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Most students take time off from school to catch up from their busy lives, but not Zena Proctor. This 20-year-old UCF junior has taken time from school to run for the Seminole County commission. She has always been interested in politics, but has never held any elected office. She fell into this situation by accident. Originally looking to get involved with the campaign of Libertarian presidential candidate Harry Brown, she was recruited because of her history of living in Seminole County and having Libertarian views.

"After a brief hesitation, I decided that it would be interesting to run for this office," Proctor said. If elected, she is looking to make the county government more responsible to the voters. Her belief system is that everyone should take personal responsibility for Seminole County more responsible to the voters. Her belief system is that every­

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STAFF WRITER
More sound is coming from the UCF pool as new waves are being made by the recently established UCF Swim Club. For the first time in UCF history, there is a swim club on cam­

Photos by Valerju Richfield
UCF Swim Club Gets Its Feet Wet
Jeff Caplan, a sophomore, has founded a UCF swim club. The team consists of two divisions, a club team and a Masters division.

"Having so many practices gives the team the advantage because you have so much technique," said Caplan. The team practices 10 times a week. There are two practices a day on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, both in the mornings and afternoons. "Training is one of the keys in any sport," said Caplan. There is an after­

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Beginning mid-October, for the spring 2001 registration, the Schedule of Classes book will become the Schedule Web Guide. UCF is moving up in the world; and in doing so, is moving online.

The new Schedule Web Guide will be everything the old course book was and more. It will be fast, user-friendly and updated every 15 minutes for students' convenience and up-to-the-minute accuracy.

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Communications Day a success

Elissa Jacob  
Staff Writer

Hundreds of students turned out for free food and great prizes Sept. 29 at the 20th annual Communications Day (C-Day) held at Lake Claire. It was a block party at the School of Communication and Information. The annual event brought together students, faculty, staff and alumni.

The event was the 20th annual C-Day put on by Quotes, the advertising and public relations club. The annual party held in Lake Claire allowed students, professors and staffs to mix and mingle in a relaxed, fun environment.

Adam Mallard, an Organizational Communication student and Quotes member, planned and organized this year’s event with the help of many others. Mallard was pleased with the student turnout.

“I think it was a great success. The only thing I would change next year is to have more publicity leading up to the event. I really want to thank XL for coming out today - they really did a great job entertaining the crowd,” he said.

“I think we (XL 106.7) helped draw the students here. Also I tried to promote C-Day on the radio everyday this week,” said Hyla.

The students entertained themselves with activities and contests. The student who could do the most creative thing with a plastic spoon won a dinner for two at Hops restaurant.

C-Day ran from 12 - 3 p.m. with free food from Olive Garden, Figgers, Sonny’s, Subway and Papa John’s.

Hourly raffles gave away prizes such as dinner for two to Don Pablos, tickets to a comedy club and naming sessions.

When comparing the event with the previous years, Frank Stansberry, an Advertising and Public Relations professor, was pleased with the turnout.

“Overall it was better than last year; the students stayed longer and they did more. Last year they just came for extra credit, grabbed pizza and left. It’s improving every year, and the kids are having fun,” said Stansberry.

UCF slated to become one of the biggest schools in the USA

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tributes small portions of Florida utility taxes to colleges, are used purely for the construction of academic facilities.

UCF President John Hitt believes that this rapid student growth is due, in part, to what UCF offers its students.

“We have a good campus environment, the city of Orlando is attractive, and we have a good mix of curriculums,” said Hitt. He is confident that UCF’s augmentation is the direct result of Florida’s rapid growth. The Orlando Sentinel reports that the number of Florida high school students is rising, and under the Board of Regents’ plan, UCF would attract the largest portion.

The rise in the number of applicants for admission to UCF throughout the 1990’s supports the Sentinel’s report. In 1994, the total number of applicants was about 7,700. This fall, UCF received over 15,000 applications.

Christine Kurle, a senior and executive vice president of the UCF Undergraduate Student Government, believes that UCF is no longer a second-choice school, behind such nationally known colleges as the University of Florida and Florida State University. She feels that, finally, students are beginning to make UCF their first choice.

“Part of [the student’s] attraction to the college is the sense that the University of Central Florida has developed and matured academically,” said Dean McFall, UCF’s Director of News and Information.

As it grows, UCF has raised its applicant enrollment requirements. The collective GPA for this year’s freshman class was an estimated 3.01, making UCF one of the most selective state colleges in Florida.

Both McFall and Kurle agree that the university has received great recognition through its academic and intercollegiate sports programs. “We’ve developed programs that stand up to some of the best in the state,” said McFall. “We have become a solid institution.”

With the rising quality of UCF academic and research programs, as well as the national recognition brought about by the filmmakers of the Blair Witch Project and Minnesota Vikings’ quarterback Daunte Culpepper, UCF is quickly becoming a substantial competition for stalwarts like UF and FSU.

Officials believe that UCF has done a sufficient job of managing the growing difficulties it has encountered. Despite a few problems with providing a small number of students with the appropriate classes, and others being removed from their dormitories to make room, officials maintain that they are doing everything in their power to make sure every student receives necessary attention. In addition to more dorm rooms, biological science, psychology, business, education, criminal justice, performing arts and teaching support center buildings are planned for construction over the next five years.

“We have a very active enrollment services and student development effect. We closely track incoming freshman and [group] them with advisors in the early stages. They are not without access to resources, I think you see an improving retention record as a result of these efforts,” said McFall.
College Jobs

Sea World not a good work environment

College students all over know the woes of attending school and having to maintain a job at the same time. As with all jobs, some are good, some are bad and many are quite awful. Through this series we will be exploring both the good and bad jobs that college students hold and have maintained in the past.

DARY ELENA RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

Andre Small is a sophomore Psychology major at UCF. He spends his working hours at Sea World. The attractions are popular work places for many UCF students. One can find UCF students working in all of the major attractions in Orlando and neighboring areas. Is having a job at one of the attractions a good idea for students?

Small, 18 years old, has been working at Sea World since high school. He works in the merchandising department, which is in charge of vendors who sell goods during the different shows. Small earns $7 an hour.

"I started working in high school for extra cash," said Small of his decision to work for Sea World.

A highlight of this job, he enjoys free tickets to Sea World and Universal Studios. Small also receives discounts at several stores in the Orlando area.

While the benefits seem enticing, Small said that working at Sea World isn't as great as it sounds. When asked if he enjoys his job at Sea World, he replied: "No, because I don't get recognition for all the labor I do."

While he does not appreciate the lack of acknowledgment for his work, Small does note that there are some good points. His friends, he says, are the best part of his job. The overall environment is the worst part however.

Small stated that working at Sea World in merchandise is not a good job for a college student because of the poor environment. He feels that high school students are better suited for the job.

While getting free admission to various theme parks and much needed discounts for college students sounds tempting, the working environment may be just as important, if not more so, than the benefits. Small believed that this is an important tip to remember if you're looking for a job while in college.

Small's job at Sea World is certainly not the best job he's ever held. Is it his worst? "Working in the cornfield," he said took the cake.

Proctor balancing both campaign and school

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and this concept can be applied to the people elected to office.

Among some things on her agenda is ensuring the end of the extra one-cent sales tax, to solve the transportation problems that plague Seminole County and to decrease excessive governmental regulations. Protecting the environment while ensuring that private property rights are not violated is a fine line to be walked, but she believes that it can be done.

"I think that if common sense were applied to government at all levels, waste could be decreased and people would feel better about their elected officials," said Proctor.

She admits that it has been tough to manage both her campaign and her job, but she fully intends, if elected, to serve the four-year term with integrity and maintaining the balance between school and political office. She has not declared her major, but believes that this experience will help her to decide where she wants to be when she graduates.

There are plans in the works to participate in a Candidate Forum at Channel 24, Oct. 18. The Libertarian party has also sponsored an event called the Tuesday Conspiracy at the Legendary Station in Fern Park Oct. 3. By having this exposure, she is hoping to raise awareness among her peers for the need to register to vote and make their voices heard.

"This part of my life will always be remembered as an incredible experience," Proctor said. "It has been a hard experience but a good one."

SGA Senate Elections

The SGA Senate Elections are coming up soon! Here are some important dates to remember.

The first date is Candidate forum, which is on the 5th of October (Noon). This will take place on the south patio of the student union. The second date is the Senate Elections, which will take place on October 9th, 10th, and 11th. These elections will be administered on-line at the following website: https://polaris.ucf.edu. If Runoff Elections are needed the dates will be October 16th-18th. If there are any questions please contact us at the Student Government office at 823-2191.
Online schedule to make registering easier for students

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Swimmers aim to be known within the aquatic community

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When compared to the typical Olympic sized pool, the facilities are less than half of that size. This difference poses an availability and capacity problem. Between the time allotted for open swimming, scuba and swim lessons, water aerobic classes, synchronized swimming, water polo and special events, there is not much time left for the two hour practices that are needed for training.

