Knightmare 2000 kicks off with a fright

Haunted Arboretum starts off Homecoming festivities

Students were able to visit a transformed Arboretum Oct. 13 for the first event of Homecoming week. Students took 10 minute tours of the Haunted Arboretum.

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Florida Power gives gift for future welcome center

In addition to the tremendous growth UCF will experience over the next five years, an 18,000 square-foot welcome center is presently in the planning stages. Florida Power Corporation, a company that supplies most of Florida's electricity, has donated a gift of $1 million towards this construction.

The donation is a start to UCF's fund raising for the $3.5 million project. The construction dates are presently undetermined pending the raising of the difference.

Designed by the architectural firm of Matus, Carrero, Rio and Partners, the welcome center will contain a 240-seat auditorium and offices for undergraduate admissions counselors, satellite financial aid and career advising operations, and general information services.

The facility, which will be named after the Florida Power Corporation, will be the starting point of campus tours for prospective undergraduate students and their families. It will be located in front of the Administration Building and face down Central Florida Boulevard.

A past monetary gift from Florida Power aided UCF in placing flags along Alafia Trail and University Boulevard.

"Certainly, this is the largest gift we have ever received from Florida Power, and it's the largest gift that they have ever made," said Bob Holmes, the executive director of the UCF Foundation.

Officials say that the new building will also provide necessary space for the admissions counselors and support personnel.

President John C. Hitt has commented that the admissions faculty has occupied the same building since 1994. Hitt believes that the new facility will eliminate the space crunch and greatly improve the quality of service to future students and other visitors seeking admissions information.

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Computer team close to world championship

Paul Wilson
Staff Writer

The UCF student computer team will be vying for a world championship after winning the Southeastern Collegiate Computer Programming Competition at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, Ga., last week.

UCF teams finished first, second, and third. The UCF Centaurus team of Jonathan Kolk, Richard Russo and Jason Daly won the program by solving eight programming problems quickest out of 77 teams, from five different states. The UCF Orion team of Phillip Deyheimer, Ambrose Feinstein, and Richard Urlich finished second.

The top two teams in the region move on to the World Contest Finals in March. Although the Orion team placed second, challenging rules do not allow for one school to have more than one representative at the World Contest Finals. This rule allows the third place team of Georgia Tech to move on instead.

"I'm very proud of our students," says Ali Orooji, computer science professor and advisor to the team the past 12 years. "It's a shame both teams can't both compete in the finals, but we are working on having the Orion team go on the trip with us. We feel they earned it."

UCF teams have consistently been competitive at the World Championships, finishing as high as second.

"The key to our success is good and committed students," says Orooji. "We have had one of the better computer science departments in the region and we want to be known as one of the best internationally as well," says Orooji.

The team has practiced for seven hours a day, once a week, from now until March. "You have to prepare, even if you have the best students. You don't just walk in and win," says Orooji.

New building received by honors college

Diana Henning
Staff Writer

Soon the Honors College, currently located in Phillips Hall, will have a home of its own.

"UCF is becoming very well known for its outstanding undergraduate programs and excellent faculty. The Honors College offers academically high achieving students additional opportunities," said Dean Ailyn Stearmen, of the Honors College. "However, Honors is currently limited to space available in Phillips Hall and with program growth, we are not able to provide adequately for our students," she commented.

The college currently has a small reading room and computer lab containing about 30 computers. With the number increasing from 400 honors students a year to 1000, these facilities are no longer enough.

Soon this problem will be remedied. In the Spring of 2002, a new building will be raised for the benefit of the Honors College.

"President Hitt was interested in showcasing honors at UCF and wanted an honors building to emphasize that UCF is very strongly committed to undergraduate education," said Stearmen.

UCF benefactors Al and Nancy Burnett are supplying half the funds, about $1.5 million, while the other half is being matched by the state of Florida.

The building is to be constructed in the grove of longleaf pines between the Visual Arts Building, the Rehearsal Hall and Student Union.

"The location in the campus core is an indication of the commitment of UCF's administration to Honors education at our institution," said Stearmen.

This new building will include new classrooms, a large computer lab, a large reading room, offices and a meditation garden. This allows for smaller classes, academic enrichment programs, special interdisciplinary seminars, the Honors Freshmen Symposium, study space and lunchrooms with visiting scholars.

"It will give Honors students a unique gathering space as we work toward building this special learning community," said Stearmen.

Even though this building will primarily be for honors students, it will also add to the personal gain of the entire University in that it will be a place to hold other academic events and will leave the computer rooms and office space now taken up by the existing honors college free for other uses.

"The building will stand as a symbol of President John Hitt's goal of offering the best undergraduate education available in Florida. We are extremely pleased that the President made this building a priority and was successful in finding private funding to initiate the project," said Stearmen.

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Around Campus:
UCF's Exceptional Education Institute named for Jennings

JENNIFER PATerson STAFF WRITER

The University of Central Florida will create the state's only educational and research institute for exceptional education to target certified public school teachers who serve Florida's gifted and disabled students.

The Exceptional Education Institute will bear the name of Sen. Toni Jennings who took the lead in establishing a center to serve autistic children in the Central Florida area and this year championed a $4.5 million appropriation for starting and running the exceptional education institute. It will be part of a $11 million UCF Teaching Academy, slated for groundbreaking next spring on the university's main campus next to the College of Education Building.

Good for the Heart

UCF researcher Theodore Angelopoulos just finished over three years of study concluding that exercise has the same health benefits for both young and older alike. It is common knowledge that moderate aerobic exercise in younger people could result in significant improvement through the decreases in LDL (bad) cholesterol and increases of 10 percent in HDL (good) cholesterol when it comes to the health of the heart. But studies done those 60 years of age or older have not been prolific so data was not as conclusive. The good news that inactive older people can profit from exercise to the same extent as inactive 20-somethings is based on blood-work analysis of study subjects who engaged in supervised aerobic activity, jogging or walking for up to 40 minutes, four times a week on average.

Check out art in the library before month is over

Art exhibits in the UCF Library for October are "Boricua Nostalgia Through the Eyes of a Child," "Hispanic Awareness Month," "One Family, One University, Many Perspectives," "Crime Prevention Awareness," and "United Nations and Education."

UCF Theatre productions

"Something's Afoot!" directed by Julia Lissengarten will be playing at the UCF Theatre Building Stage One Oct. 19 - 29. In this musical mystery spoof inspired by Agatha Christie's mysteries, 10 guests are slain in turn by a number of fiendishly rigged devices. As the number of killing suspects dwindles, one wonder if the murderer fell victim to one of his or her own deadly traps. Call the Theatre Office at (407) 823-1500 for more information.

Evidence sent off to crime lab for testing

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er from a closet and filled an empty vodka bottle with 12 ounces of clear liquid. Clauser assumed Copeland that he would get in touch with him the following day to get the money for the drug, but never did. None of the victims contributed to the payment of the GHB, according to official state-ments.

Investigators spoke with Clauser briefly the morning of the overdoses, but all question- ing was stopped after he chose to have an attorney present. At the time Clauser denied knowing Copeland.

On Oct. 4 investigators pro-voked Copeland with a photo lineup consisting of six pictures. Copeland picked Clauser from the group and told police he was 100 percent sure it was him who gave him the GHB.

A few hours later, police beamed a search warrant and searched Clauser's room and the common area of the SAE house on Oct. 4. A glass measuring cup, a funnel and several containers with clear, liquid substances were among the items taken as evidence.

The evidence was sent to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Crime Lab for testing. The results have not yet been returned.

University of Central Florida police finally obtained a warrant for Clauser's arrest on Oct. 19, but the suspect could not be found. According to UCFPD Sgt. Williams, every law enforcement agency in the country was looking for Clauser until he turned himself in the next night.

Clauser was bonded out at $50,000 and bail was posted at $5,000. He faces an enhanced felony for selling GHB on a university or post-secondary school.

The only other encounter Clauser has had with the law was a DUI in December.

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Ski club loses funding

JAMES NUNEZ
STAFF WRITER

After an incredible season, the UCF water ski team has received a bid to contend in the 2000 National Water Ski Competition in Lafayette, Louisiana. In 1990, the ski team became national champions for the first time in UCF's history, but 10 years of struggling to even remain a sport in the school's athletic program prevented the team from defending its title. When the talent of Duante Culpepper evoked national attention onto UCF's football program, the athletic departments decided to cut funding to the smaller school sports and reallocate it. As a result, the ski team was downgraded to a club sport. They do receive an annual stipend from the university however. The money they receive will be used for funding the team's trip to Louisiana.

After almost a decade of trying to find their place in UCF's athletics, the team finally made it to nationals last year and garnered a satisfying eighth place. This year's squad, coached by Scott Mullins, consists of twelve students from many different areas of Florida and other states.

After easily topping their conference this season, including substantial wins over such powerhouses as FSU the team headed to Lafayette optimistic about a strong finish. Competition took place Oct. 12-14.

Efimov hopes to have rest of family join him

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Mikhail, "Our father found work here in the U.S. three years ago. We were the right age to come over and start here. Here we can have more opportunities to find a good job with good pay. It's not as bad in Russia as Americans think it is, but it is harder in Russia," says Sergey.

"I am very proud of my sons, and I am happy to have them here with me," says Efimov. With Mikhail and Sergey in America, this leaves Efimov's eldest son, Dennis and wife Olga, back in Russia.

I have worked here for three years. I submitted my application for a green card and am waiting to hear back. I am looking forward to having my entire family here with me," says Efimov.
Students have opportunities to study abroad, explore cultures

**Jennifer Paterson**

**STAFF WRITER**

Studying abroad, for the majority of UCF students, has always been a dream. In the past, extra expenses incurred on a foreign exchange such as plane fare, increased tuition and extra expenses from sightseeing have been a major factor in deciding whether or not to explore the possibility of studying abroad.

All of this has changed since need-based scholarships were made available by the office of Student Development and Enrollment Services for the first time this year.

Dr. Karl-Heinrich Barsch said in the Office of International Studies Winter 2000 newsletter that "most of the qualifying students who applied for the spring or fall 2000, presently more than 15, showed strong financial need. Thus a whole new segment of the student population that was previously beyond reach is now being drawn into study abroad."

