Board of Regents to be dissolved

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Out with the old and in with the new. Beginning July 1 the state's Board of Regents will be replaced by governor-appointed boards of trustees at each individual university and a Florida Board of Education.

This change comes about due to a movement to improve on the state's educational system. The state was looking for a system that would bring all of Florida's educational institutions under one "umbrella," in Dr. Mike Sweeney, Coordinator of Special Projects for Academic Affairs at UCF, calls it.

"There was, a couple years ago, a vote that said the people of Florida wanted to see the educational system change," Sweeney said. "There is no question in the state of Florida that educational reform is needed. I don't think anyone questions that."

With the state striving for a seamless system to govern its schools it was only a matter of time before the Board of Regents, the governing body for the state's university system, was dissolved.

The breakup of the Board of Regents was scheduled for 2003. As members learned that they would be out of a job within two years they began searching for other jobs, many of them leaving their positions. This in turn made it necessary to move the date up for which the new system would begin to take over.

Many positions at community colleges and primary education facilities' boards (SC) will be null-and-void under this new system as well. They too will be governed by the new Florida Board of Education.

UCF's board of trustees will consist of 12 members appointed by Governor Jeb Bush and one student. That student being the university's student government president. These boards will be headed by each universities' president.

Many people have been nominated for the new boards all across the state. Nominations do not have to be solely locals but

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When newly elected Student Government President Marco Pena resigned from his former position of vice president on April 27 to organize his office and look for appointments to the cabinet, no one knew what the repercussions of that move would be.

Senate President Pro Tempore Robert Richardson confirmed that same day with outgoing Chief Justice Jessica Jenness about fulfilling the obligation of taking the vice presidential seat. According to Jenness, he mentioned that he was going to challenge the move with an injunction, but later told her that he had changed his mind. She presumed this to mean that Richardson meant to take the oath of office, which is a key part of the obligation.

"When he called me a few days later, he told me that he wasn't going to file an injunction. I thought that he was going to come in to take the oath of office," said Jenness.

However, Richardson didn't take the oath of office. He felt that there was no need to take the oath of office due to the lack of activity in that week long period, as the Senate had no meetings.

"There was no legislative activity whatsoever during that period so there were no duties to fulfill either as vice president or pro tempore," said Richardson.

It wasn't until the day before the swearing in of the new executive branch that Jenness finally got in touch with Richardson to see about the oath of office that should

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"The key to all this is insuring the quality of education, and making sure the students are served well."

-Mike Sweeney

Coordinator of Special Projects for Academic Affairs

UCF will face some of the many obstacles other universities are going to be confronted with as well. With the transition, the university will have to take over such tasks as handling their own payroll, something many schools are not currently equipped to do.

"Luckily UCF is in a very unique place," Sweeney said. "We will be able to take over our own payroll without much trouble at all thanks to PeopleSoft, a software program already running at UCF."

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Student disability services offers students help

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developed better study habits, and her grades improved, and the medicine helped." Clemans, a psychology major, has a 3.9 grade point average.

Attention Deficit Disorder is a diagnosable, treatable, biologically-based disorder that according to the National Attention Deficit Disorder Association "we understand now much better than we did even 10 or 15 years ago."

ADD shouldn't be confused with ADHD, or Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, which has similar symptoms, but involves increased restlessness.

For Clemans, ADD means taking more time to complete tasks, reading is a little hard, and everything becomes a basic distraction.

That's why Clemans registered with Student Disability Services. Clemans can take her tests in a small room with an extended time length, to keep her from getting distracted and panicking because of the time limits. She also has priority registration, so that she can schedule at her convenience and when her medicine is working.

Clemans plans on devoting her life to children, and any jobs she's had involved preschools, summer camps and day cares.

"They're easier than customer service," she said. "Children have a shorter attention span than I do."

And while people generally don't ask about her disability, Clemans does often get looks. "A lot are like, 'Oh, why are you special?' And people confuse ADD with [Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder] and say, 'You're not hyperactive.'"

SDS Associate Director Louise Friderici said, "The public thinks about people in wheelchairs and people who are blind because that's what they see. Generally people don't know about the hidden disabilities, which are the majority."

Deborah Kamm, who started with SDS as a counselor in August, directly counsels students with specific learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, and the hearing impaired requiring sign language. She said it's natural for people to forget that people can have a valid disability that they can't see. "If you don't see it, it's harder to believe it's there."