Currently the club is hoping to train with the Winter Springs High School team for their afternoon practices. Although the extra attendance aids in the training process by creating more competition and motivation, it also hinders the work. With the numbers on the Winter Springs team around 40 members and the UCF team running between 25 - 30, the pool becomes slightly crowded and prevents proper technique and stroke work.

"Even with the limited space, the team is willing to carry as many as the pool will allow us to have," said Caplan. "One of the main goals is to become known around campus and in the state as the UCF Swim Team," said Caplan. Without high levels of support in any organization it is likely to dwindle down to nothing. Fortunately, the swim club is finding a significant level of support, which makes the process even easier.

"Success will come in time and hopefully in the future we will become a Division I team, but it is not going to come easily," said Caplan, "that's what makes the experience so much more intense."
Students looking to increase marketability in the job force may be interested in the Bernard C. Kissel Annual Outstanding Student Speaking Competition. Students with excellent public speaking skills have an opportunity to be recognized for their talent. The outstanding student speaker competition will honor and award the top student speakers at UCF.

The contest will be held Oct. 27 in the Communication Building. All full-time undergraduate UCF students currently taking or having previously completed SPC 1600 or SPC 1016 courses are eligible.

Speakers must deliver a five to eight minute persuasive speech on a topic of their choice. Visual aids will not be permitted, and any speech that does not meet time requirements will be disqualified.

First, second, and third place winners will be given plaques. The student awarded first place will also have their name engraved on a permanent memorial, which will be located in the Communication Building. Students awarded fourth and fifth mention will be given honorable mention certificates.

"Employers rate communication skills as the number one skill needed for job applicants," said David Young, speech instructor. "Placing in a speech contest looks great on resumes for jobs as well as graduate school applications."

The contest is limited to 25 students. Applications and contestants will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students can enter online and review contest rules and details at http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/day­youngcontest.htm.
Paying too much for your phone calls?

Jennifer Paterson
Staff Writer

Pinching pennies for most college students is normal. Between spending hundreds of dollars on books, thousands on tuition, a car, rent and tons of other miscellaneous things too numerous to mention, saving money and cutting costs becomes a big priority.

Long distance is more than a convenience for many students; it is a necessary expense. While it is true that the majority of undergraduates at UCF are in state, they are not in-city, which means that per minute billing is a part of their phone conversations.

"My parents only live two hours away," said Jasmine Kern. "We do communicate by email, but hearing each other's voice is very important and I don't always want to wait for an email reply."

So how does one know if they are getting the best buck for their dollar?

Everybody knows about the big companies -- AT&T, MCI, Sprint -- because they have the big corporate dollars to advertise and most people end up choosing one of them.

"When the phone company asked me which long distance company I wanted, I just said AT&T because I hear about them the most," said student Michelle News.

While it is true that this company is the most popular that doesn't necessarily mean they give the best deals. Advertisements that lure in customers with rate plans such as 1,000 minutes a month for a set fee or nickel nights can be misleading. It may seem like they compute to a low cost per minute, but often the restrictions and fees are where they get you.

"These deals usually make it so you can only talk on weekends or after 7 p.m.," said Ian Stone, an International Business major. "This just isn't conducive to the college student's lifestyle."

"We are sporadic, our schedule isn't so set in stone," said Business major Davood Azimi. "I have class late on Monday night, during the day the rest of the week, but work on weekends."

On the Internet there is a site called http://www.tchoice.com/. Here it will allow you to input the amount of minutes you talk on the phone per month with state to state calls as well as the amount that you want to pay. Then it will find the phone company with the best all-around rate for you.

For instance, let's say Gal X talks 150 minutes in-state each month and 60 minutes out of state. She inputs the minutes into the search engine and voila - she has a new long distance plan.

The deal Gal X got was from a company called OPEX. They have an 800 number and give 100 free state-to-state minutes for signing up. The state-to-state calls come to $0.49 a minute (much less than MCI's nickel nights and she can call whenever she wants) and the intrastate were $0.85 per minute. All this for just $2.00 monthly fee.

Other phone companies charge separate monthly fees for intrastate and out of state. On a comparative plan of $1.10 a minute with a company that charges a five-dollar monthly fee it would be $26 dollars. That's a difference of over $11 dollars. In one year that adds up to $132.

Greek Beat

Krista Zillizi
Staff Writer

Lip-service

Delta Upsilon fraternity held their annual sorority competition Lip-Service at Headlights on Sept. 28. Sororities competed in a lip-synch contest and teamed up with fraternity members for individual dances. Sororities collected canned foods for the event which were donated to the Russell Home for the developmentally disabled in downtown Orlando. Delta Upsilon has held this philanthropic event each year since its founding at UCF in 1992. Last year Lip-Service raised more than $400 and 3,000 canned goods in proceeds.

Greek block party

Greek Appreciation Day invites fraternities and sororities to a Greek block party on Oct. 6 from noon to 4 p.m. Fraternities and sororities can participate in intramural games and contests. Raffle tickets will be sold.

Anchor splash

Delta Gamma sorority will hold their annual philanthropy event called Anchor Splash on Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the UCF pool. Participants can take part in intrastate pool games such as freestyle and medley relays and team synchronized swimming. The event will also host a novelty volleyball tournament and raffle.

ATO supports walk-a-thon event

The Alpha Tau Omega fraternity assisted the NCCJ (National Conference of Community and Justice) organization during their annual walk-a-thon event at Lake Eola on Sept. 24. Brothers of the fraternity helped set up for the event and participated in various activities including a walk around the lake. Alpha Tau Omega is looking forward to assisting The NCCJ organization again next year.

Correction: The CVF staff apologizes to Acacia fraternity for a misprint that appeared in last week's issue. Acacia was referred to as a coed fraternity. Acacia is not a coed fraternity.
Letters to the Editor

Students, be proud of your school

I attended the President’s open forum for the first time, as I was concerned with UCF’s problems. It was a great time to voice my concerns to the president and to tell him how I felt about the college love and cherish.

The meeting started and I began asking President Hitt about a possible on campus stadium. He answered and then went onto another student’s question. While he was answering, a few more students walked in. I noticed that one of them was wearing a hat. I took a casual glance over at him and noticed something wicked. Something that created utter rage inside me. Something that made me sick.

He was wearing a University of Florida hat.

I almost fell off my chair! He was wearing a UF hat. I've been seeing ignorant things like this go on ever since I got here in 1997. Being a part of the University of Central Florida's growth and future is extremely exciting to me and I just can't understand why anyone would not be supportive of it. Our campus is one of the most beautiful in Florida. Not only is it beautiful, but a vast amount of the buildings and facilities are brand new. Academically, we are one of the most difficult Florida schools to get accepted into. Our athletics programs are exciting and are on the rise. I feel that most of the professors are incredible and are highly competent.

Folks, we as students, are attending a college that is on its way to become one of the biggest schools in the nation! My point is that if you go to UCF and are paying tuition to this school, why would you want to support a school that you have no relation to what so ever? We should be proud and respectful of UCF and wear it's badge with honor not the badges of our rival schools.

-Royce Horak

What's the Health Fee for, anyway??

On my way to class, I stopped for a copy of the Orlando Sentinel. Reaching for it, someone kindly slammed my thumb in the sharply edged metal box. I clapped a napkin over my bleeding digit and headed for the Student Health Center. Asking for a bandage and some tape, I was told that I could "make an appointment with a doctor." When I told them, "No, thanks, I have class in 15 minutes, I just need a band-aid and some medical tape," I was informed that they were "available in the pharmacy." Seeing the look on my face that said "I have no money", they told me I could charge it to my student account. The University, it seems, would gladly charge me tomorrow for a band-aid today. Don't I pay the mandatory $53.00 Student Health Fee, even though I have medical insurance? Where does that money go? While I can't condone the decision that raised the cost of the almighty credit hour, I can vaguely understand why it was done. With that increase, the insane price of a parking decal, new-edition-every-semester-books, Coca-Cola's bought monopoly on campus, gratuitous $50.00 late fees, athletics programs endorsements, alumni contributions, student health fees, and so on, one would think the University has the financial freedom to give students with cut fingers a band-aid and six inches of medical tape. I'd bet my entire Student Health Fee that athletes on the University's teams don't pay for their medical treatment. If the University can't provide simple services-materials for self-administered first aid, in this case -I wonder how the students of the proposed growth boom will be provided for. I guess as long as they are athletes, they will be just fine. As it were, I'd rather have my $53.00 Student Health Fee back and go buy myself a first aid kit.

