SGA designates $20,000 for controversial speaker

Senators old a re-vote after backers leave the room

Ben Baird
STAFF WRITER

In an unconventional voting process last Thursday, UCF’s Student Government Association recommended spending $20,000 — one-third of its annual speaker budget — to bring liberal activist, best-selling author and filmmaker Michael Moore to campus next month.

The student senate meeting attracted a large crowd of members from the Progressive Council — UCF’s student activist coalition — who attended to publicly support the bill that would bring Moore to UCF.

The bill, which passed 10-9, initially produced a 9-9 tie that was broken by student body Vice President Brian Kirske, who voted in favor of the bill. Four senators abstained.

However, shortly after the members of the Progressive Council left, the student senate was adjourned.

Please see SGA on 3

No chads, but election’s still bad

Candidates again in limbo

JASON IRAY
STAFF WRITER

Two years after a ballot brouhaha brought outrage and costly reforms, Florida on Tuesday limped through a primary that left candidates and voters in limbo a full day after the polls closed.

In Orange County, several polling stations reported glitches in voting machines that forced elections officials to hand-count ballots. In South Florida, many voting precincts opened more than four hours late, causing hundreds of voters to be turned away. An order by Gov. Jeb Bush to extend polling hours statewide by another two hours to compensate only produced more confusion, as some polls remained open until 9 p.m. while others shut down at the customary 7 p.m.

With final tally still incomplete by press time Wednesday afternoon, political newcomer Bill McBride narrowly led Janet Reno, the only woman on the ballot, to challenge President Bush in November.

Like the 2000 presidential election debacle, Florida voters experienced problems at the polls on a
UCF gentleman try out for university pageant

I want to raise the bar for Mr. UCF so that we can continue to do more and really make a difference.

—REJINELO WOOD-HILL

It takes talent, personality and looking good in a pair of swimming trunks to win the title of Mr. UCF. This week students from all different backgrounds auditioned for a chance to be in the upcoming pageant, which takes place in October.

The Campus Activities Board interviewed contestants who were interested in competing in the pageant.

"We're speaking to them to get a feel for their personality because this person does have to represent UCF," said Scott Florence, director of the Spectacular Knights committee.

The candidates were judged on personality, academic achievement and volunteer history. Florence said the ideal candidate should have a lot of school spirit.

"We need someone who's not shy, someone who's outgoing, who shows his support for the campus," he said.

Senior Brian Dunhill said he was asked some tough questions at the audition — the toughest one being, "If you were a kitchen utensil, what would you be and why?"

His answer: a microwave.

"That question really threw me for a loop," said Dunhill. Other contestants thought the interview process was good practice.

"It's a good opportunity to be put on the spot and answer questions," said sophomore Bryan Taylor.

Most of the students who auditioned said they wanted to get more involved with the school.

"I thought it would be a pretty good opportunity to get out there," said Tim Burkholder.

Taylor agreed. "I love the school, and I'd love to be able to represent it," he said.

The candidates were also asked to perform a talent at the audition. Talents ranged from guitar playing to glow-stick juggling and a magic show.

Burkholder played his guitar for the judges. "Musical talent is one of the things that I enjoy the most," he said.

The current Mr. UCF, Rejineled Woods-Hill, showed up to help judge the candidates. He said the reason he competed in the pageant last year was to give back to the university.

"The school had offered me so much by the way of learning experiences and culture," he said.

As Mr. UCF, Woods-Hill spoke on student panels, participated in graduation ceremonies, and sang at various community events.

"It was probably the most prime way I could give back," he said.

Woods-Hill also had some advice for the contestants:

"Just be yourself," he said, "especially in interview, don't put on a facade, because the judges will see right through you."

Some of the contestants were already trying to envision what life would be like as Mr. UCF.

"I think it would probably make me a lot busier," said Taylor. "I'll probably have to be a lot of places and do a lot of fun activities for the school." Dunhill said the title would definitely change his college life.