Studying abroad programs at UCF now include cross-cultural interdisciplinary, summer semester, and year long programs in a wide variety of countries including Puerto Rico, England, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Finland, Guyana, Canada, Ireland, France, Australia and the recently added Micronesia. Target countries for the future include Japan, Jordan and Israel.

Study in another country can usually be catered to fit most majors. For instance business majors do market research for Florida firms in China, Argentina, Mexico, and the Czech Republic. Nursing students examine the health care system in England. Education majors study bilingual education issues in Puerto Rico. Music students play their instruments with European masters in France. Archaeology students unearth Mayan cities in Belize. And many students, from a variety of disciplines, discover the African influences in the Caribbean.

To spend an academic or semester abroad students must be a junior or senior and maintain a 3.0 GPA. The Office of International Studies, located in Research Park, has more information for those who are interested or you can visit their website at http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/Intl/index.html where there is extensive information concerning which countries host specific academic programs.

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**Ruth Heidt**

**STAFF WRITER**

Finding a job closer to campus than a theme park or having to drive to the heart of Orlando is not a difficult task, but which jobs are appropriate for college students? One of the main options is working in a restaurant as a chef, server or host.

Matt Davis, a junior at UCF, has been a server at Casey’s Bar & Grille since it opened two years ago. "Casey’s Bar & Grille is only about a 10 to 15 minute drive for Davis. Not having to drive a half an hour or more to get to work is a plus because I can get to work and not have to worry about too much downtown traffic," said Davis.

The shift at the restaurant run 4 - 6 hours. Some of the servers, including Davis, also work double shifts. There are no breaks, except an occasional minute or two to relax; otherwise there is continuous action.

"A server's job is rarely boring because there is usually someone in the restaurant," said Davis.

Another positive aspect of working as a server is the flexible schedule. "Only having to work a couple days a week, with 4 - 6 hour shifts, leaves time for homework and other activities that wouldn't be possible with other jobs," said Davis.

Servers can count on having their money right away instead of having to always wait for a paycheck. They are not paid that much because of the tips that they make so their checks are not that big. The tips are convenient for students because they know they are going to be leaving with something.

"With any job, it is not the ideal or perfect thing to do. There are some tedious tasks that everyone must do in between their main job of serving. When each employee gets a free moment it is spent doing side work such as rolling place settings and prepping tables for the next customers. "The tedious jobs do get annoying, but it comes with the job, so it's something to put up with," said Davis.

"One of the main problems is having to put up with rude and obnoxious guests," said Davis. Although the majority of the people who eat at Casey’s Grille are pleasant, occasionally the server can count on someone being upset over something.

"Students with a low tolerance level shouldn't become servers," said Davis; "there are just too many things that can go wrong."

With a flexible schedule, money on the spot and a high tolerance, being a server proves to be a decent job for the working college student. "Serving is probably the best job at this time," said Davis. "I could have just started suggesting for any tolerant and generally pleasant person," said Davis.

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LET'S EXPLORE THE HISTORY OF BLACK FILM

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Institute to explore black film culture

Cristie Zizzo
STAFF WRITER

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Congressional debate scheduled for UCF

Christie Zizzo  
Staff Writer

UCF will become part of the Florida congressional race with candidates visiting campus to debate issues significant to the race. Congressional candidates Linda Chapin and Ric Keller will debate at 7 p.m. Oct. 24 in the communications building, room 101.

The debate is sponsored by the Nicholson School of Communications at UCF and WESH channel 2 who will broadcast the debate live. News channel 2 anchorwoman, Wendy Chapin will mediate the debate.

Students from the political science and radio-television departments will get to participate. One hundred students from the two departments will see the debate first hand, five students will get to ask the candidates questions chosen prior to the debate. Radio-television students will also serve as production assistants during and preceding the live telecast.

"The reason to have the debate at UCF is to get students involved in the political process," said WESH Managing Editor Kent Morton.

"This debate is very important because it represents a good partnership between UCF and the community," said Dr. Mike Meeske, director of the Nicholson School of Communications.

This is the second live debate UCF has hosted. The first was the Orlando mayoral debate last March between Mayor Glenda Hood, the Orlando City Commissioner Bruce Goodly and Tom Levine.

"That debate was very successful, it proved a debate would work well on this campus," said Meeske. "The students were involved, and it was a good learning experience for them, and a good experience overall for the candidates."

Chapin, the Democratic candidate, and Keller, the Republican candidate, are running for Florida's eighth district congressional seat in the House of Representatives, the seat Republican Congressman Bill McCollum recently vacated.

The race has garnered national attention, as the Republican Party is trying to retain their majority hold in the House, while Democrats are trying to shift congressional power to their side.

"This seat is a toss-up," said Meeske. "The interest is in whether the Republicans will keep the seat and the lead in the house, which they want to hold on to, or whether we will lose a Republican and gain a Democrat seat."

"I am delighted that a major debate will be held at the UCF campus," said Chapin. "One of my major goals in public life has been to promote the involvement of college students in the political process." Chapin is currently the Orange County Clerk of Courts. Keller, a litigation attorney from Oviedo, Kirk and Caldwell, the largest litigation firm in Florida and also McCollum's former firm, and has never held public office. He defeated State Representative Bill Sublette for the nomination, which the Orlando Sentinel called an upset.

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Next week we want to know your 'Favorite Homecoming Event.'
On Friday, Sept. 29, "Abortion Pill Wins Final OK: the headline read. After twelve years, the government had approved the use of the abortion pill RU-486.

Christina, my best friend's girlfriend, expressed disgust and moral indignation upon reading the story. She became very upset when my friend suggested recommending the pill to a friend of ours who is pregnant, unmarried, and involved in a relationship whose future I wouldn't gamble on.

Christina, like so many Middle-Americans whose thought process is encumbered by our country's antiquated, puritanical ideals, feels that it would be better to force someone to have a child they do not want. Christina, like most "pro-lifers," has designated her morality as society's moral benchmark because of her subscription to Christianity. Apparently for Christina, abortion crosses the threshold of damnable immoral conduct, but "living in sin" with my buddy and having premarital sex choices.

Regardless of your sex, religion, or political affiliation, the application of secular thought — based on reality not idealism — should tell you that the first step to proper parenting is giving people the right to decide if they want to have children to begin with. Of course, women should exercise some self-control and use birth control, but the assumption that only unmarried women have abortions is naive and small-minded. There are a million reasons other than promiscuity that a woman might elect to have an abortion, and it is not up to the religious right or any anti-choice group to decide if those reasons are justifiable or morally sound.

There are situations such as rape and incest where women are victimized by their attackers, victimized in a courtroom and then expected to be victimized a third time by allowing a pregnancy to disrupt their personal and professional lives. The mere suggestion that a woman who was violated should be compelled to carry a baby to term is an audacious, in-epithetical proposal only a person far removed from her situation would make.

By Sept. 30, efforts by congressional Republicans to overturn the approval of the abortion drug or restrict its availability had begun. Capitol Hill Representative Tom Coburn, (R)-Oklahoma, said he would offer legislation the very next week to restrict the distribution of the drug. "House Majority Leader Dick Armey, (R)-Texas, sharply criticized the Clinton Administration's decision to approve the drug. "House Majority Leader Dick Armey, (R)-Texas, sharply criticized the Clinton Administration's decision to approve the drug. "I don't think a president can unilaterally overturn the FDA's approval of the drug upon election. "I don't think a president can unilaterally overturn the FDA's approval of the drug upon election. "I don't think a president can unilaterally overturn it," was the closest thing to an answer that a spokesman for the majority leader, said Armey would "amendable" to legislation seeking to overturn the FDA's ruling. (Orlando Sentinel 9/30/2000)

How does that make you feel ladies? To know that some middle-aged Republican WASPs from halfway across the country are trying to strip you of a reproductive health safeguard it has taken you twelve years to secure? How does it make you feel to know these Republicans are men who will never be in the position of having to choose? Legislation banning RU-486 will prevent abortions as effectively as the World Health Organization's "war on drugs" has prevented drug use. No legislation in the world can make stupid people intelligent, evil people righteous or irresponsible people responsible.

One of the measures which legislators are proposing: Only doctors who perform surgical abortions whose offices are located within an hour's drive from an emergency room could provide RU-486. The doctor's names would appear on a Federal registry, providing a convenient hit list for pro-life zealots.

Aside from the fact that the drug has been available in several countries overseas for many years, the FDA approved its distribution based on studies by the nonprofit Population Council that found it to be over 90 percent effective for inducing abortion. The doctor's names would appear on a Federal registry, providing a convenient hit list for pro-life zealots.

Although George W. Bush claims that if elected president he would not attempt to overturn Roe v. Wade, he is certainly capable of appointing justices to the Supreme Court who will. During the Oct. 3 presidential debate, W. refused to answer Jim Lehrer's question about what (if any) measures he would take to overturn the FDA's approval of the drug upon election. "I don't think a president can unilaterally overturn it," was the closest thing to an answer that a spokesman for the majority leader, said Armey would "amendable" to legislation seeking to overturn the FDA's ruling. (Orlando Sentinel 9/30/2000)

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G R A Y M A T T E R S

CHRISTOPHER ZAPATIER

Gray Matters
My so-called life

Let me start by saying that this will not be a column about GHB. Hark! I hear applause. It will also not be a column about getting involved, even though it is Homecoming week. I will even go so far as to not write another column on how boys annoy me. No, no, I intend to write about something refreshing and new. I will write about something exciting and controversial. Unfortunately, for the moment I can't think of one thing to focus on.

Where are the protests? Where are the nights of drunken stupors? Where are the professors that are supposed to piss me off? I have come to the disheartening conclusion that my college life is not even a twinkle in the eye of the movie Animal House. It's not even close to a knocky college movie of the nighties. It's not even as exciting as a rerun of a "Different World." No, my college life has turned into, dare I say it, an episode of "Saved By the Bell - The College Years."

Sure, "Saved By the Bell" had its little dramas and back - to - school special type episodes. Am Kelly and Zack going to stay together? Why is Jessie taking uppers? And what ever happened to Max? Well, who cares when you are Tori Spelling guest starring as the nerd only to be Scrunch's girlfriend. Man, I watched too much TV after school. Where was I?