In workshops SDS holds and in other opportunities to teach the public about disabilities, Kamm stresses that the disabled would do anything to give up their disability privileges. "Students get upset when they test positive for a disability. It's a blow to some students to find there is a problem. It takes them time to adjust."

Dr. Katherine Muir is the psychologist for SDS. She handles testing of students with potential learning disabilities. She says on average 80 percent to 90 percent of students tested at SDS test positive for some disability -- 50 percent of which have had prior history, but their documentation could not be found or was out of date.

That means four to four and a half out of 10 students tested are approved for some disability.

"As people get more familiar, seeing more articles, getting more information, they are noticing the symptoms in themselves, so it's just a greater awareness in general," Muir said.

Of course not every "invisible" disability is a learning disability.

Christine, an accounting senior who asked her last name not be used, is hearing impaired. Of course you wouldn't notice that if you spoke to her -- her English is perfect.

When Christine was 13, she was run over by a car.

"The car ran over my leg, and everyone was so worried about it that they didn't notice I had hit my head," Christine said. "And nobody looked into my headaches until I really started to have problems."

Christine uses SDS for their notetaking accommodations. It especially helps when a professor talks too fast during lectures, sometimes it's hard for her to follow.

"People only write something like 45 percent of what they hear so imagine me," said Christine.

She did have a problem getting a notetaker for the cornerstone accounting class. Also result she didn't have a notetaker until the after the first test, and since the class is largely based on the lecture, she was in trouble.

"I think the more people know, the more accepting they are of people with one or two differences," Kamm said.

But Christine thinks SDS should take an extra step.

"I think [SDS] should look up students with good grades and ask them to help out ahead of time," Christine said.

But Christine isn't too worried -- she has a 3.75 GPA.

"I'd love to take speech and lip-reading classes, but she doesn't have time."

"I have to go to college, I have to go to work."

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the internship for the production crew for the summer terms. Intramural sports are a great experience that I would recommend to anybody.

Briana Sadlon, sophomore business major.

Community Volleyball, May 17-July 5, or a Golf Scramble, June 1. Students can call Recreational Services at (407) 823-2408 for specific times. Karate and Bukukun classes are offered evenings in the Student Union for an extra charge. More information is offered at www.pegasus.ucf.edu/ams.

The Career Resource Center offers "mini-clinics" designed to help students improve their employability. These classes include Interviewing Techniques, Job Search Strategy and Resume 101. The activities calendar on the UCF web page has specific times of classes.

Soophmore Theatre major Eddie Joseph said: "I kept getting turned down when I applied for jobs my freshman year, so I went to the Resume 101 class and realized that my resume was awful. The Career Center people really helped me improve it."

Florida Uniting Students in Education will hold a Section 508 Brown Bag Luncheon at noon on May 23 in the Student Union, room 221. Students can find out how this new legislation will affect them and the UCF web site.

Students interested in the Digital Media program and curriculum can attend the annual summer open house at 3 p.m., May 24 in the Visual Arts Building, room 221.

TV internship earns student real-life work experience

Rebekah Eddy

Five nights a week, UCF junior Erin Headley works to gain the experience she needs for her career.

Headley, a radio/television major, is an intern at FOX 15 News. She works as part of the production crew for the 10 p.m. news at the station.

Headley said that she heard about the opportunity for the internship through the Radio Television News Director's Association, a club at UCF.

"I contacted the production manager at FOX, interviewed for the position, answered questions about my future plans and my education and he offered me the job," she said.

Her responsibilities as part of the production crew include running cameras, loading airplay, floor directing and running the TelePrompter. She hopes to add to these tasks by training in other areas, particularly audio production.

"I have no clue what really goes on behind the scenes until you actually work in that environment," she explained.

Headley went on to say that the internship will benefit her when it comes time to start her career. "I hope to one day produce, and/or direct a television show with good moral values that is also entertaining for the young adult market, and perhaps star in it as well," she said.

One benefit of internships is the opportunity to make connections in a particular field of work. Headley said that she has been given opportunities to help in other projects, such as independent films and music videos with her co-workers.

"Being anywhere that you can meet people in the business is beneficial and I have definite-
McVeigh execution postponed; FBI holds important files

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Last Friday, Attorney General John Ashcroft delayed the execution of Timothy McVeigh due to the FBI's failure to turn over 3,100 pages of evidence to the defense attorneys. Many of you may be waiting for more than six years, from the bombing on April 19, 1995. The day delay should not be any reason to think that McVeigh is not going to die. It's just a matter of time, but he should still be executed, and according to Newsweek, 72 percent of Americans agree with me.

