain, possibly leaving the job of punt returner open to true freshmen Tavaris Capers and Luther Huggins, both of whom are from Miami Jackson High School.

Capers, who has already drawn comparisons to former UCF receiver Sisha Butler, has also been sidelined with an ankle injury, opening the possibility that he may redshirt and not play this season. Huggins is one of the fastest people in the country, winning this year’s National High School Championship in the 200 meters, and finishing second in the 100 meters. If neither of them redshirt, Capers will likely see time as a punt returner, and Huggins as a kickoff returner.

“[Capers] does things most other young men can’t do,” said Huff. “He catches the ball real well, and has the ability to make people miss and take it the distance.”

Though they don’t see much actual time on the field, a special teams unit can make or break a football team’s chances of winning. This year, UCF will look to continue their kick blocking and returning success, while trying to improve the kicking game. If a game comes down to a late field goal kick, the Golden Knights want to know that they are going to win.

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Linebackers forced to shuffle due to injuries

Secondary healthy and experienced

JOE MANZO
STAFF WRITER

On of the biggest question marks for the UCF football team this season is at linebacker, loss of players to graduation and injury has left the coaching staff scrambling to put enough players on the field.

Gone are Desembrey Devine, Edwin Ferguson, and Chris Gunn, who combined for 120 tackles and six sacks last season, leaving junior weakside linebackers Tim Hardman as the only returning starter. Hardman led the team with five sacks in 1999, and had 47 sacks. Junior Tito Rodriguez was expected to fill the void left by Devine at middle linebacker, but had arthritic knee surgery two weeks ago and will be out until at least the second game of the season. Because of Rodriguez’s injury, the Golden Knights have been forced to move strongside linebacker Willie Davis into the middle, and moved former safety Elliott Shorter to the strongside linebacker position. Even sophomore Sean Gaudion, who was expected to be the backup fullback, has been moved to play backup middle linebacker. But despite a lack of experience at two of the linebacker spots, linebackers coach Bill D’Ottavio is happy with the newcomers’ progress.

“Shorter has had a great camp,” said D’Ottavio. “We play a lot of spread offenses and his speed will help. [Gaudion] has been getting better each day, and is getting comfortable with the position.”

Shorter’s speed should help in passing situations, but at 5’9”, 190 pounds, he may have trouble taking on the run head on. One of the bright spots for the linebacking corps this fall has been the emergence of freshman Antoine Pox, Pia, who enrolled at UCF last spring, made 16 tackles and forced a fumble in a recent intrasquad scrimmage. He will be listed on the depth chart as Hardman’s backup, but will likely playing time this season in a number of situational defenses. The leading candidate to replace Pox at middle linebacker, is his playmaking abilities; he has played in a lot of spread offenses and his speed will help. [Gaudion] has been getting better each day, and is getting comfortable with the position.”

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Gooch excited about depth at RB

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“We’re really excited about the players that we have because we’ve real depth,” said running backs coach Alan Gooch.

Senior Dwight Collins is expected to be the starting fullback in the season opener against Georgia Tech. He is still recovering from a hip flexor injury he suffered towards the end of camp, but Gooch expects him to be ready to go for the season. Former backup fullback Sean Gaudion switched over to fullback because of a rash of injuries at that position, so junior tailback Omari Howard will become the second string fullback. Though he has been a fullback his entire career as a Golden Knight, his 5’8”, 215 pound size will allow Howard to be an effective blocker.

There is no question of the talent in UCF’s backfield, as all five of the aforementioned running backs led their respective states in rushing during their high school careers. Gooch is looking forward to the running backs to have a wide season and expects his team to be ready to go when the Golden Knights want to go to the running game.

In contrast with the linebacker position, the defensive secondary is one of the most solidified on the team. Three of the four starters are returning this year, and there is plenty of depth behind them. The only starter gone from last year’s squad is corner­back Jeff Fye, who had 54 tackles last year, seven of those for losses, two interceptions, and 11 broken up passes. The leading candidate to replace Fye is senior Travis Fisher, who earned to spot in spring practices. That rest of the secondary is filled with talented players.

“We have three guys who have played in a lot of football games, and all three are very good football players,” said Defensive Coordinator Gene Chizik, speaking about seniors Davin Bush andDamian Demps, and Junior Ricott Joseph.

Strong safety Demps is the leader of the secondary. He is attempting to lead the team in tackles for the third consecutive year. Demps also had two interceptions last year and a blocked kick to go along with his 77 tackles. Junior Ricott Joseph will again start at safety, besting out senior defensive captain Tommy Shavers for the position. Joseph had 35 tackles in 1999, including 7 for a loss, and two interceptions. He also blocked a UCF record three punts, two of which were returned for touchdowns. Though Joseph will start, Shavers has also done well in fall camp and will see playing time in the nickel defense. The speedy Bush started all 11 games last year at strongside cornerback and had 35 tackles and deflected six passes. Sophomore Asante Samuel may push Bush for playing time in that position, having broken up seven passes in limited action as a freshman and having played well in camp this year.