The paint cracking on the walls. I can smell the brand new store - bought stuff. And what the hell is this about work at the Health Center and we just wanted to express our thoughts about the article. The Student Health Center is always ready to provide the best possible advice and treatment to the students as best we can, but it is good for Dry Cleaners to know that I can write a column without looking up my ass in the dust - dumper.

Sure, I go out. Sure, I try to do the college stuff. But maybe this so - called college stuff has changed. Maybe I am living the college life of today. Maybe the days of Animal House are gone, and I guess maybe I can deal with that, as long as my life doesn't become like an episode of "Mr. Rogers Neighborhood" (I don't think I can take all of that sweater changing).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student sees need for new pool

I couldn't help but notice the contrast between two of your front page articles in the October 4th issue of the Future. In one article proclaiming UCF's first swim club it was mentioned that, though having no problems with participation, they are lacking the time and adequate facilities in which to train. The other article stated plainly that within a few years, UCF is projected to be the 5th largest university in the nation and that the Capital Improvement Trust Fund will provide UCF with 6 - 10 million dollars for the funding of athletic and recreational facilities and programs, yet there was no mention made of constructing a new pool.

After so many years of packing students into the current weight room, they have finally started construction on a new recreation center that will include an expanded weight room. How many more years of crowding students and swim teams into the present pool will pass before the need for a new aquatic facility is considered?

The current campus pool, 25 yards by 25 meters, is less than half the dimension of an Olympic sized swimming pool, yet we have a large newly established swim club, a water polo and dive team, various local high schools, and numerous certification programs offering the same undersized pool, and often at the same time. The diving well contains 2 - meter spring-boards (no platform and no 3-meter diving) and yet we have a dive team willing to practice just one event. The diving well is only 10'12 meters in size and yet we have a water polo team competing in an area half the size needed to engage in an official game.

With the addition of a new facility, these teams would gain the momentum needed to become NCAA sanctioned teams. This summer, the UCF administrators approved roughly $500,000 in funding for a new fountain in our school's reflection pond. Maybe we can have the swim club practice there.

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Letters to Editor

Student Health Center talks back

This is in response to the editorial about the Student Health Center. We are students that work at the Health Center and we just wanted to express our thoughts about the article. The UCF Health Center is always ready to provide the best possible advice and treatment to the students.

No student will be turned away. If the front staff is unable to provide you with the assistance needed, either a nurse or a provider will still see you. If by then, you are still not satisfied, then you will be referred to an outside office that can fulfill your needs. There might have been a miscommunication between the student that came into the office and the staff. That was the case then we give our apologies.

Some students do not realize how many patients do come through this office. There are at least 200 - 300 students that make appointments and walk - in. If you look at those numbers, we are very productive with satisfactory outcomes. If you were to go to any other clinic, there would only be a slight chance that you will be seen as quickly and effectively as the clinic here on campus. We try to accommodate all of our students as best we can. There might be some confusion every once in a while, but we try to run the center as effectively and efficiently as possible.

- Cathy Graziosi, Barbra Camero, Marie Macedo, Tasha Scott, Keisha Williams

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Letters to Editor

Education expensive, ignorance not

This is in response to the person who wrote “One Nation” in the opinion section. I want him to know that this new Twenty-first century America is not here for anyone to exploit.

I am also a Hispanic and I have an exceptional education due to my father’s extremely hard work. My father is from San Sebastian, Puerto Rico where he grew up on a coffee farm. He served for the United States army in the 50’s and eventually moved to Buffalo, New York.

The United States government had benefited from the services my father and his family gave. There are also many other minorities who have allowed the United States to benefit from their resources to ensure the establishment of the capitalist market. Puerto Rico itself has allowed the establishment of the capitalistic economy is one that allows for immigrants and all its citizens to provide some type of service that will strengthen and increase our livelihood no matter where you come from no matter what language you speak. No matter what group you look at there will always be some social group that will take advantage to some degree, but as intelligent adults we have the capability to decipher what we feel can and cannot be done. I don’t really care about the Elian situation because it is over and the more hype that is brought up about it proves how the media can take anything and amplify its true importance.

I am a Hispanic and my mother is second generation Floridian. So my heritage is Hispanic-American. I don’t need to get caught up in semantics and let one actor’s speech on the Hispanic Music Awards, where he mentioned the hyphenated American should be plain American, dictate the thought of who I am. I don’t even need to speak every language of my ancestry. But I do know where I come from and I have educated myself to know that this melting pot is partially the creation of others ideals, such as greed, in which I have chosen not to follow. There is that age old saying we are all the same color in the dark.

Well I say it’s time for a reality check turn the lights on stand up and be heard, silence yourself when you need to listen and never forget who you are. Don’t melt into a pot that was shaped by others so you can fit the mold, be an individual that breaks the boundaries of any label. You can call me African-American, Hispanic-American, American-Indian, Asian-American, or European-American it doesn’t really matter to me. Better yet just call me by the name I put on my job application Rick Nieves-Ramos, as you can see that is hyphenated too. Take time to see that there are many different countries of any label. You can call me African-American, Hispanic-American, American-Indian, Asian-American, or European-American it doesn’t really matter to me. Better yet just call me by the name I put on my job application Rick Nieves-Ramos, as you can see that is hyphenated too. Take time to see that there are still many issues outside of the news, outside of your town, your state, and your nation that prove we have plenty of work to do to make us one nation. We as citizens can help to shape it the way we feel is just and honorable. I will become a Physician in my years to come I plan on making sure that the Latino community will benefit from my training. There are many studies proven that since I am a minority I will be taking care of more minorities than those who are not will. There are also many statistics proving that since I am a minority that my education will not be the same as other non-minorities.

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-Rick Nieves-Ramos

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It was not very long ago that a Hispanic male did not have the freedom you claim to have now. Many of these freedoms are due to the hard work that civil rights leaders who developed the organizations and programs you feel separate the people of America have done. These leaders set up these programs to ensure that these opportunities were accessible to those at one time were not allowed to have such things and most of all being together all groups of people. The opportunities that I have today my father did not. Your father coming from Ecuador with his American Dream would not even have the opportunities he has passed down to his children. I think you have a misconstrued idea of what this country is all about. Our capitalist economy is one that allows for immigrants and all its citizens to provide some type of service that will strengthen and increase our livelihood no matter where you come from no matter what language you speak. No matter what group you look at there will always be some social group that will take advantage to some degree, but as intelligent adults we have the capability to decipher what we feel can and cannot be done. I don’t really care about the Elian situation because it is over and the more hype that is brought up about it proves how the media can take anything and amplify its true importance.

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Politics are such a lousy way to get things done

Chris Hale
STAFF WRITER

Ah... the weather is finally getting a little colder. The leaves on the trees are turning colors and animals are going into hibernation. And do you know what makes animals run and hide for so much of the year? A Politician, that’s what. How can you possibly think of running for office on a “campaign platform?” Shouldn’t they be running on something like a “campaign treadmill?” Running for office on a platform just isn’t logical. You aren’t going to get anywhere!

So let me run this whole politics thing down for you the way I see it so you can see just how insanely right I’m not.

First we have the candidates. These are a bunch of regular people who run for some type of office. Now I don’t want to be biased here, but I’m going to use the presidency because it’s the biggest position that no one cares about, until something goes wrong.

Ok so we have a guy or girl who’s running for office and this person’s best trait is that they can get people to do what they want. That’s about where the professionalism stops. Oh sure, they can sign bills and give nifty speeches, but they have advisors and writers who help them with that. These people don’t go to school for a degree in “Presidentialism” so what makes one better than the other? Here’s where this rant is going to start hurting. What makes one better than the other is how good they are at lying.

Honestly folks, the people who run for most any of the positions in politics must be good liars because they have to promise everyone everything so they get reelected. So when you are being told that there will be a raise in funding for this program or a cut in taxes here someone’s being lied to and everyone else is not getting the whole truth. Why? Because we as a country, don’t have enough cash to do everything that these candidates claim that they are going to do. Think about it folks, it’s not logical.

Ok then we have the “campaign platform”, that should be a treadmill, which this person is running for office on. Once again they promise to do things such as outlaw abortion and neo-nazis. This is another example showing of how they lie. They can’t possibly take a stand on anything. If they do, one way or another they are going to tick a majority of people off and then, again, go down in the polls. Which, like I said before, is bad so they won’t do that.

You people can’t honestly tell me that whether a candidate believes in abortion or not is a good reason to or not to elect a person into office. Think about it, what we should be testing these people on and questioning them about is things such as, “If you were going for the Cowboys in the Super Bowl and they lost, would you shoot make as China in a sign of anger?”

You know things that really mean something to middle America, cause they seem to be all that matters.

I’m not quite sure what I was trying to accomplish with this little rant but I’m going to leave you with this thought, if con is the opposite of pro is congress the opposite of progress?

Being accused on my way to class is one of my least favorite afternoon activities. This is especially true when it is someone wielding a Bible shouting about how I am “going to Hell.”

Just the other day a local minister, church, or some type of religious organization, assembled as they do quite often throughout the year, on the green located in front of the Library and Math and Physics building. They convene on this green and preach to students about the sins of college students and the wrongs of the world. For hours on end these speakers rant and rave about abortions, drugs, alcohol and more. They also love to pick out individuals and let them know that God has told them that they are going to Hell. To me this is quite hilarious.

Maybe it is the fact that I am agnostic that I get such a kick out of listening to people make utter fools of themselves. Perhaps it is their delivery.

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You how don’t think I am the only one who finds this funny however.

Each time these people gather out there, a large group of students congregates to listen to and rebuff what the preachers have to say. Many students go as far as to dress awkwardly and mock them on top of debating with them.

Students seem to take offense to what these people have to say too often though, I say don’t take them too seriously. They are out there to try and be controversial, and “raise a stink.” They try and draw attention to themselves, which they do quite well.

I would say for you all to ignore them, and perhaps if they no longer drew a crowd they would stop coming on to campus. But this is utterly impossible to do, and besides, it is much too fun to sit and watch as well as participate in all the fun.