Many of you probably don't know that the FBI withheld these documents on purpose. The fears are amplified because these documents dealt mainly with the search for a John Doe No. 2, in other words, another possible suspect. The possible conspiracy theories that can stem from this withholding of evidence are endless.

Legally, the FBI was obligated to reveal these documents. The U.S. Supreme Court decided I can't even stand to make must not withhold my information. Just say that may be seen as "evidence favorable to an accused upon request where the evidence is material either to guilt or to punishment, irrespective of the good faith or bad faith of the prosecution." The 3,100 pages detailed interviews regarding the FBI search for John Doe No. 2, which the defense attorneys can use to raise questions regarding the guilt of their client. The defense can also contend that because the FBI didn't follow the validity of the trial and ensuing verdict can be called into question.

The relevance of these papers is still to be determined. It is troublesome nonetheless that these papers were "misplaced." This trial may seem like and open-and-shut case, and the defendant is guilty as can be. However, the implications of possible evidence being hidden are outrageous. It is said that it is better to let a guilty man go free than let an innocent man go to jail. But the abuse of the innocence of a suspect is withheld, the chances of making these errors are greatly increasing.

The heat that the FBI is taking right now is more than justified. No matter how guilty a person is or appears to be, he or she is still entitled to a fair trial. A trial in which a suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty, and where due process is followed. Again, I still think Timothy McVeigh is guilty and he will be executed, but he still has his rights. The papers in question are irrelevant, then the proper verdict will still come through.

81-year-old graduate inspires students

ADAM SHIVER
STAFF WRITER

Maybe there is hope for me after all.

Commencement ceremonies took place for UCF students on May 4 and 5, a day that marks a turning point in many students lives. A day that seems as if it will forever come for me.

Elmer Kundinger has given me hope though. Hope that one day I will graduate.

Many of you probably don't know of Elmer though.

Elmer is a recent UCF graduate. He graduated this past spring with his first bachelor's degree. Something that is fairly common nowadays. What is uncommon about Elmer is that he is an 81-year-old grad. I am only 21 years old, and I don't even have my A.A. as of yet. Elmer has two bachelor's degrees. One a bachelor's of science, the other of arts.

To complete his history degree, Elmer would drive to school everyday to attend his classes at UCF's main campus. He lives in Eustis, almost an hour and 20 minutes away. Reaching his goal of graduation, no matter how long it took motivated him enough to make that long journey.

He trekked to class everyday. He trekked to class from my apartment located only two minutes from UCF.

Some people believe that those you look up to have to be perfect. Elmer however showed me that you don't have to be a straight A student to be successful...something I definitely am not.

This man has inspired me through his hard work and determination.

Mr. Kundinger I salute you. Perhaps, I too will one day have your determination and motivation.

Perhaps one day I will receive my degree as well.

No matter how discouraged we all get along the way though we should keep in mind that if Elmer, at age 81 can do it, so can we.
GRAY MATTERS

“You’re such an inspiration for the ways that I would never, ever choose to be.”

CHRIS ZAPATIER
STAFF WRITER

Talk about an odd couple. Despite being diametrical opposites, Josh and I have remained the best of friends for the last eight years. We went to high school together, worked together fresh out of high school and moved to Central Florida to pursue post-sec­ondary education together. Recently, during the course of a casual conversation I announced my intention to learn conversational Italian. Josh immediately besmirched my resolution because he couldn’t see how it would improve my current station in life or my net worth. I rebutted that unlike him, I am not a slave to materialism, nor much of a subscriber to conventional stan­dards of happiness and fulfill­ment and that I sometimes did things solely to expand my mind and enrich my life. Josh again responded with some acerbic remark about why he has a more prestigious and more lucrative job than I do and why that would always be the case. While most people would find his comments insulting, I found them incredibly amusing, as they were so within the con­text of his character. It only confirmed what I have long sus­pected, that despite how long we have been close friends Josh does still not understand me any more than I understand him.