"I think it would change it drastically based upon the amount of people who know you and the amount of people you'd get to know," he said.

When asked what's the first thing he would do as Mr. UCF, Burkholder jokingly responded, "I'd go to Disney World."

Money is also an incentive for the contestants. The winner of the pageant will receive various scholarships from the school and outside organizations.

The next Mr. UCF will also be a spokesman for the university. He will attend and speak at major events. He'll also be asked to attend community and alumni activities.

Woods-Hill said he hopes this year's representative will take his position seriously.

"I want to raise the bar for Mr. UCF," he said, "so that we can continue to do more and really make a difference."

This year's pageant theme is Disco, with a panel of UCF faculty and staff members to serve as judges. Ten of the contestants who auditioned will actually participate in the pageant.

The pageant will consist of an interview and talent portion and will include a swimsuit competition. Florence said it's how the students who make the pageant fun.

"It's a lot more fun than the Miss UCF pageant, which tends to be more serious," he said.

At the pageant, the judges will award the student who they feel represents the university best.

"We're helping students who want to take pride in UCF and rewarding their spirit and their support with a little money," said Florence.

The Mr. UCF pageant will be held Oct. 12 in the Pegasus Ballroom.

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SGA to use one-third of speaker fund for Michael Moore's public speech

FROM PAGE 1

Sen. Oren Falkowitz, who voted in favor of the bill, said he would be concerned about the Senate's vote differently with students here if the number of senators who joined the meeting after the initial vote.

"It's ridiculous that the student senate would even think to vote differently with students here [versus] when they're not there" said Mimi Tiner, student senator and founder of the UCF Progressive Council.

Sen. C. Hunter Singh questioned the collection of the re-vote and the Senate's voting procedure.

Singh said that even though the vote was made by a hand count, senators should have turned in their handwritten ballots to verify their votes. Not turning in a hard copy could qualify as a violation of Florida's Sunshine Laws, he said.

"Senators' votes, which are taken by a hand count in the senate meetings, are supposed to be submitted in printed form to the senate secretary for vote verification and record keeping.

Both student body President Marco Peña and UCF Vice President Tom Huddleston must sign the bill before the expense can be approved.

While UCF's College Republicans aren't particularly concerned about the Senate's voting chain or the proposed speaker's politics, they do question the expense of student activity fees.

"We don't have any problem with bringing him (Michael Moore) to campus. Our problem is, it is an extraordinarily huge amount of money," said Kyle Consider, chairman of the college Republicans.

The total cost to bring Moore to campus is $20,000, only 900 of which will be covered by the Progressive Council.

Those who oppose the expense claim that one third of SGA's annual speaker budget is far too much to spend on just one speaker.

By contrast, conservative author and radio talk-show host Anne Coulter is coming to campus for a fee of only $2,000, said Consider.

Others who embrace Moore's liberal politics, however, suggest that objections from the College Republicans may be nothing more than an attempt to limit discussion of political issues.

Consider denies that his organization's disagreement is politically driven. "We do not wish to silence the political realm on campus. This is solely a financial question," he said.

Huddleston says before he makes a decision on the expense, he needs to know what the majority of students want, and what is within the legal bounds of SGA.

Moore, who has just released his newest film, "Bowling for Columbine," in which he challenges public figures such as Charlton Heston, was propelled into the national spotlight with his 1989 film, "Roger & Me." He also has authored several books, including the New York Times bestseller, "Stupid White Men," a book that questions the legality of Bush's presidency.

Moore, who earns between $10,000-$20,000 for his public speeches, is scheduled to speak Oct. 22, just before a nationally tele­vised debate between Florida's gubernatorial candidates is broad­cast from the campus.

With 84 percent of precincts in the state reporting votes as of 9 p.m. EDT, McBride, with 231,888 votes, led Reno, who had 475,754 votes.