On a more serious note though: While I know this is a public University, open to everyone who wishes to step foot on campus, I don’t feel this is the appropriate place for such. If you wish to hold a get together and invite us all to attend, that is one thing, but I feel you are truly invading some student’s space by coming on to campus.

Student finds humor in ‘holy rollers’ speeches

Adam Shiver
STAFF WRITER

Those on wheels an inconvenience

JAMES NUNEZ
STAFF WRITER

When I first saw them for sale in the UCF bookstore, I swore they seemed like a brilliant idea. The thought of zooming around campus on a Razor Scooter enticed me. I was intrigued by the amount of students zooming around campus on a scooter (apparently with the imaginary course. as they barely dodge us at dangerously close proximities.

Although it may seem innocent, the growing popularity of these forms of transportation raises an important question for Americans. Is society becoming so lazy, that it is now a challenge for us to walk from point A to point B? If we continue down this path, it will soon be unnecessary for us to walk anywhere. We will simply jump onto our little transportation devices and let them taxi us around.

Granted, I realize that pedaling a bike is excellent exercise, and those scooters come in handy when you have 10 minutes to cross the entire campus, but what about the rest of us who choose to walk? I guarantee that if a cyclist and a person on foot collided, the cyclist would probably stand a better chance of walking away.

I would like to leave a suggestion to UCF. With the total number of students who ride these vehicles rising every year, perhaps, it is time to paint lines on the sidewalks, designating a bicycle and scooter lane. Furthermore, I am convinced that the people who ride these vehicles envision us pedestrians as obstacles on some imaginary course, as they barely dodge us at dangerously close proximities.

Physics jets within two seconds I hear the whirr of bicycle tires. Furthermore, I am convinced that the people who cross East Colonial Drive the illusion that he is racing Lance Armstrong. I mean seriously. The thought of someone with a physical handicap going to medical school instead of college and most importantly, we're poor. Not poverty stricken, but definitely counting pennies. We've learned to appreciate the dollar and what it means to earn and spend. Most of us have become pretty attached to our money, especially those of us who work. But even our parents' money is hard to part with.

We've all heard the cliches about college students. We're hungry, we bent the rules of hygiene, we live off of instant coffee, don't really need sleep, class isn't why we are at college and most importantly we're poor. Not poverty stricken, but definitely counting pennies.

Who exactly are we paying for our educations? Where does all that money go? My favorite part of the book-buying experience is when you attempt to sell back a book you bought brand new for $80, and they say they'll give you $1 back. "Sorry, we're not using that version anymore." I love it!

How about all of the fees we are automatically charged as students. I've received e-mail after e-mail justifying the extra expenses that are included in my tuition. For instance the health fee. I for one love the low-cost medical services. But for those who do not use the center, is it fair to charge them? If someone has a personal physician in the area, and wants to continue seeing that particular physician, why are they required to pay? Then there's the activities fee. There are probably more unmotivated students than involved students on our campus. But every student is charged equally for the services provided under the activity fee. They don't have a choice; we don't have a choice. I'm sure it makes things easier, paperwork-wise, to just charge everyone equally. But is it fair? If we don't use the services why do we have to pay?

Parking Permits: if we've all have one, we all paid for one. We all choked back the shock from realizing how much it costs to park on campus. Wouldn't it be nice if there were a gradual decrease in expenses as our education progressed? For instance a junior would pay less than a freshman but more than a senior. I am probably biased being an upperclassman, but everybody can appreciate a cheaper future. It just seems like over four years, we spend too much money, that at some point they could give us a break. Between tuition, room and board, books, parking, car payments, gas, insurance, credit cards and fun money, there's just never enough money. We work harder, save up a little money and then bam, tuition's been increased or they've decided we should pay more for such and such a privilege.

Is it too much to ask that we get to keep some of our money? Maybe that we not have to spend the first 10 years of our "grown-up existence" paying off our college debts. I don't know, maybe I'm just sick of being poor.
It is that time of year again. The time where one has to gut pumpkins. A time where candy companies make millions off of the working man's hard earned dollar. That’s right, Halloween is nearly upon us and following such noble aforementioned traditions comes Halloween Horror Nights X. This is the tenth anniversary of the event that originally ran a mere two to three nights, but due to its popularity now lasts for nineteen. With this in mind, the creative team at Universal has pulled out all the stops in order to make Halloween Horror Nights X the most exciting experience since the movie Contact (and we all know how suspenseful that movie was, the alien was her father!).

As with previous Halloween Horror Nights, Universal has churned its creative juices to make a new and innovative experience. The theme park has several creative minds on staff whose job is to design the event from the ground up. This includes everything from performance material, all the way to set design and makeup. Halloween Horror Nights takes months of planning, the most current incarnation beginning back in May. Needless to say, their hard work certainly pays off in the end. Having been to both Halloween Horror Nights VIII and IX, I can honestly say that this latest one is certainly the best of the three.

The designers of the event have also done quite a bit of research, specifically regarding people's fears and phobias. Aside from the obvious fear of the dark and the unexpected, various other elements have also been added. One example is that according to several focus groups that the team interviewed, many people dislike clowns. Using this knowledge, the creative teams invented Jack, the demented clown and mascot of Halloween Horror Nights X. It is safe to say that the designers know how to scare people.

Aside from the usual chainsaw wielding actors in the streets, dead parades and haunted houses (in addition to the other attractions available at the park - Back to the Future the ride, Terminator 2: 3D, etc.), there are several aspects that are unique to Halloween Horror Nights. For instance, the people at Universal have actually made King Kong enjoyable! The creative team has used the concept from the video game Nightmare Creatures II (zombies in an urban landscape) and integrated it into the ride to make King Kong more of a haunted house. Basically what takes place is that the patrons walk along the bottom of the ride in a New York City setting and along the way they must encounter mutated characters, as well as walk underneath the giant ape himself. However, King Kong is not the only ride to benefit from such a makeover - Jaws also has its share of the undead (specifically undead fishermen). Needless to say, Universal has really done a stand-up job of combining the rides and scares together, making the experience all the more frightening.

There are five new houses this year, all of which have their own story and setting. Once again, Universal uses its large studios to create a truly horrifying experience (especially for the girls, just my observation, nothing chauvinistic). Briefly the haunted houses are as follows: The Fearhouse (insane asylum gone bad), Total Chaos (abandoned army base invaded by aliens), Anxiety (3-D videogame gone haywire, complete with glasses), Dark Torment (land of the undead) and Universal Classic Movie Monsters Mania (a contemporary approach to classic monsters). Perhaps the most innovative of the five is Dark Torment, in which you ride the attraction Earthquake and supposedly die, afterwards having to escape from the land of the undead. Close second is Anxiety; the 3-D glasses truly make everything look sinister and macabre. However, my personal favorite was CONTINUED ON PAGE 20
Strange New World

Krisopher Kay
Editor's Note

Well, I guess I should finally stop my advocacy for championing the wonders of Captain EO now. CyberWorld 3D is playing nightly at Disney Orlando's Muvico Theatre. It is the IMAX Corporation's own testament towards the promise of the cinematic digital age. It is quick something to behold. An experience I in and of itself, the visual impact of film making goes to the movies feel a little more worthwhile than what is to be expected. Using software and technology that has never been used to create an animated motion picture, the realm of the 3-D film—usually regarded as poorly executed horror movies, seen through tinted celluloid lenses—finally has a vanguard of its own.

Taking existing animation (Anita and The Simpsons) along with creating astonishing new sequences of computer animation, CyberWorld 3D comes through as the freshest, most convicing work done by a computer for a film since Tron (ok, fine—since Toy Story). Merely a hodgepodge of separate pieces linked in a whole by the phanomenous walking, talking, resident program Phig (voiced by Jenna Elfman), we are led into chambers that are gateways to different virtual realities. For example, she first takes us under water to get chased by a passed off Loth Ness Monster; then to hover in and around a flying robot, left over from The Neverending Story prop department; through a homeocetic cavalcade of flying monkey clowns listening to the Pet Shop Boys; stopping to watch the dumb bug—the bugs and finally to watch Home, and that go multi-dimensional.

As for story—forget it—you're likely to find more content catching a late night rerun of "BJ, and the Bear" than in Cyberworld's lightning quick forty-eight minutes. But that really isn't the point here. There is some sort of plex between Phig and a couple of kingly, nexus colored arachnids trying to eat her digits, but we as the audience... don't really care, we just want to keep spotting our eyes. The recycled material on foam from DreamWorks and Matt Groening are just that, but...
Recall about a decade ago when after a hard day of school, a large portion of the youth of America would spend time with a dear friend, the original Nintendo. This 8-bit hunk of metal and plastic was a cultural icon of the 1980s and spawned characters and games that transcended time. As with any other success, competition was spawned (Sega Genesis), and new and better technologies were coming to the forefront (Super Nintendo, Nintendo 64). Such is the case now with Sony’s immensely successful PlayStation which debuted on American store shelves in the fall of 1995. With the new century, Sony has decided to take steps which would eventually retire its aging system (five years is the equivalent to seventy in video game years), and replace it with the PlayStation 2 (see above here), the apparent sequel to their original invention.

The PlayStation 2 (or PS2) debuts in America on Thursday, Oct. 26. Anyone who has a system before then either possesses an import from Japan (meaning they cannot play American games, ha ha ha) or have found a retailer that is about to rack up some fines for breaking street date. As previously mentioned, the PlayStation 2 is the sequel to the original PlayStation system. What this means is that the PS2 will be have the latest technological advances incorporated into its oh-so-spendid black casing as well as games which plan to take advantage of its capabilities.

Dealing with the hardware aspects, the PS2 runs games off of DVDs and can hold over four and a half gigabytes of data. With this space, software developers can create lush, three-dimensional worlds, or simply add a lot more blood and gore to a firefight. Additionally, the PS2 can display 75 million polygons per second, literally making the games of Nintendo 64 and Dreamcast look like Pong in comparison. Another interesting feature is that the system not only can play games but also movies on DVD. Therefore, all those consumers that have this far been left out of the loop when it comes to innovations in the realm of entertainment can acquire two systems for the price of one. Just imagine being able to watch Fight Club, The Big Lebowski, andengage in some brawling first-hand (Joseph Lieberman is going to have a heart attack when he sees this).