Josh represents everything in modern middle-class society that I have contempt for: Josh is the archetypal Middle American who will soon find me­morializing the consummate con­sumer, the kind of suburban momen who actually spent hard earned money on a “Billy Big Mouth Bass.” Josh digs through the newspaper to find the sports section. Josh needs the radio to tell him what music he should be listening to and the idiot box to tell him what inane sitcoms he should be watching. Josh relies on “Coming Attractions” trailers, big budgets and big­name stars to determine what movies he will see because Josh doesn’t like cinema with a mes­sage – in fact, Josh doesn’t care for any media that is not for the purpose of entertainment. Josh couldn’t make time to vote in the last election. Josh has never traveled beyond the borders of the United States and doesn’t care to. Josh is an average, ordi­nary everyday American.

In my opinion, Josh repre­sents what is wrong with America at the most fundamen­tal level. Josh is not stupid, just simple. Josh is certain that his life would be so much easier if he just had more money, a bet­ter body, or any of the other things that society considers panaceas. Josh envies athletes, entertainers and other promi­nent figures who have amassed a fortune doing what they love but doesn’t respect the dream­ers who are making the same sacrifices to achieve their goals. Josh genuinely seems content living in obscurity, just “getting by,” unconcerned with the tick­ing away of his numbered days and the insignificance of his past, present and future. Josh is blissfully on his way to realiz­ing my worst fear, dying anony­mous. As Gandhi and Simon Bolivar did not embrace the status quo and resign themselves to irrele­vance, Josh, despite being just and the insignificance of his past, present and future, Josh is blissfully on his way to realiz­ing my worst fear, dying anony­mous. I am so grateful that men like Jesus Christ, Martin Luther King, Thomas Payne, Mahatma Gandhi and Simon Bolivar did not embrace the status quo and resign themselves to irrele­vance in a world where there is so much wrong that needs to be made right.

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Game Boy: The Next Generation

David Taylor
Staff Writer

Back in 1989, Nintendo introduced a product that revolutionized the entertainment industry. This item was the original Game Boy, a small portable video game machine that played black and white games. Soon the Game Boy was everywhere, from the jungle gyms of America's schools to the inside of airplanes, interfering with navigational systems across the globe. Children without the novelty were scarred and beaten on a daily basis. Well, at least I was. Over the years the Game Boy has slowly evolved, decreasing in size and eventually acquiring the ability to play color games. This year Nintendo is yet again raising the Game Boy to the next level with their new system: Game Boy Advance.

After hearing about this system most people will be skeptical. After all, just over three years ago Nintendo put out the Game Boy Color. With that in mind, many consumers will be unwilling to dish out more money for yet another improved version of the same hardware. But what if I told you that not all players have to possess the game in order to participate in such an environment. The Game Boy Advance will be able to plug into the console and play off that one cartridge. In this way, not all the players have to lay down money and buy a copy. Another cool feature is that the Game Boy Advance will be able to plug into Nintendo's upcoming home console the Gamecube. This ability opens the gates for a variety of options.

While hardware is certainly impressive, it is the games that will make or break the Game Boy Advance. However, considering the quality of the games that I had the opportunity to play, the console should have no problem finding an audience. All the games had superior graphics and thrilling gameplay. There will be fifteen titles available at launch, including Mario Advance, F-Zero and Rayman. Additionally, Sega is also launching a game for the system, entitled ChuChu Rocket! (your guess is as good as mine). Of the games on hand, my personal favorite was Mario Advance. It was basically Super Mario Bros. 2 with improved graphics and options. While this may at first sound like a dubious product to purchase, taking into account that it was one of my favorite games as a kid, and that my old NES has seen better days, it is definite must have on my list. The most graphically impressive game was Rayman, which looks about as good as it did on the original PlayStation.

The four-player game on hand, Mario Kart, played flawlessly with no slowdown whatsoever. The lag of Nintendo 64 four-player games like Goldeneye is not present on this system. To round out the line-up there were favorites such as Tony Hawk Pro Skater 2, and the previously mentioned Castlevania game, which had the most impressive sound of them all. It must be noted that both Castlevania and Mario Kart were essentially demos, which means that they will not be available on the June 11 launch date. Never fear though, for even though there are only fifteen Game Boy Advance titles, all games ever made for the Game Boy and Game Boy Color systems will also work with the Advance.