The strength of UCF’s linebackers and defensive secondary is the team speed, which will come in handy when having to cover the faster players of teams like Georgia Tech, Alabama, and Virginia Tech. The Golden Knight defense struggled for much of last season, and this year’s team will look to improve upon that and lead UCF to its first ever upset of a big conference team.
Offensive line set to anchor high-powered offense

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During the 1999 season, the UCF football team had difficulty converting first downs in short-yardage situations, and gave up 10 more sacks than their opponents. These problems were in large part due to a young and inexperienced offensive line, a problem that the Golden Knights are looking to fix in the upcoming season.

In the offseason, UCF hired Robert McFarland, who had been offensive line coach at Stephen F. Austin University since 1991, to be the Golden Knights new offensive line coach. McFarland brings with him almost 15 years of coaching experience, including three years as a graduate assistant at Notre Dame.

Anchoring this years line will once again be senior center Chris Lorenti, who earned spots in the starting lineup for the past two seasons. Lorenti, who earned offensive line coach. McFarland brings with him almost 15 years of coaching experience, including three years as a graduate assistant at Notre Dame.

Anchoring this years line will once again be senior center Chris Lorenti (6’5”, 320 pounds). He will make all the calls and adjustments on the front line and leads the team down the field. Injuries to possible starters Taylor Robertson and Kurt Baumann have put the Golden Knights on a bind, but a tentative depth chart right now has Lorenti at center, JuCo transfer Steve Edwards and sophomore Brian Huff at the tackle positions, and senior John Beauchamp and sophomore Garrett McCray at the guard spots. Sophomore Mario Jackson will start at right guard, after he made all the calls and adjustments on the front line and leads the team down the field. Injuries to possible starters Taylor Robertson and Kurt Baumann have put the Golden Knights in a bind, but a tentative depth chart right now has Lorenti at center, JuCo transfer Steve Edwards and sophomore Brian Huff at the tackle positions, and senior John Beauchamp and sophomore Garrett McCray at the guard spots. Sophomore Mario Jackson will start at right guard, after

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**NEW coach Robert McFarland has gotten some favorable results from his offensive line in a short amount of time.**
Receiving corps deep and talented

**Kristy Shonka**  
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Despite losing standout wide receiver Charles Lee to the NFL’s Green Bay Packers after the 1999 season, UCF’s receiving corps is full of talent once again. As has been said about some other college football teams in this state, they don’t rebuild — they just reload.

Leading the way for the Golden Knights this year will be seniors Kenny Clark and Tyson Hinshaw, who combined for more than 100 receptions and almost 1,400 receiving yards last season.

With big numbers this season, Clark would likely have a shot at being taken in the later rounds of the 2000 NFL Draft. Backing them up will be former walk-on and sophomore speedster Jimmy Fryzel, who distinguished himself in both spring and fall practices.

Clark's option will be former walk-on Jimmy Johnson, who was UCF’s third most productive receiver during two-a-day practices. Also in the mix are junior Thad Ward and sophomore Brett McGriff, both of whom have missed significant practice time this fall due to injury. Because of those injuries, standout freshmen Luther Huggins and Tavaris Capers both emerged as very productive receivers and kick returners, and will likely make the team instead of having to redshirt. Despite the fact that only Clark, Hinshaw, and Davis have significant game experience, wide receivers coach Sean Beckton still has a high outlook on the season.

“The kids worked real hard this summer on all the fundamental things for the 2000 season,” wide receivers coach Sean Beckton said. “I’m not really worried about the experience factor. I think those guys are going to come in and do a great job for us.”

Both Huggins and Capers have shown skills on the field that will make it tough for the coaching staff to rest them, but Capers has been sidelined with an ankle injury for the past week, decreasing his chances of making the team. Huggins, however, will likely be on the roster come the season opener. According to Head Coach Mike Kruczek, Huggins may be put on the kick return unit.

“I don’t think we’re going to redshirt Huggins,” said Kruczek. “I think we want to take him with us as a kick returner. But I get a little leery about putting a freshman back there in a big ball game. He’s a very talented kid, but I just don’t know how he’s going to take a hit — he may cough that ball up. There will be some detailed discussion about that guy.”

No matter what receivers are on the field, Kruczek’s pass-happy offense will likely put the ball into their hands numerous times and give each wideout a chance to shine. Beckton said that this year they want to try to outdo the receivers from last year. He believes that inconsistency was their main problem last year, so this year the wide receivers have concentrated on being more consistent.

This year’s receiving corps will catch a lot of passes from the right arm of quarterback Vic Pinn, who is expected to build on his success of last season.

With a talented receiving corps and offensive backfield, the Golden Knights will once again be high scoring and fun to watch.

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**Defensive line gets new look**

**Brian Hanks**  
**Staff Writer**

Like many other parts of the UCF football team, this year’s defensive line is looking to improve upon its performance of a season ago. In the 1999 campaign, opponents registered 10 more sacks than the Golden Knights, and held UCF without a sack in three separate games.