Unlike the 2000 election, the candidates remained positive and said neither would stand down on October 10. Reno refused to concede, saying, "It's been a great campaign. The returns are still coming in. It looks like it's going to be a long night ... we're on to victory tonight."

McBride was also upbeat. "I'm excited because we're finally getting an opportunity to challenge Bush," said McBride. "I'm just a lot more interested in running incredible campaigns. It's not about winning - it's about running really good campaigns. When we said we wanted to run incredible campaigns, we've got all the way up. It's been positive. It's been the right thing."

"Adding Moore: The only person that really is more nervous than I am right now is Jeb Bush," said McBride.

McBride made a late push for the Democratic nomination, passing Reno in the polls in the weeks before the primary. UCF political science professor Kirk Jones said former Reno campaign style hurt him in the primary. "It's not that Reno was so far ahead, she chose to run a non-traditional campaign," he said. "She relied heavily on free media. That left a big opening for Bill McBride to run a very traditional campaign.

Jewett said that financial backing also played a large role.

"McBride got big endorsements from some powerful groups that had money to spend to help in his home state," said Jewett. "Because of all his years as the head of the biggest law firm in the state, he had a lot of connections."

Frustrated with those voting machines were turned on at others. McBride cut into Reno’s constituency because he hourly used the “re-vote” option because voters thought he has a better chance against Jeb Bush, said a strategist.

"In the end, Janet Reno had a fairly good bloc of support at the start, but McBride was able to cut it into, and by month by mid year his name was great going," he said.

He added: "It was a matter of making the re-vote option because Reno couldn't do it on TV and he was."
Linnea Brown

A decade ago Anita Hill's sexual harassment lawsuit against Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas brought an avalanche of sexual harassment rules into workplaces across America, alarming professionals to button up their collars and lose their playful attitudes behind the door. But today, has a teasing approach returned to the workplace?

All of the students interviewed conceded that the amount of acceptable flirting depends heavily on what type of job a person has.

UCF senior Sean White is a soldier in the U.S. Marine Corps. He said flirting in the military is strictly prohibited.

"The Marines have zero tolerance for any kind of sexuality expressed at work," said White. "Since we are in positions where peoples' lives could be at stake, we have to uphold full respect and trust at all times; people lose that respect the second they start behaving unprofessionally."

Students such as sophomore David Suarez who work for government jobs said that their workplace also have extremely strict policies against flirting.

"I was too embarrassed to say anything, but all the other employees told me as a joke — he called me into his office and had me fill out a bunch of forms... so the guy got fired," he said.

If some students think flirting isn't always acceptable at work, many are even more opposed to the idea of dating an associate.

Sophomore Justin Porter says dating co-workers is a bad idea.

"It's impossible to leave your relationship in the bedroom no matter what anyone tells you," he said.

Sophomore Larry Montenegro said the idea makes her uncomfortable as well.

"Flirting is OK, but dating isn't," she said. "It's too complicated because you bring your personal life into work every day and everyone at work knows your business... so it's like having your relationship with everyone you work with.

Sophomore Sam Walker said she had an unproductive relationship with her boss last year when she worked at an Espresso pass service station.

"We totally didn't work out relationship-wise, so I quit," she said. "But I would have quit that job anyway — I think I just like the idea of sleeping with my boss."

A survey of 31,000 Americans conducted on MSNBC.com and Elite.com this past February concluded that dating a co-worker could lead to depression, distillation and awkwardness.

Fifty-one percent of the survey respondents who tried dating colleagues said the relationship ended bitterly and interfered with work. Only 25 percent of the couples were still together.

What may start as harmless flirting with a co-worker can also turn into hurtful marriage infidelity, said senior Jane-Ann Jones.

"My brother got married to this floozie-manna who spends a lot of time at the office, and last month he caught her slobbering all over some other married guy from work," said Jones. "He's filling for a divorce, but they would still be happily married if she hadn't dipped into the company ink."