Included in the system is a modem as well as several ports for broadband connections, two mediums with which gamers can use to play online and mutilate other players from around the world. In speaking of online capability, there is also a room for a special hard drive that players can plug into the system and store sound, video, files, or the occasional virus that they happen to come across while browsing the internet.

Many people out there might be asking, “well, great it has the ability to launch nuclear missiles, but what about the games?” The answer to this is that several titles will be available upon the system’s release, encompassing almost all available genres, from sports to first-person shooters (ala Doom). Some of the games include those of the ever so popular fighting category like Dead or Alive 2 and Tekken Tag Tournament, as well as the first-person shooter TimeSplitters that promises to blow GoldenEye out of the water as far as multiplayer madness. Additionally, the PS2 is backwards compatible, meaning that it can play, and enhance, many of the popular original PlayStation titles without the need to purchase a whole other version of the game. On the flip side of the coin, the original PlayStation cannot play PS2 games, just to warn all those consumers who might be stuck with a vast array of PS2 titles and no system to play them on. The backwards compatibility does not end with only games - players can also use controllers and memory packs (for saved games) from the original PlayStation, with the PS2. This way, there is no need to purchase extra controllers or memory cards and thus cut up money that can be better used for pop tarts or pornographic movies. Unfortunately, it seems that there are only two controller ports (opposed to four like on the Dreamcast or Nintendo 64), meaning that one will have to buy an adapter to get more people to play at the same time. Upon first hearing this many will think that Sony should be crucified for such a sacrilege, but in reality most of the best games for the original PlayStation, like Final Fantasy VII and Resident Evil, were only one player, making the absence not as big of a deal.

The PlayStation 2 launches Oct. 26 in the United States. It seems that only 500,000 units will be initially shipped on that day, which inevitably means that many a customer will not be getting a PS2 for Halloween. Therefore, if you want a system they need to make it out to Target or Best Buy as soon as possible since they are sure to sell very rapidly. Even if you do miss this initial onslaught, more are sure to be shipped over soon, especially for the Christmas season. The price according to all sources is $299.99 (a lame way of saying around $300). Needless to say this is very expensive, but keep in mind that the system will not do course in price very quickly. In the meantime, sell your hair and take many trips to the sperm bank, because the PlayStation 2 is the next generation in home video game systems, and being left out would be like not realizing Britney Spears has breast implants.

David Taylor
Staff Writer

A New Era of Gaming

Sony

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Watch out Universal Studios! You may be getting some competition from the CAB at UCF! Oh sure, you may say your haunted houses are scarier with their flashy effects and your clowns are more frightening than our students dressed up as creatures, but you still have a reason to worry. Why? Well, here are five reasons:

1.) We are college students. In many cases, most of our money goes into the coin slots at the local Laundromat or to Wal-Mart. Tickets to Universal's Halloween Horror Nights are thirty dollars each. The Haunted Arboretum is free! The result: more money in our pockets for the Laundromat. Do the math.

2.) If we are thirsty, we can grab a free bottle of water at the Arboretum. If we are hungry, there are Oreos and other snacks. CAB was generous enough to provide us with free refreshments. A bottle of water runs $1.25 at Universal, not to mention the high food prices. I don't know about anyone else, but I can say free food will always outdo free Mardi-Gras beads.

3.) Universal's haunted houses have 3-D effects, super scary clowns... and really long lines. The average wait time you can expect for haunted houses such as Anxiety and Total Chaos is over an hour. The average wait time for the Haunted Arboretum is around 15 minutes. You can run through it four times to equal one trip through a haunted house at Universal Studios.

4.) You will not get thrown out of the Haunted Arboretum for merely touching a "scare-actor." That's not to say that you can punch out Jason for scaring you. It just says the rules in the Haunted Arboretum are slightly more easy-going.

5.) Everyone knows the woods are scarier than a theme park. Think about it: the Blair Witch versus Mickey Mouse.

The Haunted Arboretum, put together by the UCF Campus Activities Board, is a wonderful way to spend a Friday night for the above reasons. If you're bummed because Universal Studio's Halloween Horror Nights is sold out, too expensive, too far away or you're just too lazy, this is a quicker, cheaper and closer substitute.

So, what exactly is it like in the Haunted Arboretum? First, think of the woods from The Blair Witch Project and fill it with all of your favorite scary movie characters (no, not Drew Barrymore). Be prepared to face Freddy, the Grim Reaper, Jason and the killer from Scary Movie (Whassup?!). Student volunteer teams organize visitors into groups of about ten people who clutch each other as they go down the paths in the woods. Down these paths, people — or, excuse me, creatures — jump out and try their best to scare you. About every few seconds, you hear "Hey there! Wanna DIE?" The trip lasts about ten minutes, each turn holding a new scare and zombie/murderer/clown.

All in all, the Haunted Arboretum is definitely worth your time. Check it out this Friday, Oct. 20 (9 p.m. - 12 a.m.) or Thursday, Oct. 26 (9 - 11 p.m.) if you have the chance. Either that, or pay thirty dollars for a visit with Jack.
Not A Scream Was Heard

DIANA HENNING
STAFF WRITER

Upon walking through the gates of Busch Garden’s first-year horror event Howl-O-Scream, ghouls and ghosts of all shapes and sizes surrounded me. With a layer of fog at the door and Halloween music playing all around me, I was geared up for a night of fun and fright. However, to my disappointment, the fright part never happened.

Now I am one of those people that are scared if someone says “Boo” during a scary movie. Yet, the only scary part about any of the haunted houses or rides was not knowing if something would jump out at you in the first “Labyrinth of Lost Souls” haunted maze. The lines were as long as in any theme park, but it was not worth the wait.

To begin with, there are characters that take you through the maze. Now what fun is a maze if you don’t have to find your way out of it? There was fog and strobe lights, about the only elements that made anything remotely scary, but not a single person jumped out or even tried to scare you. While in Halloween Horror Nights, haunted houses such as Total Chaos really got my blood pumping. While they also used strobe lights and fog, it was 110 percent better because after every corner some new monster-looking thing would jump out at you. People would run at you with chainsaws and day-glo faces, while some would barely move at all to make you doubt you even saw something.

About the only thing that was fun at Howl-O-Scream was riding the roller coasters in the dark. The darkness and strobe lights seemed to add to the effect of the speed.

The shows throughout the park were okay, but not really Halloween oriented. Country bands and magicians were about as far as it went. On the other hand, Horror Nights has a show called Bill and Ted’s Excellent Halloween Adventure. It was hilarious watching Bill try to get his phone booth back from Mr. Burns (the boss from “The Simpsons”) who had stolen it. He was aided by a bunch of celebrity look-alikes such as Britney Spears and The Rock.

Furthermore, Busch Gardens was lit up with regular lighting that made it really boring to walk around. Universal had their park lit up sparsely with strategically placed black lights and strobe lights.

There were other kinds of shows at Howl-O-Scream, too. These did not add excitement in any way because the main attractions were an unconvincing magician and a country band no one has ever heard of.

Minus the haunted mazes, Howl-O-Scream is simply Busch Gardens at night. On the other hand, Universal Studio’s Halloween Horror Nights adds ghoulish fun together with a parade at the end that could wake the dead.
Dear Sexpert,

I really like this girl that I'm friends with. I thought she liked me too, but she keeps trying to book me up with these other girls. We get along great and have a lot in common. Our only major difference is that she's white and I'm black. I've dated outside my race before, but I don't think she has. Could this be what's holding her back from dating me?

-Color Blind, male, 23

Dear Color Blind,

The only way to find out what you need to know is by asking her! Even though this means admitting your feelings for her, it's a chance you have to take to find out if she feels the same way about you.

Unfortunately, saying too much would ruin the chances for everyone. Needless to say, the trip to Universal is worth it just to see Bill and Ted's show. On the dark side, after the show is when the only truly negative part of the night took place. This negative energy took the from of the huge amount of Universal, which is the worst in a long time. To an extent, one should expect this, but the grid locked congestion between the Jews and Earthpeople ride was first place nationally.

Universal Halloween Horror Nights X is well worth a look. The remaining times for the event are from October 19-31, so there is still plenty of time to check it out. Tickets are $20.95 plus tax for Florida residents, with a coupon from Tamp Bell or a two-litre bottle of Coca Cola, and $39.95 at the gate with no discount. They can be purchased at www.halloweenhorrorights.com, Universal Studios itself, Ticketmaster or Spencer Gifts. For more information call Universal at 1-800-644-GORY. Halloween Horror Nights X is a truly memorable experience and should not be missed. After all, what else are you going to do in your girlfriend's absence?

-Universal, male, 23

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Puff Daddy in a Midst of Lawsuits

Sean "Puffy" Combs is being sued for $1.8 million by Manhattan nightclub owner Michael Bergos. Bergos claims that his business has not generated the kind of revenue he's used to seeing after an incident on Dec. 27, 1999, where three people were allegedly shot by rapper Jamal "Shyne" Barrow. Bergos released a statement saying: "as a result of the incident, the club's reputation suffered. Consequently, we noticed a significant decline in tourist business and corporate sales. The target of a multitude of lawsuits, we find ourselves besieged with insurance and legal complications. We have also become the focus of excessive negative attention from various government agencies." At the time of the incident Bergos' attitude toward Combs was completely different. He stated: "We're sorry the incident occurred. Puff Daddy and Jennifer Lopez have always been great to the club. They have never done anything wrong, and as far as we know, they didn't do anything wrong last night." Combs is also being sued by Wardel Fenderson, who drove Combs, Jennifer Lopez and bodyguard Anthony "Wolf" Jones from the club that night. Fenderson's suit is for $3 million and was filed on Oct. 4.

Combs has yet a third suit against him, filed by the bouncer at the club that night, Julius Jones. He filed a $100 million suit. A representative for Combs said it was "unfortunate that a great many people are looking to unjustly capitalize on Mr. Combs' wealth and celebrity status in an attempt to falsely link him to an incident that every knows Mr. Combs had nothing to do with."