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These statements make me wonder if those people making the remarks are doing anything themselves. I heard a phrase once that says the people who complain the most often do the least. From what I have experienced in my life this is true. It's just like the people who don't vote. They groan about taxes and health care and then don't even go to the polls.

While the Future is not owned by UCF, it is still student run and produced. I have a lot of say in what goes on, as do the other editors. I know for myself I am not scared to write about an issue, which may upset some at UCF, and I am sure others on staff feel the same, but as of late nothing has annoyed me enough to do so.

The Future isn't censored. It is just like any other newspaper. I understand the issues I write about in my opinions articles, and regardless of whom I annoy I can say just about whatever I want. Well, whatever I want that falls under the first amendment and won't get me sued. Sure I can write about book prices and tuition being high, but that happens to all of us.

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I beg you all to send me letters of concern if you think the Future isn't covering some major issue. Send me a letter to print or better yet write something yourself. If you complainers can't get off your butts and do something, then shut your mouths.
$80,000 tax dollars for strippers

CHRIS ZAPATIER
STAFF WRITER

When you read the newspaper on a regular basis, you start to think you have read it all. Infanticide, police corruption, George W. Bush being seriously considered for the presidency. Life's harsh reality can easily render a person jaded and apathetic. But an article which appeared in the Orlando Sentinel on Sept. 17, by Rene Stutzman nearly caused me to have an aneurysm.

The Sentinel read: "Investigators posing as 'high rollers' threw around $44,000 during their six-month undercover investigation of the two Rachel's clubs, spending most of the money on things such as drinks, sex shows and tips to club managers. Total spending, including personnel costs, has topped $80,000 according to the two agencies that conducted the undercover probe, the Metropolitan Police Investigation Bureau of Orange County and the City-County Investigation Bureau in Seminole."

80,000? As in dollars? How do law enforcement officials attempt to justify this expenditure without breaking into laughter?

How do law enforcement officers who witness human nature's worst manifestations daily on the streets feel about this gross waste of precious resources?

And for what, to bust some strip-club managers for quasi-pimping and a few girls for engaging in the world's oldest profession?

What a waste of 80,000 bucks which could have been used for additional crossing guards at intersections near elementary schools, or $80,000 which could have been used to hire another police officer to arrest violent criminals. Congratulations law enforcement, you busted consenting adults who provide other consenting adults with erotic entertainment. Where do the monies contented to provide the adult entertainment clubs go?

How do the expenditures recorded in the Sentinel's report included: "About $15,000 on a dozen private sex shows dancers having sex with each other in a limousine or in the upstairs VIP section of the Rachel's club in Casselberry. According to court records, agents generally paid each dancer $700, and tipped the manager $200, who helped set it up between $200 and $400."

Apparently in law enforcement, the end justifies the means. It is ethically acceptable to entice girls into having sex with each other by offering them considerable amounts of money, then arresting them for doing so.

At the time the article was printed, the probe had led to 30 arrests on racketeering, prostitution, drug and money laundering charges. Let's just see how many of those charges result in prosecutions and how many prosecutions result in any significant sentences before we celebrate our moral victory.

Bill Lutz, Director of the MBI, was quoted as saying, "The way we spent our money, we spent it appropriately." First of all, Bill, the money was never yours to begin with. It is taxpayer monies that should have been used to improve the quality of life for the taxpayers who furnished it by pursuing rapists, armed robbers and identity thieves.

Although authorities plan to ask the presiding judge to order Rachel's to reimburse them for the cost of the investigation and subsequent prosecution, there is no guarantee that the charges will result in convictions, and Rachel's is certain to secure the best legal representation money can buy for their defense.

Should BOR allot more monies for UCF expansion?

DARCY ELENA RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

In determining whether or not the Board of Regents (BOR) should allot more monies for the expansion of UCF, one must consider a few questions: What does expansion mean for UCF? Is UCF ready for expansion? Expansion means more money. Few can argue with that. The more tuition-paying students we get, the more money UCF makes. According to the BOR plan, by expanding, UCF will become one of the ten largest schools in the country by 2005 with over 40,000 students.

I don't know about most UCF students, but I don't think UCF is quite ready for such a grand scale expansion. We currently have well over 30,000 and the number is increasing every year. Do we have enough professors at UCF to support so many students? UCF currently has just over 1100 full-time and part-time professors. Do we have enough classrooms? Do we have enough dorm space?

We all pretty much agree that we don't have enough parking. UCF is under construction now and with monies from BOR to expand, it will be under construction for many more years to come.

The cost of the construction for new classrooms, dorms, parking, and professors will be rather steep.

This leads to another question: Will the monies from the BOR be enough to cover all of this growth?

For one, would really rather not have classrooms with 3,000 people in them like other Florida schools have, whose fans have apparently forgotten what school they were going to and whose fans have apparent­antly forgotten what school they were going to and Physiology classes. UCF is certainly not small, but the ambience is one where your professors may actually learn who you are. It is ethically acceptable to entice girls into having sex with each other by offering them considerable amounts of money, then arresting them for doing so. Should the law enforcement agencies consider any less severe offenses?

UCF will grow because people know we are a great university.

When all it comes down to it, the BOR should give UCFC monies, lots of monies, because we deserve it. Hey, I know it takes money to make UCF, however, should start by keeping it up to date and up to speed and making money for the cardboard boards, paper trains and folks that are going to keep coming.

Make your vote count at www.UCFfuture.com

Adam Shiver
STAFF WRITER

Last week we wanted to know if you thought banning the use of cell phones while driving was the sensible thing to do. Here is what you told us:

No way! Don't outlaw it: How would I ever live without talking on the phone while I drive? (21.7%)

It is dangerous to talk on them and drive, but that is my choice. (26.1%)

People should pull over if they want to talk on the phone. That would be much safer. (30.6%)

Outlaw it. It is getting people killed everyday. (21.7%)

No Opinion. (8%)

It was close, but you all showed us that you feel quite strong about the subject. Next week we will be inspiring you to "How do you feel about the program "sweeping off" be at the beginning of home games?"

What do you think? You can voice your opinions on OUR opinions, just log on to www.UCFfuture.com
Insipid thoughts:
Extra crispy, or original recipe SGA?

Does anyone have any clue as to the 11 spices that Colonel Sanders keeps his recipes to himself? island dressing is the secret sauce on the Big Mac, but what 11 spices is that old man hiding from us?

How do you really know if you're getting extra cheese when you order a pizza with 'extra cheese'? I'm going to order one with and one without 'extra cheese' one day just to find out.

Why is it that Edy's Ice Cream has heaven's sake in its business dinner situation. This on top of the $8,000 they were budgeted from SG at the beginning of the year. An $800 portion of the $4,500 is for dance instruction. Who dances at a business function for heaven's sake? And why is it $11,781 for a chicken dinner? It must be some kind of gold-plated chicken.

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UCF students received a much needed reality check from political and social commentator Lewis Black last Monday night. He is best known for his ranting and raving "in a segment [they] call 'Back in Black'" on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show." Black was invited to UCF by the Campus Activities Board (CAB) Speakers Committee to share his comedic observations about life, ignorance and politics in the Grand Pegasus Ballroom. Only 1,500 lucky students were able to attend the comedian's rousing performance due to the Ballroom's capacity limitations. Many of Black's fans were turned away at the door. The back of the room was completely crammed with standing room only patrons after the seats were filled and even more people were sitting on the floor in front of the stage, making this a fabulous turnout for this free, CAB sponsored event.

Those in the audience not familiar with Black's rigid, dry and brutally honest sense of humor got a wake up call that night as he got up on stage at 8:20 p.m. He shares his take on many different subjects in his unique are-you-sure-this-man-doesn't-have-high-blood-pressure style of delivery.

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Sure, some audience members may have felt accosted by this brilliant commentator's sharp words, but overall a good time was had by all. What makes his such a memorable show, even if you don't agree with his extreme views, is his passionate, vein-bursting delivery. Be sure to check out his official website at www.LewisBlack.net for more about where to see him next. If you're a really big fan, follow the link on this page to the cool unofficial fan site.

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As it stands in the movie industry today, there are certain rules that must and always will be followed by major studios. For example, dogs will never die in movies on the lower and live-action Disney movies will always hit the big one. Dealing with the latter, I'm not talking about The Rock, Armageddon and various other movies made by Disney under the guise of another studio (although I still have nightmares about Con Air). Instead, I'm speaking of the category, Magical World of Disney fare like Herbie the Love Bug and That Darn Cat (the live-action kicks, already). On Sept. 28, another movie branding the Disney name is coming to theaters. Remember the Titans is the name of the film, and while it is a bit better than the typical Disney flick, it still has the same sort of cheese that people can only expect from the big mouse.