Yet for students who work in service-oriented jobs, flirting is not only easy to justify, but also affects their incomes, said several people.

"Flirting is a tool just like anything else," said senior Mike Ladewski. "The real world is all about networking, whether or not using your appearance to flirt or using your friends to get you jobs."

Sophomore Katie McDaniel said that flirting is essential to the restaurant business. McDaniel, a waitress at Del Pablos restaurant, said that flirting with co-workers, as well as customers, makes work more enjoyable.

"Flirting with other servers makes it a more relaxed setting and makes me look forward to going to work," said McDaniel. "I think it's entirely on looks and attitude. Flirting with tables is impossible."

Senior Evan Morganstern said that flirting is often a necessary part of his job at Fairvilla adult video store, where he checks identification at the door and stocks vidicons.

"In such an overtly sexual environment, both the customers and employees seem pretty comfortable behaving a little more wild and crazy than they would the rest of the time," he said. "It's more silliness than anything else, but even my manager makes suggestions, joking comments all the time."

Flirtatious management doesn't bother freshman Sam Shotwell either. He defended the flirtatious manager he worked for at a local sub shop.

"His attitude was completely laid-back and he flirted like mad with all the women," he said. "But he was the coolest boss I've ever had because he was so personable."

So how much flirting in the workplace is inappropriate?

Many of the students agreed that the fine line between flirting and harassment can be difficult at times to decipher.

"My boss showed us this hourly exaggerated video on sexual harassment, but it really made me realize that different personality types take things differently," said Porter.

"I'm fine with any kind of flirting... except propositions," said Morganstern. "No one wants to feel violated. Also, because people have different personal boundaries, anything physical can be too much."

McDaniel said it becomes clear very quickly when a co-worker is offended by flirting.

"It's time to back off when it's obvious that the flirting isn't welcome anymore — when the other person isn't responding with the same intensity."

Kaleita R. Buch

Vice president and provost wants to teach engineering

Served if he had a clone of himself in this [provost] position," said Edward Neighbors, the vice president to the provost.

Whilehouse said the greatest accomplishment of the university since he has been in administrative office is the increased retention rate. The retention rate is the percentage of students who return to school from year to year. This year that rate increased from 68 percent to 72 percent.

"That is really the name of the game, having people be successful," he said.

He said the other accomplishment he is most pleased with during his 10-year term is the creation of the LEAD Scholars program. The program is a comprehensive two-year college-based student development program for talented first-year students with experience and interest in leadership, academics and service.

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A blue moon light shining through the front of John Cosso’s coughs up DFC police’s attention Aug. 27.

**Follow the light**

Nichole Boals, 10, received a notice to appear from UCF police for underage alcohol possession Aug. 26.

**Budding entrepreneur**

An officer James Roberts stopped Boals at 4:06 a.m. and observed that Boals had bloodshot, watery and glassy eyes.

Mangan noticed the odor of alcohol coming from McCabe’s car. With startling speech, McCabe, told the officer that he had consumed three beers purchased for him by a friend at Rosy’s nightclub.

McCabe swayed and stopped walking to steady himself during field sobriety tests.

Mangan took McCabe to the Orange County DFC center, where McCabe refused a breath test.

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What's New-

In Business and Finance

One Year Later, Signs of Rebound

A year after the terror attacks, much of the economic news from New York City and state officials seems grim. Unemployment has risen sharply, city and state budget deficits are widening, tolls are spending less and Wall Street has lost its swagger.

But New York’s recovery is not nearly as weak as a first glance. Of the 180,000 jobs that left lower Manhattan immediately after the attacks, nearly two-thirds will return as early as next year, according to estimates by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

The return of business confidence and the rebound in housing prices will likely enable the city to attract more businesses and workers.

Survey: Few Expect Second Recession

An overwhelming majority of professional economists say there is no more than a 25% chance the economy will fall back into recession.