For all the great aspects of this system, there should be a dark side. However, with all honesty, I had no complaints. Coming from anyone else this is no surprise, but I am a cynical old-school gamer and that makes me an even more noteworthy individual. The Game Boy Advance is fantastic. Nintendo has really outdone itself with this new piece of hardware. It has great graphics, sound and the games I played, awesome gameplay. The system is going to be released on June 11 with the fifteen games. The system itself costs around $100, while the games range anywhere from $30 to $40 each. Also, the system runs on two AA batteries, lasting about 15 hours of playing time (compared with the 10 hours of the Game Boy Color, another improvement). There will also be an AC Adapter available for purchase, sold separately from the system. Also worth noting is that the system comes in three different colors at launch, each with a fancy name. They are Glacier (translucent blue), Arctic (white, blue) and Indigo (violet).

With all this in mind, from the system's design all the way to the games, Game Boy Advance is destined for greatness. It gets my seal of approval, which only the movie Army of Darkness has received in the past. Yes, the Game Boy Advance is on that level of greatness.
MEMENTO: LIKE THE CORNERS OF MY MIND

KRISTOFAE KAY
STAFF WRITER

As it warrants, you'll be forced into asking yourself a lot of questions once you leave Memento. The who, what and where will come and go along with the reprises and the theories as to why this happened or how come that came to pass. And once you think you've figured the whole thing out and you've already come to exercise the inner-cinematic Sherlock found deep within, the only question left to answer is: When have I seen a noir that good? The Usual Suspects? Close. The Spanish Prisoner? That would be stretching it. Maybe we could look at Blood Simple although, why really? Both films are to be placed in the same genre but are about as alike as night and day. In fact, the strongest attribute found in Christopher Nolan's near masterwork is what took place only hours previous. Leonard's best tools in his quest are the scattered Polaroid's he uses to confirm the facts and the information supplied to him by a bartender, named Natalie (the beautiful fatale, Carrie-Ann Moss), the cryptic tattoos found on his body, and an unaccountable police detective (Joe Pantoliano). Friends, as they may seem, although each time they interface the conversation sounds as if two strangers are meeting for the first time. The taken for granted luxury of basic trust is impossible for Leonard Kind of like the argument explaining the text of communism, on paper Memento seems all too easy; a revenge flick pitting an average man against enormous odds in order to find redemption. But because of its reverse chronology, nothing in this film is archetypal in terms of motive. Take for Leonard's invariable quest in killing John G. Even if he overcomes his deterrents and silences his adversary, how will be find closure in doing so if he can't remember the act of murdering? You will undoubtedly be provoked to ask yourself this question along with others like, "Why did the killer decide to leave a living witness?" and "How come everyone seems to have an ulterior plan in helping poor Leonard?" By the first ten minutes of the film we're shown the result to the most obvious question, but what we sit through to decoct is "What does all of it mean?"

Director Christopher Nolan's brilliantly labyrinthine screenplay is from his brother, Jonathan's shortest story of the same name. Did their mother only feed them Intelligent Flakes for breakfast growing up? The intricacies and building ridges of thought-about circumstance found in Memento are so fresh to the eyes that the otherwise simple comparison to older, less-baffling noirs is harder to come up with than trying to explain its jigsaw puzzle construction. Pace and suspense are both in whirling devish mode no matter what the direction of the film might be headed in. Recent pictures with a psychological edge to their credit rarely intensify the need to perpetuate analysis the way Memento does upon first viewing. It is primarily ideological, while at same time entertaining to no end. Found from its components, Memento completes its purpose in setting out to be a truly fantastic murder-mystery. As witnesses, we eventually end up at the beginning of Leonard's journey. But it is only until then that we are given the time to try and put the pieces back together, discuss and consider.

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MANNY MESSNER, General Mgr.
Steve McCain is still on hiatus from Felix. We here at the Future have tracked him to Los Angeles where he is in talks to do a "Felix" movie with acclaimed director Quentin Tarantino. Here are some exclusive scenes from the upcoming film...

**Entertainment**

Dude, it's 800 you're turn to do the dishes!

It's your turn. meatball@#$%!

Don't make me prop this cap is you @#$! 

One more time... Ezekiel 25:17...

Hmm... doesn't ring a bell.

It's that Bible passage you always quote before you cap someone.

Reeally...

Oh, man. Please just kill me.

Why do I always have to be the gimp?

Silence! Or it's back on the rack for you!

Hey, Quentin, this movie's gonna rock!!

You're breakin' my heart, man. You're breakin' my heart.

That's right, kids. Look for the new Felix movie in theatres this... uh... well some summer sometime.