Briefly, Remember the Titans is a true story that takes place in a high school in Alexandria, VA. In the early 1970s, T.C. Williams High School and their football team, The Titans, are forcibly integrated. What results in this small Southern town are feelings of prejudice andracism on both sides. However, there is hope: enter Denzel Washington, playing the role of Herman Boone, coach of this newly integrated team. Boone is the irreplaceable football equivalent to the drill sergeant in Full Metal Jacket. He works the team constantly in order to turn them into perfect football playing machines. In order to do this, he also helps the whites and blacks unite into one, helping them to look past prejudice and become comrades. What results is a story that deals with the fact that race doesn't matter, it's what's inside that counts.

Considering all this, the movie should be pretty good, right? Well, Remember the Titans falls into that category of a mediocre movie with a good message behind it. The film is pretty damn corny from the 90 mins jokes in the locker room, all the way to Denzel Washington boldly stating "who's your daddy" to some misbehaving white boys (kill me, please). This is an instant-to-say Remember the Titans is just downright corny (another Jerry Bruckheimer film, Con Air, his Best Picture award). It is just that nothing really stands out about this film that is very spectacular or innovative. Sure it has a great message, but you hang it back up with some sort of fear that the audience will grasp. Instead, what the viewer gets is about two hours of the same scenarios working themselves out again and again. The plotline in Remember the Titans goes in this order: prejudice, reconciliation, prejudice, reconciliation. See a formula developing? Also, the movie falls into the realm of predictability from the get-go. Anyone who has seen either football or "breaking the racial boundary" movies can predict what occurs before even seeing the film.

Another area of disappointment occurs through the number of subplots in the film. Sure, a few of them are somewhat humorous and have some dramatic appeal, but for the most part these plots are not built up enough to add any real value. For instance, the fact that the team keeps one game Washington's Character Coach Boone will be fired is an interesting concept. Not enough time is devoted to the principal overall, leaving a sort of empty feeling. Add this same feeling to about a dozen other subplots (which is a sure thing in a piece with so many characters), and all the audience has to look forward to is disappointment. All the little elements are quickly wrapped up in the conclusion. That shows nothing but a poorly written script.

The question on everyone's minds at this time must be, how is Denzel Washington's acting in the film? In brief, he is quite insipid. Washington is a great actor and merits all the praise that he has received in the past, unfortunately this project of late has not reflected his talent. In Remember the Titans he plays the same sort of stodge that audiences have seen in so many films such as Con Air and Menace 2 Society. Also, even with his top billing in a movie like this, Washington sure doesn't have a lot of screen time. Remember the Titans is more devoted to the team itself than any one person. With this in mind, it is a wonder why Washington even chose this role to begin with. After all, the character himself is downright unlikable. One must keep in mind that Boone is supposed to be a hard ass. Nevertheless, either the director or Washington could have tried to bring some charisma into the mix. As far as the rest of the cast, everyone is good in his or her roles, but no one really shines. Ethan Suplee, who played the far, most Nazi in American History X, plays a flat, unimposing football player (wow, how versatile). Will Patton (Armageddon) plays the head coach of the team who is denoted to assistant coach with the arrival of Boone to his school. Patton is probably the brightest spot in the entire cast. His character far overshadows Washington's, probably because he can convey human emotions.

The film is all about the message it's trying to convey. Here's a message that has been better put in other films such as Glory, The Tuskegee Airmen or even American History X. Remember the Titans is not horrible; it is just not the excellent film that everyone probably expects. Overall, it is too dippy, sweet, gutting the problems the characters are facing far too simply, and making the solutions to them equally elementary. Washington has done better, Jerry Bruckheimer has done better but for Disney itself this is just the fish they need to grow legs and lead us ashore to better movie fare (Darwin any time?). With Remember the Titans, Disney's approach is good, but just does not pay off in the end.
Mephisto Odyssey: Experimental Music?

Kim Lindquist

STAR WRITER

In the era of modern day music, anyone with a computer is able to put something together that sounds somewhat like a song. Mephisto Odyssey is one of those bands that harnesses this technology and uses it to create their music out of the frustration for the death of 80s rock.

The members—producer/songwriter Mikael Johnston, DJ Josh Camacho, songwriter/producer/guitarist/audio craftsman Orpheus Dejonnette and sampler Barrie Evans—claim that Mephisto Odyssey was born as a result of Johnston’s dream of owning a computer. When he followed that dream, a new form of music, a cross between Falby Sihn, Radiohead and the Beastie Boys, was born.

Their major-label debut, The Deep Red Connection, uses several traditional music styles, such as reggae, rap and string arrangements and combines them with various sounds and beats. There’s a lot of vocal help provided by such names as Angelcat, Jamalski, Paula Frazer and the well-known Static-X.

As you listen to this CD, it’s almost as if another CD comes on after each song. It opens slowly with the annoying and repetitive song “Barrie’s Edna,” which, obviously, repeats the phrase “Everybody is kinda freak” over and over again to the sound of a consistent techno background. The next song is “I’m The Man,” which is mixed cleverly with strong beats and fun sounds. The vocals, however, are flat and without style.

The album’s strong points are found in the dance music of “Sexy Dancer” and “Red Dreams,” both of which are excellently put together. They remind you a lot of the music you would hear walking into The Gap or other stores at a mall.

Mephisto Odyssey’s true accomplishment on their debut is found in the haunting ballad “Wish.” Although the lyrics are simple, there is an impressive arrangement including a cello, Rhodes piano, string arrangement, acoustic guitar and drums. Paula Frazer’s guest vocals are reminiscent of Lorena McKennitt’s style: very smooth and airy.

All in all, this album comes recommended if you are into experiencing various types of blend techno and styles so modern they haven’t been named yet. However, if you’re looking for a CD to just sit and listen to, don’t end your search here.

Engine Roar

Brian Pickard

STAR WRITER

Continuing in my quest to get people to recognize Florida music, I decided to review a Florida band’s CD instead of the usual national CDs that every other newspaper publication is reviewing. The Central Florida Future should have something different and something original, and that’s what I hope to contribute.

Every now and then, a CD comes along that just blows everything else out there away. South Florida’s The Agency has been making music for years, but their latest effort, Engine Roar, has to be one of the best CDs ever recorded. The album features ten songs of purely emotional rock with truly amazing lyrics. Fiddler Records released it in the early spring of this year, and has been independently promoting it ever since. Fiddler Records is also the label that gave the now giant A New Found Glory their first two albums.

Starting off with a track called “Zero,” the listener knows he or she is in for an incredible experience. With lyrics that are more poetic than some of the best poetry out there and talented musicianship, The Agency are one of the best bands in their genre. Often compared to Rush and The Police, this rock band from Miami has hard work ethics, playing tons of shows to get their music out there. The third track on the CD, “Single File Line,” is one of my favorite songs on there. It has great harmonies and a really catchy tune.

It’s almost hard for me to describe the type of music they play. It’s just talented, great songwriting, and the songs will be stuck in your head for days. Guaranteed. There are four members of the band: Mike Marsh (drums and vocals), Chris Dreuke (bass and vocals), Klaus Ketelhon (guitar and vocals) and Chris Carrabba (second guitarist on this recording). They now have a new second guitarist playing with them named John Owens.

In my opinion, the best song on the entire CD is track number nine, “Lost and Found.” The song is brilliant as far as the music goes, and the listener can actually feel the emotion and energy they felt while playing it in the studio. The only song that isn’t quite as good as the others is the closing track, “Closing Time.” The song is OK, but it doesn’t pack that punch like the last track on a CD should.

Overall, I can’t complain, it’s still one of the most hard-rocking albums I’ve heard to this day. Check out their website at www.theagencyrocks.com, and if you get the chance, contact them and order a CD for yourself.
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The UCF Department of Music is keeping busy this semester with numerous events and performances that include both the talented UCF music faculty and students as well as visiting artists. Whether you are looking for large ensembles or soloists, the Department of Music has it all, and their fall season promises to be quite entertaining.

The UCF Orchestra and Chorus will be joining members of the Orlando Opera in October to perform L’Enfant et les Sortilèges (“The Enchanted Child”), a French Opera about a mischievous child. In the opera, the child misbehaves and as a result, items in his room and garden come to life to scold him for his insubordination to his mother. The child continues to be a hassle until it harms a squirrel and realizes its foolish behavior.

The opera will not be fully staged (meaning it won’t have major sets or costumes), but should still be very enjoyable for the audience due to the comical nature of the characters and show. Also, if you aren’t too familiar with French, there will be English translations displayed over the stage. During dance sequences and instrumental breaks, the translations will turn into a slide show coordinated with the music.