Things Are Getting Really Hot For 98 Degrees

The former management team of 98 Degrees has filed a lawsuit against the boy group. Top 40 Entertainment is asking for $25 million in the suit stating that it was responsible for making the boys become successful and that they were dumped by the group before the contract ended. Top 40 claims that it met the group in October 1995 and got them a management deal a month later. The organization then said it put money into the group and set up numerous touring dates and deals before the guys fired it, two years before the contract expired. The group's lawyer said that 98 Degrees will counter-claim Top 40 claiming that there were "more ample grounds" to end the contract with the organization.

Hurley Isn't Bedazzling Everybody

Liz Hurley has been getting a lot of slack from her fellow actors. In Hollywood there has big actor's strike for five months, in which commercial actors are demanding more pay. Many other actors such as Paul Newman, Susan Sarandon, Richard Dreyfuss and Marisa Tomei have all been supporting the strike. Hurley recently shot a commercial for Estee Lauder with non-union actors, which has upset many of her fellow peers. At a New York rally for the strike, actor Tim Robbins shouted, "We're all bringing her to trial after this is over...Liz Hurley won't get away with it!" After the rally Hurley called Robbins and explained that she had been in England and didn't know about the strike.

Keanu Busts a Move

At a recent party in Hollywood, Keanu Reeves mentioned that he has been spending months training for the sequel to the Matrix. Woody Harrelson jokingly stated that his moves were all "special effects." Reeves asked if Harrelson would like to try and take a shot at him. The two guys went outside followed by a crowd and went at each other. Harrelson charged, Reeves made some moves and sent Woody airborne, crashing onto a lawn chair. Reeves quickly apologized, but Harrelson laughed and said, "I'll never doubt you again, that's for sure."
Lately it seems you can’t flip through the radio dial without hearing steamy solicitations or high-energy ads selling the best dance and drink spots downtown. Orlando’s club scene is teeming with enticing drink specials and host DJs, packing venue halls to the max. Newer hot spots, like BAR Orlando and Tabu, are upping the ante, for area families, while drawing totally different types of crowds. But long before people were dancing on bars or feeling sacred or forbidden, downtown’s staple dance clubs have been a family of three. Cairo, Icon and Zinc Bar, all relatively located by Central Avenue, have been the outlets for progressive dance music.

Icon, located just South of Orange, on Central, was the focus on this warm Saturday night. Approaching the club, a modest line congested the front of the building, creating maybe a 5-10 minute wait, before we reached the door. A moderate dress code was suggested, but didn’t appear to be strictly enforced and cover prices ranged from $6-$10, depending upon your age. The club is 18 and up, but as in most scenarios, if you aren’t drinking inside, you pay more outside.

Inside the club you pass through a small hall or foyer, into the main room. The walls are dressed in what looks like sheet metal and exposed piping creates an almost sci-fi feeling: like being inside a spaceship...but a spaceship with a bar. Directly to the left a long bar wraps almost the length of the wall, with new (I believe these were recent renovations) waterfall effects behind it. Straight ahead is a staircase leading up to a second level that totally surrounds and overlooks the main dance floor.

Upstairs there are girls with beer tubs and also two additional bars. This is also where the DJ booth is, which on Saturday nights houses Dave Cannalte and Rich Rosario. Circling the second level provides an excellent view of the action below and of the two Icon dancers who not only dance but also scale two ropes that reach from their podiums to the ceiling. This actually held our attention for a while, as they climbed, hung and twirled on their ropes to the driving beat of the music. Besides the dancers, the patrons themselves were an intense crowd, emitting roars of support when their favorite songs were spun.

This, I imagine, was a typical Saturday night scene at Icon, which is also open on Fridays and Tuesdays. Saturdays are hosted by 95.3 Party and those 21 and up get in free before 11 p.m. Friday night is Real Groove night, hosted by Real Radio 104.1. They serve $2 Bud and Bud Lights until 12 a.m. and 21 and up also get in free before 11 p.m. Tuesday night is ladies night with free cover and drinks for all the ladies before midnight. Icon, Cairo and Zinc Bar also host virtual tours on the web so you can check it out for yourself at www.icon-nightclub.com.
LEAD STORIES

Legitimate Chinese cricket-fight promoters once again staged their national championship matches in Beijing in October despite fears from these mobs that illegal gambling was ruining their sport. The events were canceled for 1,000 years, according to a New York Times dispatch. Thousands of men descend on farmers in Shandong province each summer to cheer on the matches, said The Guardian newspaper that the professor would be appointed from either the field of gastronomy (how food is served) or the field of food science (concentrating, for example, on freshness).

Middle Fingers in the News

Vincent Larson accidentally hit a vein while working on the tongue of Gemma Danielson, 18, in July and by the time Danielson got to the hospital, she had lost four pints of blood. Said Danielson, "(Doctors) think she was never even anything like it." Larson said she was mortified: "That's the last tongue I do."

- Joseph Pileggi, 69, filed a lawsuit in Akron, Ohio, in July seeking money damages over his 1997 marriage to Carl Buchanan, 61. He claims he intended to marry not Buchanan, but his longtime girlfriend, who is Buchanan's mother. Dukie Pederson, 63. He claimed that he did not realize until May 1999 that the "wrong" woman's name was on the license (despite Buchanan's insistence that Pileggi consummated the marriage with her on the wedding night).

- Latest Highway Truck Spills: 26 alligator cur- cases, weighing nearly 5 tons (headed for a pro­ cressor plant near Fort Lauderdale, Fla., October); U.S. Army Multiple Launch rockets (from a military truck, adjacent to an elementary school near Hugo, Okla., August); and a load of completed Advanced Placement tests (being taken from a New York City testing center to Educational Testing Service in New Jersey, of which $4 were never recovered, thus hindering those students' college careers, May).

Adventures in Ignorance

- In August, Davidson, N.C., police officer Scott Scarey asked to search a woman's car for drugs, giving her his legally required "suspicious" (reasonable suspicion) solely the fact that on the front seat was a copy of the weekly newspaper Creative Living, whose cover story on local art, photofine art was illustrated by a photo of a marijuana plant. Said Assistant Chief Butcher Parker, "(Scarey) thinks he had reasonable suspicion, and we do, too." (The woman consented to the search, and nothing illegal was found.)

- In July, Rev. Nelson W. Koschnecki, a dele­ gate from Dallas to the national Episcopal conven­ tion in Denver, was seen scattering salt under the tables of convention-goers. According to some authorities, tossing the salt is a symbolic gesture to rid the premises of Satan. After tasting the salt, the convention-goers' outrage, Rev. Koschnecki resigned as a delegate.

- Lisa Alger of Roy, Wash., had to take her claim all the way to the state judge Paul Treyz in June, but she finally got a dismissal of one of the munici­ pal citations against her for housing an unlicensed cat named "Patches." Reason: "Patches" is a stuffed animal. (The local Humane Society monitors for violations of licensing law by knocking on doors and asking kids the names of their pets, so it can check license lists. When Alger's 7-year-old son mentioned the highly regarded "patches," the Humane Society found no license for it, it wrote Alger up without investigating.)

Payback

Jail guards employed by the Nova Scotia gov­ ernment had their "privilege" of being able to eat free in the inmates' dining room take away, because of budget cuts and must now pay $2.50 to get their prison meal. And Brazilian multimillion­aire Jair Coelho, 68, was arrested in August and locked up before trial he had made a fortune on the country's jail contracts, supplying nearly incalculable food, but the government proved that he got the contracts through bribery, and thus he must now eat his own food.

Recurring Themes

News of the Weird mentioned in 1999 that the Safety Tantinehshara detective agency in Osaka, Japan, was selling about 200 aerosol spray kits a month (at $40 each) to help women find out whether their men are having affairs, by detecting the presence of fresh semen on their underwear. In July 2000, according to a Phoenix Times report, a vener­ able local medical lab has introduced Forensix, which charges sponges and lovers from $350 up to test partners' underwear for semen (heres to see if sperm is present; his, to see if he has ejaculated at inappropriate times)

The Only Way Out

In August, a 28-year-old man who worked at a landscaping business in Phoenix proposed to his girlfriend (she accepted), took her to the worksite, turned on a weedwacker, climbed in, and tried to pull her in, too. He was arrested, but escaped. Also in August, the style and etiquette columnist for The Times of London found dead, clad only in a shirt, beneath his fourth-floor apartment window, but colleagues said the suicide scenario was too tacky for the man. Said one friend, "He'd have wanted to be really dressed appropriately." Said the coroner, "It would be likely that he would write a letter to explain, and no doubt on the Smythson's notepad that was found in the apartment."

Also, in the Last Month...

The new head of a Hudson River environmental­ organization, on a well-publicized maiden kayak voyage around New York City, discovered a floating corpse. A Zambian man had claimed divorce after testimony that his wife routinely locked him in the bedroom at night to stop his phil­andering (Lusaka, Zambia). Police said two bodies, left alone briefly in a wilderness storage/interview room, stole some Twizzlers and the change from the office coffee fund box (Albuquerque). Police dog trainer then, let out a squad car on a rural road to relieve himself, picked up the scent of a nearby, 125-plant marijuana field (Perkins Township, Maine).
THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could.
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,
And both that morning equally lay.
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.
I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

- Robert Frost

Crossword

ACROSS
1. African river
6. Spaghetti
11. Letters on graves
14. Bathsheba's husband
15. Vegetable to cry over
16. John's Yoko
17. DNA
19. Tenth mo.
20. Otherwise
21. Camper's set of utensils
23. On the contrary
25. Duration
28. Issue a ticket
29. Dexterous
32. Hemorrhage in one's honker
35. Dream time
36. Implement with an eye
37. Affectionate greetings
38. Fast is
39. Fruit ice
43. Swabby
47. Kind of lily
48. "God Bless America" singer
51. Sports play, often
52. Algerian port
53. Jodie Foster film
55. Mayday!
57. Very black
62. Municipal ride
63. Nine-time champion at Wimbledon
68. Exploit
69. Struck with a banj leg
70. Constant traveler
71. Part of AT&T
72. Golf lengths
73. "Beau_

DOWN
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3. Fine points
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Solutions
There it was looking right at me. A picture in the newspaper of the comedian that was to be appearing at Loco's in the Student Union on Oct. 10, "Hood." That's his name. Now before even seeing this man live, let me ask you this. Who calls themselves Hood? But, a person shouldn't be judged by his name, and everyone deserves a chance... Right?