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Welcome Back Weezer
Lisa Applegate
Staff Writer

Has it really only been seven years since Weezer first introduced us to their rock sound? It seems like they’ve been around forever, playing those popular anthems of theirs from the early ‘90s. Five years ago, after they released Pinkerton (the “experimental noises” CD), they disappeared from the music scene to work on other projects. They were sorely missed by their diehard fans who flocked to the Yahoo Outloud Tour just to catch a glimpse of the rockers. On Tues., May 15, the return of Weezer was official as they released their much-anticipated “green” album featuring the single “Hash Pipe.” Don’t let this first single fool you; if you don’t like it, you could still enjoy the rest of this CD. There are the catchy “wooo-hoo” on a few of the tracks, the sweet (although mostly simple) lyrics and the harmonizing vocals that are all very reminiscent of the “blue” album from 1994. The standout tracks are the tropical “Island In The Sun” and the pop-punk “Knock-down Drag-out,” though I must stress that ALL of the ten songs are really well done. This CD is a triumph for a band that many people thought was gone for good. As you still can remember every word to your beloved “blue” album, this “green” one will join the ranks and be just as memorable.

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Q: Did you sign any new freshmen for next year?
A: Yes, we have two guys coming in from Sweden; a guy named Andreas Hogberg and a guy named Jonathan Francen, and right now those are the only two new guys we have coming in. They're both coming in off the Swedish Junior National Team. We're still actively trying to find one more player to bring in for next fall.

Q: Which players, if any, played significantly below your expectations?
A: [Sophomore] Ben Osbrach. He had a really tough fall, played very much below what he's capable of. He bounced back and in the spring he played at least pretty good. He's capable of much better and he knows that, but I was proud of him because in the fall he really had a slump, and anybody who's ever played golf knows how tough it is to overcome that. He did it in spring an ended up being a solid contributor for us, and so I was proud of the fact that he bounced back. I do know that Ben is capable of playing better golf, and I'm sure he will next year.

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Q: What impact will they have?
A: It's a big adjustment coming here from a different country, but I do believe that [Hogberg] will be very much an impact player. He has the talent to step in and play, hopefully in the top three right off the bat. [Francen] also has the chance to be an impact player, and certainly contribute a lot. At this point in their careers, Andreas is a little more accomplished than [Francen] is. Both are very accomplished and both have a chance to start right off the bat, so we look for them to do that.

Q: Do you put your team on a specific off-season program?
A: Everything over the summer is voluntary. For the guys that are in town, we only have for guys that are in town, I told them that Nate Peoples, our strength coordinator, wants to meet with them and help them work out this summer. So I think out of the four, at least two or three of them will get after it pretty hard in the weight room not that we have a down time. It's a good time to get better, so I certainly expect that to happen.

Q: Does lifting weights help in golf?
A: Yeah, as long as you do the right things, stay flexible and stretch. If you don't overdo it, then yeah, absolutely. The better players on the PGA Tour these days are all into physical fitness and strength, not just cardiovascular, but also strength training.

Q: What are your expectations for next season?
A: Next year I have big expectations. We had the youngest team this year probably in all of Division I golf. We started four freshmen and a sophomore, which is unheard of. Next year, these guys will be so much more mature, so much more seasoned. They'll know what to expect. They'll know the level of play that we need to accomplish our goals, so I think that next year, if the two incoming freshmen that we have can come in and adjust quickly and make an impact, we have a chance to qualify for the NCAA Regional and to win our conference, which are our two primary goals. Then we'll see if we are good enough to make it through regional to the actual NCAA Tournament. We'll still be very young again next year, but I know we have the talent to do it. I think it'll just be a much better year next year. I really believe that and I know the guys believe that as well.

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Pitching depth is key to winning College World Series

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Justin Cerrato probably won’t start any more games this season.

road to Omaha hinges on getting a #1 seed in a regional. This is almost certainly going to happen, so the next step has to do with matchups. If the Golden Knights get matched up with a weaker No. 4 seed in their regional, Bergman can throw a weaker starting pitcher (Brad Bushin, Paul Lubrano or Burt Clark) in the first game and save Pope and Arnold for the regional-clinching games. Given what has happened recently, the left-handed Clark, who gave up just two runs in eight innings in the TAAC Championship game, might be the best option.

If the team can get past the NCAA Regional, it will advance to the Super Regionals, playing one team in a best two-out-of-three series. With Pope and Arnold going back-to-back in that situation, UCF can beat anybody. Winning the Super Regional would put the Golden Knights in the College World Series for the first time.