L’Enfant et les Sortilèges will be performed on Oct. sixth and eighth and admission is $5 for UCF students and $10 for everyone else. It will be performed at St. Luke’s Methodist Church on the sixth at 8 p.m. and at Trinity Preparatory School on the eighth at 3 p.m. If you would like to learn more about the opera or the UCF Orchestra, please contact Mr. John Whitney at (407) 823-2863.

The Marching Knights have also been busy entertaining the crowd at the UCF home football games, and they have even more excitement planned for the rest of the season. Coming up at the Eastern Kentucky Game (Oct. 14), is Trumpet Day. Around 45 trumpet players will come from around the state to join the band during halftime.

In addition, famous trumpeter Vince DiMartino will join the Marching Knights and will be featured throughout the show.

Further into the future, the Marching Knights will perform at the UCF Homecoming Game, the away game at Alabama and the final game against Virginia Tech. They will do a shortened version of their Motown Show (recently performed at the William and Mary games) in Alabama, and for the finale they will perform a “best of” show featuring the highlights of the 2000 Marching Knights season.

UCF also has many other ensembles that hold performances throughout the year. If classical music is your thing, then you will want to attend the UCF Wind Ensemble concert Nov. 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Visual Arts Building Auditorium. Or the UCF Orchestra Concert on Dec. first at 7:30 p.m. also in the Visual Arts Building. However, if jazz is more to your liking, then you won’t want to miss the jazz concert on Nov. 16 that will feature the UCF Big Band. Admission is free to everyone at these performances.

The Department of Music also features several small ensembles throughout the semester that are performed by the faculty. They have a variety of ensembles such as a woodwind quintet, a piano trio, solos, duets and other trios. In addition to these performances, they host visiting artists as well. These artists include Mr. James Rodak, a saxophone player from the US Naval Academy Band and Mr. William Takacs, a trumpet player.

All of these performances can be found at the UCF Rehearsal Hall and are free to UCF students with a current ID card (admission is $10 per person otherwise). For more information on the performances, visit the Department of Music Office in Colburn Hall (previously the Fine Arts and Humanities building) in room 205 or call them at (407) 823-2869.
Horoscopes

Aries (March 21-April 19): You’re an independent type, but this week the lesson is to get along with others. A rush order at work dominates Monday and Tuesday. It could thwart your travel plans, too. Perseverance gets an important message through. A new idea you try out on Wednesday or Thursday may not work as well as you’d hoped. Fix it quickly. An authority figure is probably watching. The heat’s on the latter part of the week, but you can find ways to relax. Your sweetheart and friends would love to keep you entertained all weekend. Try not to get into too much trouble.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): A financial deal you’re working on Monday and Tuesday is loaded with variables. You can make a killing at this, but only if you know what you’re doing. In other words, only gamble on a sure thing. Advise your sweetheart or a child against spending too much on Wednesday. You might be the one who picks up the tab if you’re not careful. Something that looks like a disaster on Thursday could turn out well. In an ironic twist of fate, love triumphs. Although the boss may not make up his or her mind until later this weekend, you put in the request on Friday. Meanwhile, try to keep your mate and your folks from fighting. If they don’t get along, you’re the one who loses.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Everybody’s trying to tell you what to do on Monday and Tuesday. A friend from far away gives you the information you need, however. Don’t argue with your significant other about insignificant details on Wednesday. It’s not worth the trouble. Although Thursday’s full of complications, the overall outcome should be good if you finish what you’ve been doing. There’s work to be done from Friday through the weekend. Travel might get squeezed in there, too. Watch for the opportunity and sneak out when you can. Watch what you say this weekend, though, even to a friend you know and trust. The rumor could get back to a co-worker differently than you intended and cause trouble. Keep the stories about work to yourself a while longer.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You might make a profitable trade on Monday. Be willing to get rid of something you don’t use anymore. You can see what needs to be cut on Tuesday and Wednesday. The next problem is getting your co-workers to go along with your plan. Facts will help your argument. Your partner may be in a grumpy mood Wednesday, so try to be extra nice on Thursday. By Friday you may be discussing a household item or a new house if you’d like to buy together. If you’re going to do something that big, do more research over the weekend. By Sunday you’ll be looking for something quite different than what you were looking for on Saturday.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You’re most interested in your social life on Monday. Work interferes with your pleasure. You could make a good connection on Tuesday, but try not to spend too much money. You can’t avoid the tough tasks on Wednesday. From then through Friday, push hard to catch up. On Friday you might get an expert’s help. Delegate whatever you can to a professional, if necessary. Over the weekend let your partner do the driving. That’s what he or she wants to do, anyway.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may feel like you’re stuck between a rock and a hard place Monday and Tuesday. The overall outcome looks positive. Don’t be intimidated; that will just make the job take longer. A conflict with an authority figure on Wednesday or Thursday could make you feel stressed. You’re being tested to see if you can handle more responsibility. Show you’re capable under pressure, and you’ll make a good impression. Meanwhile, clear some space for a rush order coming in on Friday. Saturday and Sunday are busy, too. If you can make what you need instead of buying it, you’ll be happier with the results.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Travel is confusing on Monday and Tuesday. You can make it through, but probably not without white knuckles. The overall outcome’s positive Wednesday and Thursday, too. Keep that in mind when you start to feel overwhelmed. Also, keep a secret. From mid-Friday through the weekend, most things get easier. Strangely, something you thought was simple could get tangled, and something you thought was too complex on Friday could turn out well. Fix it quickly. An authority figure is probably watching. The heat’s on the latter part of the week, but you can find ways to relax. Your sweetheart and friends would love to keep you entertained all weekend. Try not to get into too much trouble.

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Ryan and Crowe Together Down Under

Shortly after her split with Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan set her sights on Russell Crowe. The couple met last March on the set of their movie Proof of Life. Recently, the two went to Australia for a couple of weeks where they enjoyed all the excitement surrounding the Olympics in Sydney. Since Ryan's split from her nine-year marriage, the couple has been laying low. However, photos of them holding hands and kissing are showing up everywhere.

Quaid was the first to file for divorce on July 11. Ryan's filed for divorce shortly after. Both claim "irreconcilable differences." They hope to have joint custody of their eight year old son Jack Henry.

Houston Has A Problem

Last January, singer-songwriter diva Whitney Houston had her bags seized at Keahole-Kona International Airport in Hawaii, after it was discovered that they contained 15.2 grams of marijuana. Houston now faces misdemeanor drug charges. Her arraignment date is Oct. 26. If convicted Houston could get up to 30 days in jail and a $1,000 fine. Officials are asking that she turn herself in before then or they may issue a warrant for her arrest. Deputy prosecutor Charlene Ibboshi told sources that if Houston pleads guilty then everything could be handled through paperwork and Houston wouldn't have to make an appearance in court. A spokesman for Houston said, "At this time we are unable to comment."

Kathie Lee Won't Go Away

Kathie Lee Gifford is beginning to make guest appearances on talk shows to promote her new pop CD Heart of a Woman. One show that Kathie Lee won't be appearing on is her former home "Live!" Regis Philbin and producer Michael Gelman have said no to Kathie Lee's requests to appear on the show. Regis' ratings have gone up 26 percent since Kathie Lee has left. Gifford is also gaining approval since she left "Live!" She has just landed a role in a TV movie called "Spinning Out of Control." Kathie Lee will play a troubled sitcom star. The movie will appear on E! with Howie Mandel as her costar.

Combs' Court Criticisms

Rapper Sean "Puffy" Combs was in Manhattan Supreme Court for trial on a weapons charge. New York Daily News reports that Combs was criticized for his behavior in court. Assistant Manhattan District Attorney Matthew Bogdanos criticized Combs for his tardiness (by four minutes), suggesting that he should be put in jail if he is late again. Bogdanos was also upset with Combs for wearing sunglasses before the judge. "I apologize for being late," said Combs. "It won't happen again." The start of the trial is set for Jan. 2. Combs' attorney, Benjamin Brafman, said the sunglasses were "none of Mr. Bogdanos' business."

Who Wants to be a Millionaire?

Former Playboy Playmate of the Year Anna Nicole Smith, 32, was awarded $449.7 million by a federal bankruptcy judge in Los Angeles. The money was her claim to the estate of her late husband, billionaire Texas oilman J. Howard Marshall. His overall assets are an estimated $1.6 billion. The couple was married in 1994 when he was 89 and she was a 26-year-old stripper. Marshall died a year later. Smith's attorney, Philip Boesich Jr., told the AP that his client was "very pleased" with the judge's ruling, which "puts the matter to rest." Smith's battle for her late husband's money was with Marshall's youngest son, E. Pierce Marshall. He said yesterday's verdict was a "miscarriage of justice" and swore he would appeal.