At first glance, the battle for improvement looks to be an uphill one, due to the graduations of Justen Moore, who holds the UCF career record for tackles for losses, and Marv Richardson, who led for four seasons in sacks last year with three, and Raheem Pointflett, who started five games last season. But as the Sept. 2 season opener against Georgia Tech gets closer, the young defensive line looks like they are ready to accept the challenge of defending what was the nation’s top offense last season.

Returning from last year’s squad are junior tackle Josh McKibben, who also had three sacks in 1999, fifth-year senior Fred Harley, who started seven games at right end last season, and senior tackle Jeff Mauldin, who saw limited playing time last year due to injuries. The rest of the squad, however, has very little game experience. Even the defensive tackles coach, Lorenzo Costantini, is in his first season at UCF.

Starting at the bookends this year will be sophomore Elton Patterson and redshirt freshman Don Page, who originally signed with Auburn and beat out Harley for the starting job. McKibben will start at one of the tackle spots, while Mauldin will play at the other tackle position in UCF’s 4-3 base defense. In comparison to last year’s group, says defensive ends coach Charles Huff, this year’s unit will benefit from more depth and athletic ability.

“We are a better group athletically, with a higher skill level and we have more depth,” he said. “We have enough players where we can rotate guys in and keep fresh legs on the field.”

While Harley and McKibben will provide leadership and experience to the group, it has been the young defensive ends drawing the most attention in fall practice so far. Both Page and Patterson have spent a majority of their time beating their man into the backfield and making the lives of UCF’s quarterbacks miserable. They are proving that they are capable of making big plays, which is exactly what they will have to do against some of the high-powered offenses they will be facing this season.

“The key to our defense against Georgia Tech is to make big plays,” said Huff. “If we do that then we can control the game.”

The thing we have to do is make sacks, have tackles for losses and create our own opportunities.”

The unit has had a few nagging injuries over the course of pre-season practice, but all in all it looks to be healthy and ready for the season’s start. The key to any defense is to put pressure on the opposing team’s quarterback, and that will be the job of this year’s defensive line, especially come Nov. 17 when they face Virginia Tech and its Heisman Trophy candidate quarterback Michael Vick.

“The thing we have to keep doing is to keep working hard and we will get better,” said Huff. “That way we will be at our strongest in midseason and hopefully throughout the rest of the season.”

The youth and talent of the Golden Knights could make this one of UCF’s better defensive lines in school history, and that could help to produce a lot of wins in the 2000 season.
Penn, Mack bring senior leadership

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Last season, starting quarterback Victor Penn was put into what was certainly an unenviable position as Duante Culpepper's follow-up act at UCF. Penn, however, responded to the challenge, throwing for 3,078 yards and completing 60 percent of his pass attempts. He threw for more than 300 yards on four separate occasions, and was the first quarterback in UCF's history so far to rush for over 100 yards in a single game when he carried the ball 11 times for 122 yards and a touchdown against Middle Tennessee State. Now that Penn has cemented his own place in Golden Knight history, quarterbacks coach Darin Hinshaw is expecting the senior to have another successful season.

"We're very confident right now," said Hinshaw. "We've thrown a lot at him. We've put in a lot of new stuff, different things and he's adapted very well to it. I think he feels comfortable with it and he's ready to go. He looks good, he's throwing the ball sharp."

"We would like him to be a top quarterback in the country all year. My goal is to have no turnovers and for us to win the turnover ratio every week," said Hinshaw. "He's looked sharp so far in fall practices, now having had a full year to learn the offense. When Penn came to UCF as a transfer last fall, he had only fall camp to learn UCF Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski's intricate passing schemes."

"After meeting with Coach Hinshaw for so long and him giving me keys and pointers, I definitely am starting to understand defenses and where I need to be with the ball with certain plays against certain coverages," said Penn. "It definitely helps me against Georgia Tech."

Backing up Penn will be redshirt freshmen Ryan Schneider and Brian Miller. Schneider won the backup job with an impressive showing in spring practices, and has held onto it despite some nagging injuries during fall camp. If something happens to Penn, Hinshaw feels that Schneider and Miller can win for the team, but both still have plenty of room for improvement.

"I think they both can get a lot better and they need to continue to work on their own getting ready," said Hinshaw. "If Vic goes down, we have to have somebody ready to go in and back him up. Right now it's Ryan Schneider and the next guy is Brian Miller."

Penn will be handing the ball off to a number of players coming out of the backfield. Senior Eddie Mack, who led UCF in rushing last season, has to find more than the 92 yards it gained on the ground this year. And UCF also must do better than the 92 yards it gained on the ground. Coach Mike Krzyzewski says, "Obviously these guys are going to use whatever criteria to motivate themselves and I believe, the feeling they get walking off the field of embarrassment (last year) is the biggest motivation they had all right and a half months getting ready for the season. I'm dealing with a bunch of prideful young men that think they're pretty good football players. The embarrassment in Atlanta last year will help them overcome some things."

UCF heads to Atlanta on Saturday for the third time, looking for win No. 1.