After that, who knows? To win the whole thing, UCF must get better pitching from its third starter. Bushin and Lubrano have not pitched well of late, leaving the inexperienced Clark as the most successful of the three. It is likely that Bergman will give the nod to the junior Bushin, who played at perennial contender Georgia Tech before transferring to UCF. In the College World Series, an eight-team, double elimination tournament, the school the wins is usually the school that has the deepest pitching staff. That will be the Golden Knights’ biggest hurdle.

UCF fans, winning a national championship is the Man of La Mancha’s "Impossible Dream." The Golden Knight faithful received a shot of success with the football team’s victory over Alabama, but has suffered through a number of disappointing teams since then. To go to the College World Series would create a level of enthusiasm never reached before at UCF. And though many skeptics may not believe it, going to Omaha isn’t just chasing windmills. The Golden Knights really have a shot.

Really.

Numbers don’t lie: UCF baseball having great season

KRISTY SHINNA STAFF WRITER

This season the UCF baseball team has done almost everything right.

The Golden Knights won the regular season Trans America Athletic Conference title, the TAAC Tournament Championship and achieved its highest national ranking at eighth in Baseball America’s poll.

UCF finished the regular season leading the TAAC in team batting, team pitching and team fielding. As a team, the Golden Knights hit .333, had a 3.33 ERA, and had a 971 fielding percentage.

UCF players were tops in the conference in seven individual categories. Justin Pope had a 1.34 ERA and 139 strikeouts, Jeremy Kurella had 80 hits, Chad Ehrnsberger scored 57 runs, 61 RBI, and 16 home runs, and Mike Fox had 24 doubles all to lead the TAAC.

Pope set a team and conference record with 38.1 consecutive scoreless innings. The ace also became the career leader in the TAAC in strikeouts (310), wins in a season (13), and career wins (29).

Kurella had a 22-game hitting streak dating back to April 29, 2000, which ended on Feb. 18. Mike Myers set a UCF record with a 26-game hitting streak that was broken in the TAAC Championship game.

UCF pitchers won six of the 11 TAAC Pitcher-of-the-Week awards. Jason Arnold won it for the week of Feb. 5, Brad Bushin claimed it for the week of Feb. 12 and Pope won the award three times (2/26, 3/12, 3/19) while also picking up the Collegiate Baseball National Pitcher-of-the-Week honor twice. Ehrnsberger picked up the TAAC Player-of-the-Week honor twice (4/9, 5/14) for the Golden Knights.

While only two UCF players were named to the TAAC Preseason Team, the Golden Knights placed four players on the All-Conference First Team, two on the Second Team, and one on the All-Freshman Team. Head coach Jay Bergman claimed Coach-of-the-Year awards. Pope was Player-of-the-Year and joining him on the first team were Arnold, Ehrnsberger and Kurella. On the second team were Jeremy Frost and Fox and pitcher Paul Lubrano made the All-Freshman list.

What makes these accomplishments even more impressive is that 12 of UCF’s 25 players on the tournament roster are transfers. Bergman gives credit to his assistant coaches for bringing all the players together.

"A lot of that has to do with the coaches," he said. "The assistant coaches did a great job working with them. They were people who came here for a purpose and their purpose was to go to the College World Series."

Going into the NCAA Regional as a No. 1 seed is a step toward that mutual goal. If things go as expected in the regional, Bergman said not to rule out the possibility of UCF hosting a Super Regional.
Clark’s pitching leads UCF to win in championship game

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degout. Nobody panicked. Nobody screamed and bolstered. We just said let’s get ready to play and go out and play and that’s a good sign to a good team.”

Freshman Burt Clark, who hadn’t started a game in nearly two months, earned the win for the Golden Knights throwing eight innings, yielding six hits, two runs and four walks, while striking out four.

Bergman was impressed by his freshman’s performance.

“He got back into a little groove and he’s a very competitive youngster,” he said. “He’s got a good future.”

Pat Sitzkin took the loss for the Dolphins. He gave up six runs, five hits and seven walks.

UCF took the high road to the championship game, beating Troy State on Wednesday, Campbell on Thursday, and Florida Atlantic on Friday, thanks to a 10th inning, walk-off home run from Myers.

JU beat Campbell Wednesday, but fell to FAU on Thursday, 7-3. The Dolphins beat Troy State Friday afternoon keeping them alive to play FAU again Friday night. Brian Williams pitched a complete game for the Dolphins, giving them a 12-3 victory and the right to play UCF for the championship.