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Dear Sexpert,

I am a freshman who lives in a dorm and it sucks. My roommate and his girlfriend keep me awake at night by having sex in his bed when they think I'm asleep. They always wake me up with the noises they make. I don't want them to think I'm some kinda pervert by not telling them I'm awake, but at the same time I don't want to interrupt. What usually ends up happening is that they exhaust themselves and pass out and I finally get to sleep around 3 a.m. Four times a week (sometimes more) this happens! I don't want to rui him out, he's an ok guy, but I am going to flink if I keep missing my 8 a.m. class. I'm pretty sure she's not supposed to be in our room past 10 p.m., but if they got in trouble, he would know it was me who sold him out. Help!

-Losing Sleep, male, 18

Dear Losing Sleep,

Why don't you try to tell them when they wake you up? Are you afraid he won't like you or he'll think you're trying to "cock-block" him? Try taking a room with (and his girlfriend) would rather not have you as an audience, and they appreciate you telling them that you're tired and bed-squeak are driving you nuts. I wouldn't approach both of them at the same time, I think you should tell your roommate when he's alone. You might want to leave out the number of times you've been awake for their raunchfest to avoid sounding "perverted." Just ask him if there's anything you can do to give them more time with the room to themselves so that they're not forced to formulate in front of you. If he says that anything like "we will just try to be more quiet" or the ever popular "if you had a girlfriend, you would understand." You need to kick it up a notch and threaten to tell the RA about this disturbance.

But just in case they are exhibitionists who prefer it if you're there to bear them company, you won't stop it, here are some creative (albeit last resort) solutions to your rather common problem.

*Mood-Be-Gone Tactic One: Sprinkle itching powder between your roommates sheets and even in his underwear drawer. Who could get busy when he's scratching himself like a yard dog?*

*Mood-Be-Gone Tactic Two: Get photocopies of his parent's photos (and even some other, authoritative non-sexy people's pictures) and plaster the ceiling above with them. Anyone who still wants some lovin' after seeing pics like these is just sick.*

*Mood-Be-Gone Tactic Three: Go to the Student Health Center and get pamphlets on everything from STD contraction to teen pregnancy and abortion. Proceed to place them strategically throughout your dorm room (on his desk, bed, dresser, etc.). This is an easy and sure-fire way to get them to think twice before exchanging bodily fluids and waking you up.

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Keep in mind that your roommate is not that big of a moron. He will know what you are trying to do. He may be pissed, but at least you didn't take it to higher powers and have him reprimanded for his impolite actions. And you will finally get some much needed shut-eye.

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FELIX

by Steve McCain

You almost got us killed by stealing a parking spot that your ex-girlfriend was already waiting for, and now you're celebrating that accomplishment with a disgusting display of utter childishness.

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difficult could fall into place. Take a romantic gift to the one you love on Sunday. That would not only be thoughtful, but wise.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Pass on a great deal that a friend tells you about on Monday. Spend the money on your home, instead. On Tuesday watch for a great deal on something that you buy anyway. Stock up. Send a check to a worthy cause Wednesday, especially one that's deductible. Don't take on new projects Thursday. You've got enough to do already. A technical breakdown on Friday could have you out shopping for a new gadget over the weekend. Don't go for the bells and whistles. Get the one that will hold up best mechanically.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): On Monday your presentation of a new idea gets nothing but arguments. Don't be dissuaded. You can convince everybody with facts, plan your own natural charm. If you're a little short on information, Tuesday's good for finding what you need. You'd better not procrastinate. Somebody's apt to ask for it before Wednesday is over. Look for wise investments on Wednesday, too. Luxury items for your sweetheart top the list. You may have a touch of buyer's remorse on Thursday, but an expensive item of top quality will prove to be a good choice. A class you take on Friday or Saturday could be quite useful. Ask tough questions to get the most out of that investment. By Sunday you may have a new point of view to add to your collection.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You're getting mixed messages concerning work on Monday. That might be due to changes happening there. That's a terrible day to travel, by the way. People will make unexpected lane changes, too. On Tuesday if you come up with an idea that works, get bold and brassy with it on Wednesday and Thursday. If you've presented this well, ask for a raise on Friday. You have a chance at it, so don't botch the opportunity. An argument with a friend about money could mar an otherwise lovely Saturday. Don't make a big deal of it and don't loan this person much, either. Take 'em paid.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): On Monday and Tuesday offer a friend your shoulder to cry on. He or she is going through a confusing metamorphosis. From where you're standing, the less substance than you had hoped. If you come up with an idea that works, get bold and brassy with it on Wednesday, too. Confidence is improving Friday, so move boldly forward.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You're in the middle of the activity on Monday. Everybody is sure pushing their own agenda. Be the moderator. Schedule a relaxing evening with friends Tuesday. By then you'll need it. Get an older friend together with your partner on Wednesday. Together, they'll solve a tough puzzle. You're under pressure to perform perfectly on Friday. Luckily, this is for a family matter, so don't sweat it. Your honey-do list is long enough to keep you busy over the weekend. Don't be afraid to make a mess to get what you want. It may take two or three tries.

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Schneider brings emotion and unorthodox techniques

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score a touchdown. Under his leadership, UCF gained 501 total yards against EMU, its best output of the season.

All of that brings up another question many fans may now have: Who is this guy, and where did he come from?

Although this is the first time he has received this much attention as a Golden Knight, Schneider did not come to UCF without credentials. He won 37 games as a quarterback at Miami-Plantation High School, and earned the Class 6-A Player of the Year award in his senior season. He was initially recruited by a number of colleges, including Auburn, but most of the schools lost interest after having questions about whether his mobility was good enough for a Division I-A quarterback. Schneider was set to go to Houston when former UCF defensive tackles coach Andy Cox, who had known Schneider for a long time, recruited him to come to UCF; and Schneider accepted the invitation.

Now, as a redshirt freshman, the hopes of a Division I-A football program rest squarely on his shoulders. But was he nervous making his first ever start in college?

"Actually no, not at all," Schneider said. "We had a really good week of practice and I as real confident in everything we were doing, I think when you're confident in what you're doing, you can get through the butterflies.

"I thought I threw the ball real well. The offensive line did a wonderful job. We knew that they were probably going to blitz us a lot, because it was my first start and they were going to try to rattle me. Coach Krucek did a good job of calling a lot of short pass plays to get me going."

And Krucek couldn't have been happier with the manner in which Schneider responded to the pressure. According to Krucek, Schneider's competitive nature is one of the main reasons he has been so success-

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NIU expected to contend for MAC title

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ground. This should bode well for the Golden Knights, who have been improving their running game each week, gaining a season-high 136 yards against Eastern Michigan.

One big question for UCF will be if redshirt freshman quarterback Ryan Schneider can continue his stellar play of last week. In his first collegiate start, Schneider was 27 of 38 for 365 yards and two touchdowns. UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek says that while the Golden Knights offense played its best game of the season against Eastern Michigan, there is still room to improve.

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The Streak Is Over

Mercer shocked the UCF Women’s Soccer team on Sept. 29, upsetting the Golden Knights 1-0 at Bear Field in Mercer, Georgia. The loss ended UCF’s 23-game TAAC regular season unbeaten streak and its mark of 1127 consecutive regular season TAAC scoreless minutes over 10 games.

Mercer freshman forward Anne-Marie Lapalme stole the ball from UCF defender Noelle Brown and lofted a shot over the head of goalkeeper Jessica Kilhman in the game’s 39th minute, and it turned out to be the game-winning goal. Goalkeeper Genevieve Reid got the shutout for the Bears.

“We’ve spent a lot of time working on our defense and it showed today,” said Mercer Coach Jodie Smith. “One again Genevieve came up big for us. To win a game like this we were able to preserve the shutout. We did have its chances to score, but the UCF defense kept the Golden Knights out of the net. UCF opened the match very aggressively, getting the first three shots of the game, but came away empty. Another scoring opportunity late in the game was taken away when UCF was called for an offside penalty. The Golden Knights were also unable to capitalize on a second half penalty kick. At the 74:09 mark, USD back-up goalkeeper Matt Kessler was yellow carded for tackling a UCF player in the penalty area. Ornulf Olsen was given a penalty kick for the Golden Knights, but Kessler made a diving save going to his left, preserving the shutout. Both sides finished with 12 shots. Kessler and San Diego starting goalkeeper Justin Neerhof combined for the shutout with five saves.

UCF will get another chance at its first win this week, when the team plays South Florida on Oct. 4 at the UCF Soccer Field.

The 14th-ranked UCF Women’s Golf team won the Ole Miss Lady Rebel Invitational by shooting three consecutive 306 rounds on route to a 918 and a five stroke win over Arkansas State.