I got to Loco's about twenty minutes before the show was supposed to start. It wasn't one of the more crowd­ed nights at Tuesday Knight Live, but the amount of people there was decent. For those of you who don't know, Tuesday Knight Live is something that CAB sponsors from time to time. They bring comedians down to Florida to perform at UCF. So at 8 p.m., somebody from CAB got onstage and announced something very quickly. It seemed unprofessional and unorganized. After Hood was announced as being a comical writer from New York, the audience clapped a little bit. So Hood got onstage and starts talking about this routine he has at all of his shows. He told us that he had Oreo cookies to give out for the person who could get up on stage and tell the worst joke and the person who could tell the best joke. He asked the audience who wanted to come onstage, and nobody in the mellow audience even raised a hand. He then proceeded to go into his regular routine (which was by far the worst routine I've ever personally witnessed a comedian do). It was not funny at all, and evidently most of the people watching him agreed. Every now and then he got a few laughs here and there, but the only reason I chuckled a little bit was because I felt bad for the guy. He was clearly not getting a good reaction. This was the second comedian at Loco's this semester that has really disappointed me. Last semester CAB brought us great comedians such as Damon Wayans and Michael Dean Esther. This semester started off great with Mitch Fatel, but the last two comedians they've had at Loco's have been disappointing. From what I hear, Lewis Black's performance in the Grand Pegasus Ballroom was excellent, but I wasn't able to go see him. Feeling too bad to walk out on the guy, I decided to stick around and sit through one bad joke after another. After watching Hood for about 45 minutes, I have to admit that I was extremely happy when he said his good­byes.

In the beginning of his act, he announced that Hood was his real name. Maybe he was trying to be funny, but I highly doubt that his parents named him Hood. Like everyone else, nobody's perfect. CAB has their hits and misses. Hood was definitely a miss, and the introduction that described him as "comical" was the only joke I was able to see all night.
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Men's basketball dreams of the Big Dance in 2000-2001

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STAFF WRITER

As the UCF men's basketball team prepares to open its eighth season under head coach Kirk Speraw's guidance, many questions have yet to be answered. The team lost four seniors to graduation, sophomore forward Ikechi Knakwe decided to transfer, and junior forward Beronti Simms has been declared academically ineligible for the fall. Despite the turnover, however, Speraw and his staff remain optimistic that this can be a breakthrough year for the program, which is coming off a second consecutive runner-up finish in the TAAC Tournament.

"It's always tough when you lose that many players off of a particular team," said Speraw. "We'll miss their experience. However, we are very excited about the newcomers we have coming in and I like the new faces that will be in uniform this season. We are very excited with what they bring to the team."

One of those newcomers is Evandro Moretti, a 6'10" center who transferred to UCF this season from Arizona Western Junior College, where he averaged 12.5 points and seven rebounds per game, and is a native of Sao Paulo, Brazil. "We are very happy to have Evandro joining our basketball program," said Speraw. "He fills a need we have for size in the middle. He comes in with two years of college experience and we fully expect him to immediately contribute to our basketball team."

The coaching staff is also very happy with the four freshmen that comprise this year's recruiting class. The point guard of the quartet is the 5'11" Kevin Lee, who played his high school basketball at Notre Dame Prep in Lansing, Michigan. Joey and Stevie Graham are 6'5" twins from Brandon High School in Tampa, and Josh Bodden is a 6'9" frontline player from Damien High School.

"How quickly the new faces can make that transition and become an integral part of what we are doing will determine how quickly the team gels," said Speraw. "This is a hard thing to judge at this time. Half the team knows the system and the other half has to learn it. We will rely on a core group of people in the beginning to help the newcomers make the transition to Division-I basketball."

Key returning players for the Golden Knights include junior forwards Jason Thornton and Paul Reed, sophomore point guard Al Miller, and senior forward Mike Moretti, a 6'1" guard who transferred to UCF from Arizona Western Junior College last season. "They bring to the team," said Speraw.

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Newcomers to make big contributions for men's basketball

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Mario Lovett, who missed all of last season with a nagging foot injury. "Jason Thornton is a great shooter for us and we will rely on his leadership and perimeter shooting," said Speraw. "He was second in the nation in three point percentage last year. Al Miller, hopefully, as a sophomore point guard will provide some good leadership with the experience that he got last year. The individual that we want to take things to the next level is Mario Lovett. He was on the verge of really breaking out a year ago, when he was injured and now with this year layoff, I don't know where that puts him in his individual progress. He's the individual who needs to set the tone for us. He's our inspirational leader. We need him to stay healthy and provide leadership."

The Golden Knights' non-conference schedule is highlighted by away games against Miami, USF and one against Georgetown in the Honolulu Thanksgiving Tournament, played in Hawaii. It also includes UNC-Wilmington, ECU and Middle Tennessee State. According to Speraw, playing tougher competition early in the season will help UCF reach its goal of getting to the NCAA Tournament. "Our ultimate goal is to go to the NCAA tournament," said Speraw. "There are some great coaches in the league and the talent level is getting better every year in our league. I think we have enough experience coming back and enough good talent coming in to make a good run at (the conference championship)."

It wasn't business as usual for the Knights during the offseason, but success this year is certainly a possibility. A third trip to the NCAA Tournament in eight years under Speraw's leadership may very well be in the UCF's future.
- UCF Moves Into Second Place in the TAAC

The UCF volleyball team defeated Florida Atlantic University and Jacksonville University last week, bettering their record to 11-8, including a 3-1 mark in the TAAC. Although both FAU and Jacksonville are in the TAAC, the win over Jacksonville did not count as a conference match.

The Golden Knights came back to beat Jacksonville after losing 15-9 and 15-4 in the first two games of the match. UCF rallied to win the last three games in dramatic fashion, 15-11, 16-14, and 16-14.

### Volleyball Notebook

Junior middle blocker Piper Morgan led the team with 20 kills. Freshman outside hitter Leyvee Santana and junior middle blocker Shelly Driggers each had 16 kills, while freshman outside hitter Landsy Whalen added 12. Sophomore setter Becca Saldana led the team with 14 digs.

Against FAU, the Golden Knight defense dominated the match. "We played a very disciplined match," said Head Coach Meg Colado.

Junior setter Jenny Frank had 18 assists, while freshman setter 1998. Freshman outside hitter, where she has averaged 7 blocks. Saldana moved up to fourth on the career list.

Sophomore setter Becca Saldana has moved into third place in school history for assists, bringing her career total to 1,745 last week. She now needs only 228 more to move up to second place. First place, however, is over 4,000 assists away. Saldana entered the season in fourth on the career list.

Junior middle blocker Piper Morgan moved up to fourth place in career solo blocks. She needs 16 block assists to rank second on the UCF career list, and 14 total blocks to move up to fourth place in that category. Morgan has also had a kill in each of her last 65 matches, dating back to September 14, 1998.

*Golden Knights to Host Stetson, Samford*

UCF (11-8, 3-1 TAAC) plays two more conference matches this week, playing against Stetson University (4-12, 3-2) on Oct. 18 at 7:00pm in the UCF Arena, and against Samford (10-12, 2-2) on Oct. 21 at Noon. The Golden Knights are only one game ahead of both opponents in the conference standings. If UCF wins, it will give the Golden Knights sole possession of second place in the TAAC, a spot they currently share with Jacksonville (10-6, 3-1). Both UCF and Jacksonville trail first-place Georgia State (23-6, 5-0) by a game and a half.

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Women's Soccer Notebook

which they honored the seniors prior to game time. The seniors made their last home game a memorable one.

Seniors Alice Uhlir, Claire Kohake, and Kassia Panzik scored three of the five goals. Fellow senior Cally Howell recorded her 11th assist of the season, moving her to within one shot and stopping it on an early Sanford breakaway attempt.

Second place in the conference is now the position the Golden Knights hold. In the event of a tie with Sanford, Jacksonville State, or Florida Atlantic, UCF wins the TAAC Tournament tie-breaker, leaving them with the advantage.

The Golden Knights end the regular season with three TAAC road games. They play at Georgia State Oct. 19, at Campbell Oct.21, and at Stetson Oct. 27. Winning all three of these games will result in a bye for UCF for the first round of the TAAC Tournament, which starts on Nov. 2.

• Lewis named TAAC Defensive Player-of-the-Week

Sophomore goalkeeper Carol Lewis was named the Trans America Athletic Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Week after her first collegiate start, which was also her first career shutout.

Against the Jacksonville State Gamecocks on Oct. 8, Lewis recorded three saves on seven shots as the Golden Knights won 4-0. UCF Head Coach Amanda Cromwell made the decision to start Lewis in the Jacksonville State game based on Lewis' performance in the second half against Jacksonville University, a game UCF lost 4-0.

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Communication is vital in soccer, and with the experience of playing together for so long, Asby and VanLooven are able to speak to one another on the field in a manner that players who don’t know each other so well might be uncomfortable with.

“They communicate a lot and they aren’t afraid to get on each other either,” said Head Coach Amanda Cromwell. “If one of them makes a mistake they’ll get on each other and know that it’s not personal. It’s one of those things where they’re both professional about it. They’re very good with each other and know that it’s not personal.”

Asby and VanLooven have similarities as well as differences while on the soccer field.

“It was really weird (playing against VanLooven) because on one hand I didn’t want to hurt her but then I had to because she was on the other team,” said Asby. “Normally you would have an attitude against your opponents. But, when I played against Brooke, and even other players I’ve grown up with, it was fun to go into the game because you know exactly how they’re going to play.”

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Asby went to nearby Oviedo High while VanLooven went to rival Lake Mary. After playing on the same team for so many years it was quite an adjustment for the two when they became opponents.

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UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek said that he hadn’t taken an in-depth look at Louisiana-Monroe following last Saturday’s game, but his goal is the same as it is every week, to win and get better in the process.

“I know that (Louisiana-Monroe) got beat up by Tennessee pretty bad last week, so they’re struggling this season,” said Kruczek. “I know that the next objective is to win and become 5-3, and improve our performance from tonight, which I think we can.”