Jeremy Kurella was the tournament MVP. The UCF shortstop went 13-for-20 for the tournament with 10 runs, five doubles and three RBI.

“It’s great,” he said. “It’s an award for an individual, but it’s definitely a team win. I’ve got to thank all the other 24 players on the team because without them I wouldn’t be getting this award.”

UCF had eight players on the All-Tournament team. With Kurella were Clark, Myers, Von Sterntuch, Jason Arnold, Justin Pope, Mike Fox, and Chad Ehrnsberger. Four Dolphins rounded out the team. They were Chad Oliva, B.J. Weed, Chris Reier, and Phill Nover.

The Championship gave UCF an automatic bid a NCAA Regional, but more importantly virtually assured the Golden Knights the No. 1 seed at a Regional.

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Freshman Paul Lubrano struggled in the TAAC Tournament, but could be starting an important game in the NCAA Regional.

Senior transfer MVP of TAAC Tournament

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something I’ve been happy about.”

Along with his performance in the championship, Kurella helped UCF clinch first place in the TAAC in a series sweep of Stetson. He went 6-for-13 in the series and recorded at least two hits and one RBI in each of the three games.

UCF Coach Jay Bergman attributed Kurella’s strong finish to a week off due to a death in the family.

“I think physically that enabled him to regain some strength during that time,” he said. “He’s a gamer.”

Kurella, who’s from Dunedin, Fla., said that one of the main reasons he transferred to UCF was to be closer to home.

“My mom’s been at every one of my games almost this year and that’s one of the reasons I came home, so I could play in front of [my family],” he said.

Even from the beginning of the year, Kurella had his eyes on the ultimate goal.

“I want to help this team get to where it’s never been,” said Kurella. “I think everybody’s main objective is to get to Omaha and play in the College World Series.”

With his MVP performance in the TAAC Championship, Kurella has helped the Golden Knights get that much closer to their goal of Omaha.

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Jeremy Kurella made an impact in only season at UCF

Jeremy Kurella picked up right where he left off when he transferred to UCF from Northwestern University. The senior shortstop was a back-to-back first team All-Big Ten selection at Northwestern and followed that up with a first team All-Trans America Athletic Conference selection.

"I didn't expect it," he said. "I came in here and I didn't think I was going to get it because people have been here three or four years. I just came in here and tried to play and fill my role and I got honored by getting the award. It was very nice."

Even if it was unexpected, it was certainly earned. Kurella ended the regular season hitting .379, with 49 runs, 80 hits, 10 doubles, and 44 RBI. His batting average led the team and was fifth in the TAAC. He led the TAAC in hits.

In the TAAC Championship Tournament, Kurella showed how good he could be. He went 8-for-9 in the first two games of the tournament and finished 13-for-20, batting .650 and raising his season average to .403.

"I saw the ball pretty good," Kurella said. "I just tried to make solid contact and just do the best that I can and that got some results."

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Moving towards Omaha

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Omaha a real possibility for UCF baseball

Wait a second. Is this really possible? Does UCF really have a legitimate shot at a National Championship in a Division-I sport? Really?

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This is the school, after all, that most major media outlets call Central Florida, despite the athletic department’s repeated requests to be called UCF. This is the school, after all, that has to fight to get coverage from even the most local of publications.

None of that has mattered, however, to the eighth-ranked Golden Knight baseball team this year. UCF has dominated opponents en route to a 49-12 record, TAAC regular-season and tournament titles and two sweeps of Top-10 teams. A No. 1 seed in an NCAA Regional is likely to be forthcoming, giving the Golden Knights their best chance of reaching the Super Regionals and College World Series.

But does UCF really have a chance? Really?

The answer to that question is an emphatic "yes." Coach Jay Bergman, who owns 999 career wins, now has what is likely his best chance ever to reach the hallowed ground that is Omaha, Nebraska, the site of the College World Series. The Golden Knights came close to advancing past the NCAA Regional last year, but could not get the one win they needed against Florida State.

This year is a different story.

In Justin Pope (14-1, 1.34 ERA) and Jason Arnold (13-2, 1.84), UCF has one of the best 1-2 starting pitching combinations in the nation. UCF's hitting and pitching compares favorably with just about anybody. The Golden Knights do have a realistic chance.

Every run to a championship has an ideal scenario, however, and this one is no different. The easiest