UCF’s Tanja Arnold won the individual medalist honors by defeating Amanda Breeter of Arkansas State in a playoff. Both shot 220 (+4) after three rounds, but Arnold pulled out a victory in the playoff. Along with Arnold, two other UCF golfers finished in the top 10. Olivia Hartley finished fourth with a 228 (+12) and Monica Gunderson shot a 231 (+15) to tie for sixth place.

The tournament win was the Golden Knights’ first of the season, although they have placed highly in each of their three Rolex College Golf Tournaments. Golfweek Magazine has UCF ranked 14th as a team and Gunderson ranked 28th individually.

- David Mainsers
Sante leads team in kills, service aces

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Sante is one of three freshmen starting for the UCF Women’s Volleyball team.

“It’s a big opportunity,” said Sante, who plays the position of outside hitter. “One of the things everyone told me was that when you go to the United States to play in college the freshmen don’t play. It’s great because there are three freshmen on the court and we are 50% of the people out there working hard, trying to win the conference and trying to get us to the NCAA tournament.”

But playing in the U.S. has taken some readjusting for Sante. She says the game here in the U.S. is not as fast as in Puerto Rico and getting accustomed to speaking English on the court is times difficult.

“Playing here is a lot different than playing in Puerto Rico,” said Sante. “Here we have regular scoring and in Puerto Rico we play rally point. The game is more fast (in Puerto Rico) and it’s harder because you have to be focused all of the time. It’s very difficult for me because English is not my first language and on the court I have to speak English the whole time. I think in Puerto Rico I am more aggressive on the court because I feel more comfortable with the language.”

Despite the differences and language barrier, however, Sante has played extremely well for the Golden Knights this year. She is currently first on the team in 212 kills and 27 service aces, and also fourth with 119 digs. Colado couldn’t be more content with Sante’s progress this season, saying UCF is a better team with her on the court.

“I told her when I recruited her that I needed her to be able to on the court and play,” said Colado. “She posted a double-double the other night with 24 kills and that’s just fabulous for a freshman. We’ll need her to continue to post those kind of numbers for us in order to do well.”

Sante has set goals for herself not only in volleyball but academically as well. She is majoring in business and accounting and plans on taking the CPA after she gets her degree and then hopes to study law. And if that is not enough, her aspirations for volleyball include becoming an All-American and helping her team reach the NCAA Tournament.

For Sante, time and experience will make her feel more comfortable playing volleyball in the U.S. It will also make her feel more comfortable being away from home, as family is more valuable to her than anything else.

“It’s very hard to be away from my family because I am very close to them,” said Sante. “I have three brothers and they are my best friends. My mom is my best friend. It’s very hard but they come and see me two weekends every month. I talked to them everyday about everything.”

Yet, she has found a home away from home through the volleyball team. She currently lives with two other freshman volleyball players, Jenny Frank and Lindsay Whalen, and all three look to provide a promising future for the women’s volleyball team. Sante says that the chemistry between the team is incredible and that it has made coming to UCF an easier transition.

“The girls are always trying to make the freshmen feel good on the team,” said Sante. “We are always going out all together either to eat or to go and hang out. If you don’t have a quarter to do laundry you give the quarter to do your laundry. They are very nice.”

Colado is confident that Sante is happy here and respects her for the changes she has had to endure as a freshman leaving her home in Puerto Rico.

“I think that she is very happy here and that makes me happy,” said Colado. “Regular freshman have to worry about moving away from home within the United States. She has had added distance to her family. I think that in a hard thing to adjust to but I think she is taking it very well.

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Morgan also needs only four more kills to pass Caitriona and move into eighth place on the UCF career list in that category, and only three solo blocks to take over fourth place in that area.

Saldana moved into a tie at third place for career assists with her 1,697 career assists. Saldana may be able to get to second place by the end of the season, as she needs 277 more assists to get there, a very reasonable number.

• Morgan Named to Raider Challenge
• All-Tournament Team

Morgan’s 25 kills and 17 blocks earned her All-Tournament honors at Wright State’s Raider Challenge on September 16. That was the second time this season that Morgan has made an All-Tournament team. She was also named to the Colorado Powerbar Invitational Tournament earlier this year for performances against Colorado and Louisiana State.

Head Coach Meg Colado guided UCF to an undefeated record in 1AIC regular season play last season, and hopes to do the same this year.

• Whalen Does Well

After fighting for playing time early in the season, Whalen has been one of the best and most consistent players on the team over the last few games. Whalen had a double-double against FAU, and then led the Golden Knights with eight kills against Troy State.

Whalen, Sante and Frank make up a stellar freshman class for the Golden Knights. Sante currently leads the team in kills with 212, and Frank leads the team in assists (388) and assists per game (7.35).
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• UCF Gets Revenge on FAU

Last year, after going undefeated in the Trans Atlantic Athletic Conference, the UCF Volleyball Team lost to Florida Atlantic University in the championship game of the TAAC Tournament. The loss ended the Golden Knights’ season prematurely, preventing them from going to the NCAA Tournament. Last week, however, UCF got a little revenge.

In a Sept. 26 match that was televised on Sunshine Network, the Golden Knights defeated FAU (4-12) in four games; 15-2, 15-8, 14-16, 15-10. Freshmen outside hitter Leyre Santaella Sante had a double-double with 25 kills and 12 digs, while fellow freshman Lindsey Whalen also registered a double-double with 11 kills and 12 digs. Setters Becca Saldana and Jenny Frank also had double-doubles for UCF, with Frank totaling 29 assists and 20 digs, and Saldana having 27 assists and 12 digs.

Despite being in the same conference, the UCF-FAU match did not count as a conference game in the TAAC standings.

• UCF Wins Conference Opener

UCF dominated Troy State University (11-4, 0-1) last Friday, defeating the Trojans 15-4, 15-2, 15-4 in the Golden Knights’ first TAAC match of the year. Leading the UCF attack was freshman outside hitter Lindsey Whalen with eight kills, while team captain Shelly Driggers had seven kills and an .375 attack percentage. Junior middle blocker Piper Morgan also had seven kills, and added two block assists.

“I’m pleased because they absolutely dominated this match,” said UCF head coach Meg Colado. “They did not let up, and they did not give up easy points. We absolutely dominated that match, mostly by our serving and defense.”

UCF (8-7, 1-0) now begins a stretch of three conference road matches in five days, beginning with an Oct. 6 match at Georgia State and continuing with Mercer and Florida Atlantic.

“Georgia State will be tough to beat at home,” said Colado. “We’re going to put in a serious focus week of practice,” Colado said. “We’ll be ready for them.”

The Golden Knights’ next home game is against Stetson, another TAAC opponent, on Oct. 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the UCF Arena.

• Morgan and Saldana Move Up in UCF Record Books

Junior Middle blocker Piper Morgan’s two block assists against Troy State gave her sole possession of fourth place in school history with 215 career block assists. Morgan was tied with Michelle Cutright (1992-95) going into the game.

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Page overcomes injury to win starting job at UCF

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Rotator cuff surgery is not a pleasant experience, and certainly not something that is easy to come back from. Major League Baseball pitchers sometimes spend an entire year rehabilitating an injury like that, and often are never able to regain the form they possessed before the surgery. But UCF defensive end Don Page has not let injury get in the way of his college football career.

Page, a redshirt freshman, originally had shoulder surgery while he was a fullback and linebacker at Foley High School in Alabama. He originally signed with Auburn in 1998, but did not meet initial eligibility requirements until after the season, and never enrolled there. In 1999, Page came to UCF and took one of the most talented defensive ends ever to don the Black & Gold. But he injured his shoulder once again during the second week of the season, and was forced to take a medical redshirt. When spring practice rolled around, he was back with the team and won the starting right end job over fifth year senior Fred Harley.

During this year’s fall camp, Page held onto the starting position, and started the first two games of the season. But he re-injured his shoulder against Northwestern and played only sparingly against Maryland. He originally signed with Auburn in 1998, but did not meet initial eligibility requirements until after the season, and never enrolled there. During this year’s fall camp, Page held onto the starting position, and started the first two games of the season. But he re-injured his shoulder against Northwestern State and played only sparingly against Akron because of the pain. Once again, however, Page bounced back and returned to the starting lineup the following week against William & Mary.

“[It’s been a hard road],” said Page. “I’m still not back 100 percent. I still have some strengthening to do on my shoulders. Right now, it’s holding up and I’m just praying that it holds up the rest of the year.”

“It gets sore after every game,” he said. “It’s not bad where I’m just crying out in pain, but it’s that sore feeling. I feel I can go the whole way.”