This week’s game will be the 21st Homecoming game in UCF history. Overall the Golden Knights are 13-7 in Homecoming games, having won five straight, and lost only twice in the last 13 years. The players say they enjoy playing in Homecoming games because of the larger student crowd and an exciting atmosphere.

“It’s great to play in front of the home crowd,” said junior placekicker Javier Beorlegui. “We’ve been playing a lot of away games, and it’s always comfortable playing in front of our home crowd. It’s Homecoming week, so we’ll probably have a lot of students out there, so it’ll be fun. Everyone gets pumped up. It’s a good atmosphere.”

“Homecoming is a very exciting event,” said sophomore defensive end Elton Patterson. “It gives you a lot to go out there and want to really play good. But you also have to watch out for distractions because there are a lot of events going on with the student body. So we’re going to stay focused and have a great time.”

The Golden Knights are expecting a large turnout for this game and are likely to get it. At 11 a.m. on Saturday morning, there will be a Homecoming Parade through downtown Orlando followed by Homecoming Fan Fair at 1 p.m. at Tinker Field, adjacent to the Citrus Bowl. Fans can come early and go to the Parade and Fan Fair and then walk over to the Citrus Bowl and watch as the Golden Knights take on the Indians at 4 p.m.

Senior running back Willie Davis had the best game of his career which included 13 tackles and two forced fumbles. Davis also contributed four of UCF’s school record 11 sacks.

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Defensive Player of the Week  
Willie Davis

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Inside The Numbers

9
Number of sacks by the UCF defense, a season high.

3
Number of interceptions by the UCF defense, a season high.

20
Number of rushing yards allowed by the UCF defense, the lowest total allowed this year.

61
Number of yards that senior wide receiver Tavian Davis traveled on a fourth quarter touchdown reception, the longest pass completion by quarterback Ryan Hinshaw this year.

123
Number of yards that UCF was penalized for during the game, including a number of false start and delay of game penalties. Overall, the Golden Knights were penalized 11 times in the game.

Game Notes

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list and putting him only one away from Bernard Ford's (1985-87) record of five.

Beorlegui Continues Excellent Season  

With two field goals and four extra points, junior placekicker Javier Beorlegui continued his much-improved play. Beorlegui has now connected on all 23 of his extra point attempts and eight of his 12 field goal attempts. Beorlegui has now attempted the fifth most field goals in UCF history, and currently leads the Golden Knights this season with 47 points scored.

Clark's Streak Comes to an End  

Senior wide receiver Kenny Clark's streak of 21 consecutive games with a reception came to an end against Eastern Kentucky. Clark, who has been hampered by an ankle injury and missed last week's game against Northern Illinois, did have a few opportunities to catch a pass, but was overthrown a number of times by quarterback Ryan Schneider. The streak was the seventh longest in UCF history.

Virginia Tech Tickets Go On Sale  

Tickets for the Nov. 11 game against the Virginia Tech Hokies go on sale this week, and range in price from $20 to reserved sideline seats at $61.45 for reserved end zone. They can be purchased in the ticket office located in the Wayne Densch Sports Center on campus, or by calling 407-823-4653. Virginia Tech features Heisman Trophy candidate quarterback Michael Vick, and are currently ranked 40 in the country.

Penning's Return  

Senior quarterback Vic Penn, who suffered a Grade II sprain to his left (non-throwing) shoulder against William & Mary on Sept. 23, is expected to return to practice this week and might play in UCF's Homecoming game against Louisiana-Monroe. Penn's return for the past three weeks has been redshirt freshman Ryan Schneider, who has filled in admirably.

Injury Report  

Junior weakside linebacker Tony Hardman, who leads the Golden Knights in tackles, left the game in the first half with a sprained ankle and an inflammation of a turf toe injury he suffered against Northern Illinois. He received an IV in the locker room and returned to the sideline in street clothes. Freshman Antoine Poe filled in for Hardman, and finished second on the team with six tackles and two sacks. Hardman will be reevaluated but is not expected to miss any time against Louisiana-Monroe this week.

UCF uses defense, special teams to gain a victory  

David Marsters  

STAFF WRITER

With 7:56 remaining in the second quarter, UCF and Eastern Kentucky were tied at 3-3. Neither team was playing very well on offense nor had any momentum. That ended, however, when Eastern Kentucky was forced to punt from its own 8-yard line. The UCF coaching staff was content to let the Colonels punt the ball and give the Golden Knights good field position. But the punt coverage unit didn't like that, and talked Special Teams Coach Charlie Huff into letting them go after the punt block. Good decision.

Junior free safety Ricot Joseph stormed through the line and blocked the punt, which was recovered by sophomore wide receiver Eliot Shorter for a UCF touchdown. Game, set, and match. The Golden Knights went on to score 24 unanswered points on route to a 34-3 victory.

UCF is usually known for its potent offense, but defense and special teams ruled on this night. In the game, the Golden Knights registered a school record 10 sacks, forced three fumbles, intercepted three passes, blocked a punt for a touchdown, and blocked a field goal attempt by EKU kicker Adam Smith. The Golden Knight defense held Eastern Kentucky to 236 total yards, including only 20 yards rushing. That was a pretty good day at the office, according to UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek.

"I think great football teams start with defense," said Kruczek. "I think we have as active a defense as there is when they're playing assignment sound football. We probably had more big hits in this game than we had all previous six weeks total. We were knocking blockers down, and we were hitting the quarterback on a consistent basis."

In a game that he only started because of injuries to other players, junior linebacker Willie Davis led the Golden Knights with 13 tackles, four sacks, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery. With senior free safety Tommy Shavers out due to a concussion, the Golden Knights were forced to move junior linebacker Eliot Shorter into the secondary to provide depth at the safety position.

Because of this, Davis got the start at the Sam linebacker and made the most of his opportunity.

Davis has now played well at both the Mike and Sam linebacker positions this season, and his emergence provides the coaching staff with the "good problem" of figuring out what to do when Shavers returns from injury. Davis says that he likes the fact that he can play more than one position, and will play wherever the coaches tell him to.

"I feel that I'm versatile," said Davis. "I can be moved around if (defensive coordinator) Coach (Gene) Chizik feels that I need to be moved around. I kind of like the idea that I can be moved around, because it helps me understand the defense better."

The big key for the UCF defense was their ability to force turnovers in the game. The four forced turnovers and two blocked kicks were both season-highs. Being the team forcing the turnovers was a welcome change for Kruczek, whose team turned the ball seven times in their Oct. 7 loss to Northern Illinois.

The Golden Knights will need to continue to play well on defense for the season's final four games. This week, they face Louisiana-Monroe's spread passing offense, a scheme they haven't seen this year. Whatever the offense, Kruczek says that defense is the key to winning games, and it showed against Eastern Kentucky.

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Let the madness begin

UCF basketball tips off season with MidKnight Madness

David Marsters (STAFF WRITER)

The UCF men’s and women’s basketball teams officially began their seasons last Friday night, appearing before a lively crowd at the UCF Arena for the 2000 installment of MidKnight Madness. Always a fan favorite, MidKnight Madness is a ceremonial opening to the college basketball season, showcasing the season’s first practice as an exhibition that is open to the public.

Prior to midnight, UCF students and fans participated in a number of games, contests, and giveaways, and were entertained by the Sports Magic Team and a disc jockey from the 102 JAMZ radio station. Gift certificates to Calico Jacks and the Shack were awarded to the Rowdilist Crowds, and KnightMoves, the UCF Cheerleaders, and the UCF Pep Band made special performances. All of this led up to the stroke of midnight, when this led up to the midnight intrasquad scrimmage. One team wore black jerseys and the other wore white, with the game ending in a 9-7 win for the Black team. Freshman guard Nicole Dunson and senior forward LaToya Graham were the high scorers, each totaling three points. Sophomore guard Diana Hill had four rebounds, an assist and a block, while junior guard Yvette Ash had two assists and two rebounds. Graham and sophomore forward Erin Paige each had three rebounds.

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UCF football hopes for a big win on Homecoming

Kristy Shonka (STAFF WRITER)

This week’s Homecoming activities will culminate Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Florida Citrus Bowl, where the UCF Golden Knights (4-3) will play host to the Louisiana-Monroe Indians (1-6). This game marks the sixth meeting of the two teams, a series the Indians lead 3-2. The last time the teams played was in 1997, a game that ended in a 45-41 win for Louisiana-Monroe.

Coming into this weekend the Indians have only one win on the season, a 27-21 victory at Nicholls State on Sept. 16. Since then they have been outscored 177-16 during a four game losing streak. Last week, the Indians were shutout at Middle Tennessee State 26-0. Backup quarterback Ryan Corcoran filled in for an injured Andy Chance, out with a concussion, and completed 20 of 32 passes for 119 yards. Running back Mark Henderson had 12 carries for 63 yards. Wide receiver Daryl Carter had five receptions for 27 yards.

The Golden Knights are coming off a 34-3 victory over Eastern Kentucky (3-3), a game in which the offense gained 255 yards in the air and 80 yards on the ground. The offense was led by redshirt freshman quarterback Ryan Schneider, who made his third start in relief of the injured Vic Penn, who was out with a dislocated left (non-throwing) shoulder, is expected to practice this week, and could return to the field against Louisiana-Monroe. The UCF defense has a record setting performance with 10 sacks of the Eastern Kentucky quarterbacks. The previous school record was eight, which was accomplished against Louisiana Tech in 1993 and Louisiana-Lafayette in 1998.

Louisiana-Monroe runs a spread offense and likes to throw the ball. While this is very similar to the Golden Knight basketball teams emerged onto the court.

Both the men and women’s teams each had their moment to shine. The women began the festivities with a brief practice consisting of dancing and layup drills, and then broke into two teams for a 10-minute intrasquad scrimmage. One team wore black jerseys and the other wore white, with the game ending in a 9-7 win for the Black team. Freshman guard Nicole Dunson and senior forward LaToya Graham were the high scorers, each totaling three points. Sophomore guard Diana Hill had four rebounds, an assist and a block, while junior guard Yvette Ash had two assists and two rebounds. Graham and sophomore forward Erin Paige each had three rebounds.

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