And last week at Eastern Michigan, all of Page’s hard work paid off, as he had his best game as a Golden Knight. Page made six tackles, including two for lost yardage. He had a pass deflection on the game’s first play, and also got a sack of EMU quarterback Walt Church. Most impressive though, was a play that Page made during the game’s third quarter. With UCF leading 24-3, Eastern Michigan mounted a drive that put them inside the Golden Knights’ red zone. On second down from the 15-yard line, the UCF defense ran a play that had Page dropping back into pass coverage, hoping to catch the EMU offense by surprise. And it did. Page intercepted Church’s pass and returned it to the 39-yard line, almost going all the way for a touchdown.

“He pretty much gave it to me,” said Page. “We were in a drop coverage for the ends and I just stared it down the whole way. We’ve been doing it all year. That’s what we drop for, expecting to get a pick. I should have cut back and I would have scored.”

UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek was impressed with Page’s ability to catch and run with the football.

“Looked like a damn defensive back,” said Kruczek. “I mean I was shocked. I saw that ball and he sucked it up like a sponge. I was kind of hoping he’d score. He’s a heckuva athlete. We’re going to have a great defensive line eventually.”

With Page, fellow redshirt freshman Brent Bolar, and sophomore Elton Patterson, the defensive end position is in good hands at UCF. As the starters, Page and Patterson have combined for 49 tackles, including 15 for lost yardage, and six sacks this season.

If Page is able to stay healthy, the future of the UCF defensive line is very bright. And with Page’s determination and resilience, it is likely that he will be keeping that future bright for a very long time.
Offensive Player of the Week
Ryan Schneider

In his first collegiate start, Schneider completed 27 of 38 passes for 365 yards and two touchdowns, and he also scored a rushing touchdown. He went 17 of 21 in the first half alone, including competing his first five passes in leading UCF to a touchdown on their first possession of the game.

Defensive Player of the Week
Don Page

The redshirt freshman defensive end had six tackles, including two for lost yardage. He deflected a pass on the first play of the game, had a sack of EMU quarterback Walt Church, and also intercepted Church in third quarter when the Eagles had moved inside UCF's 20-yard line and were poised to score.

- Baker scores his first collegiate touchdowns
On UCF's first possession of the game, redshirt freshman tailback Corey Baker caught a screen pass from Schneider and did the rest by himself, outrunning one defender and diving for the goal line for a 10-yard touchdown. It was the first touchdown of his college career. Later in the game, Baker finished the Golden Knights' scoring with his first ever rushing touchdown, punching the ball in from the 1-yard line with 7:42 left to play in the fourth quarter. Above all else, though, Baker said he was happy with the way UCF was able to run the ball late in the game.

- Collins Gets the Ball
With injuries to tailbacks Eddie Mack and Omari Howard, senior fullback Dwight Collins was able to get some carries in the fourth quarter. Collins, who came to UCF as a tailback but moved to fullback in his sophomore year, rushed for 38 yards on just four carries, a 9.5 average. It was the most times Collins has carried the ball in a game since 1997.

- Defensive Linemen Becoming Sprinters?
Defensive lineman Don Page and Josh McKibben have wheels. Well, almost. During the game, each showed considerable speed during returns of EMU turnovers. Neatling the end of the first half, EMU's offense was trying to get into field goal range, but McKibben recovered a fumble by EMU quarterback. Walt Church at midfield and returned it to the Eagles' 31-yard line before being tackled from behind, giving UCF a chance at a Hail Mary pass.

Page also ended an EMU attempt at a scoring drive, intercepting Church at the UCF 10-yard line and returning the ball 29 yards down the sideline. Had Page been able to get around the player who tackled him, he likely would have gone all the way for a touchdown.

David Marsters

UCF offense explodes in Schneider's first start

Redshirt freshman quarterback Ryan Schneider made his first collegiate start look easy against Eastern Michigan, going 27 of 38 for 365 yards and two touchdowns, leading the Golden Knights to their biggest offensive output of the year. UCF gained 501 total yards in the 31-10 victory, eclipsing the mark of 432 yards against William & Mary. Both passing yards (365) and rushing yards (136) were a season high.

“We had a really good week of practice and I was real confident in everything we were doing, so I think when you're confident in what you're doing, it kind of gets rid of the butterflies,” said Schneider. “We knew they were going to probably blitz us a lot because it was my first start and they were probably going to come out and rattle me.”

Though Schneider was the star of the game, much of UCF's success can be attributed to the play of the offensive line. The much criticized group had their best effort of the season, allowing Schneider to be sacked only once and opening up big holes for the Golden Knight running game.

“We gave the quarterback time to sit in there which was key,” said offensive line coach Robert McFurland. “We felt like they were going to be heating up Ryan which they did. They brought a lot of people. I thought our running backs, our tight end when the Eagles had moved inside UCF's 20-yard line and were poised to score.

By the Numbers

- 365 Number of passing yards by redshirt freshman quarterback Ryan Schneider in his first collegiate start.
- 1 Number of times Schneider was sacked by Eastern Michigan, after having to answer questions all week about his lack of mobility. It was the second fewest amount of quarterback sacks that UCF has given up in a game all year.
- 96 Number of rushing yards by redshirt freshman tailback Corey Baker, the most by a UCF player this year.
- 6 Number of fumbles by UCF, only two of which were recovered by Eastern Michigan.
- 17 Number of tackles by junior middle linebacker Tito Rodriguez, making only his second start of the season after coming back from arthroscopic knee surgery.
- 30 Number of rushing yards by Eastern Michigan, a team that had previously averaged 115.8 yards per game.

- 12, 206 Number of catches and receiving yards, respectively, by senior Tyson Hinshaw, both of which are career highs. Hinshaw's performance marked only the seventh time in UCF history that a Golden Knight receiver has topped the 200-yard mark.
- 50 Percentage of third downs successfully converted by UCF, their second best third down conversion rate of the season. The Golden Knights went 7 of 14 on third down.

- 501 Number of yards of total offense by UCF, consisting of 365 passing yards and 136 rushing yards. It was the Golden Knights' highest offensive output of the season.
UCF hopes to continue momentum against NIU

*The Golden Knights put a two game win streak on the line this week*

**DAVID MARSTERS  STAFF WRITER**

For the first time since the 1998 season, the UCF football team has a winning record. The 3-2 Golden Knights would like to keep it that way against Northern Illinois this weekend, but that will be a tougher task than the one they faced last week against Eastern Michigan. UCF will play this year, with the Golden Knights already having lost to Akron and defeated Eastern Michigan. NIU plays in Huskie Stadium, which has artificial turf as a playing surface. While that may have hampered UCF earlier in the season, the Golden Knights are now used to the artificial surface, as they have now played on it in two of the past three weeks. One big advantage for NIU, who is expected by many to compete for the MAC Championship, will be that this is their Homecoming game, never an easy task for the visiting opponent. The Huskies are deep squad we've had. Yeah, we're elite of the three teams.

On the flipside, NIU doesn't do it. We have to do it on the field. Their run defense has been less successful, giving up 90 yards and two touchdowns, while sophomore Joe Laurin has 105 yards on 30 carries. The Huskies also rotate quarterbacks, giving the majority of the time to senior Chris Fitchen, who has completed 47 of his 90 pass attempts for 664 yards, three touchdowns and four interceptions. Sophomore Dan Urban is 8 of 17 for 182 yards, one touchdown and one interception. Urban also has two rushing TD's. The favorite target of the quarterbacks is senior receiver Justin McCareins, who has caught 25 passes for 497 yards and two touchdowns.

On the other side of the ball, the Huskies strength has been pass defense, giving up only 175.2 yards per game through the air. Their run defense has been less successful, giving up 141 yards per game on the ground.

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Sante finds a home away from home at UCF

*UCF volleyball player leaves her native Puerto Rico to become a Golden Knight*

**NATASHA BERK  STAFF WRITER**

Most people can relate to the feeling of leaving home and going to college. Leaving your parents, friends, and your familiar surroundings. Facing the task of meeting new people and learning your way around. UCF freshman volleyball player Leyre Santaella Sante had to endure all of this and more. Not only did she have to leave her parents and her three brothers to go to college, but she also had to leave her country, Puerto Rico. Sante left her native culture behind for the opportunity to play volleyball in America, and she couldn't be happier.

"The weather here is like home," said Sante. "There are a lot of people that talk Spanish like me. I love the campus and (Head Coach) Meg (Culhane), because she has helped me a lot.

At age 10, Sante began playing volleyball for a club team in Puerto Rico, where women’s volleyball is among the most popular of sports. Despite being a co-captain of the Puerto Rican National Team, many people in her home country told her that she should not get a chance to start in her freshman year of American collegiate volleyball. Those voices must have gone in one ear and out the other, however, as Sante began her collegiate career at UCF.

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