The Blue Chip Economic Indicators survey asked a panel of 44 economists to predict the chance of a recession in the next 12 months. A majority of 30 economists say there is a slim chance of a recession, while only four economists say an economic downturn is likely.

Cigarette Price War

Pinches RJR Profit

At least one cigarette maker feels the heat of new price pressures. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Holdings said its profits will be squeezed for the rest of the year.

What You Need to Succeed

New ABCs of Branding

Product Names Pack Punch

One Letter at a Time;
BlackBerry >> StormBerry

BY BRADBURY

A soon as the naming game at Lexicon Branding Inc. saw the hand-held wireless prototype that Research In Motion Ltd. had produced, they struck by the little keyboard buttons, which resembled nothing so much as seeds.

"Strawberry," suggested one. "No, "straw" is a slowwwwwsyllable, said Stanford University linguist Will Lehman, who also is director of linguistics at Lexicon. That's just the opposite of the zippy connotations Research In Motion wanted.

But "berry" was good: Lexicon's research had shown that people associate the b sound with reliability, said David Placke, who founded Research in Motion and is its presdient, while the short e evokes speed. Another syllable with a b sound and a short vowel would null it...and within seconds the Lexicon team had its BlackBerry.

Naming consultants have tradiitionally focused on semantic associations—that is, names whose parts evoke some desirable association. That approach gave us everythinthing from Qualcomm ("quality" and "communications") and Verison ("horizon," as in forward-looking) to Intel ("intelligent" and "electronics") and Pegasus.

But as winning hybrids of real words become scarcer than a tele­
comm with a rising stock price, some naming consultants are ad­
vising brand managers to tap dif­
cert customer segments in their customers' brains: those linking the raw sounds of vowels and consonants—known as phonemes—to specific meanings and even emotions.

"Most phonemes have a distinct emotional character," says psych­
ologist Cynthia Whissell of Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario. Or as Dr. Lehman puts it, "sounds have meaning. There is a relationship between speech sounds and emotions."

What naming consultants are finding is that sound has power. Re­
mantially, for instance, the name "Blackberry" suggests accessibility; "berry" also connotes small­ness compared with other hand­
devices. But phonologically, accord­ing to Lexicon's research, respond­
ents rate the b sound as more strongly suggesting relaxation. In other words, the sound's ability to make an image of a fruit—like a red­
hand-won't require a wide­open­ness: pushing a few buttons will yield less comfort.

"Pearl" means more like a Greek and soft evokes the concept. It is unusual and eye­
catching for a name to begin with a p and end with f. But the most prominent sound is a b which people rate higher on a scale of active/remote. The sound is also rated as very fast and comfortable.

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Presentation 5: 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Presentation 7: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
On Fox TV, ‘It’s Good to Be Bad’

By Emily Nelson

After a tumble in the ratings last year, Fox television network is attempting to comeback with roster shows aimed at teens and 20-somethings. On-air promotions for its new fall entertainment programs have begun, including a promo for the Wednesday night show (which features the tagline, “It’s good to be bad.”)

By playing the “bad” card before, Fox grew into a bona fide fourth network with shows like “Beverly Hills, 90210” and “Melrose Place.” Now, it’s looking to revamp its racy image and particularly win back young, female viewers. Foremost among the new shows is “Girls Club,” a drama about three pretty lawyers who are best friends, produced by David R. Keil, executive producer of ABC’s “The Practice.” Another show, “Fastlane,” is about three undercover cops who drive fast cars and listen to hip music. And then there’s “Firefly,” a science-fiction drama from the creator of “Buffy the Vampire Slayer.”

Last year, while Fox’s sister cable network, Fox News, built ratings, the network’s entertainment offerings faltered. Overall, viewers fell 7%. But even more damaging was the 15% slide in adults age 18 to 49. NBC surpassed Fox among the critical 18- to 34-year-old age group, which Fox had long dominated. And two Fox blockbuster shows, “X-Files” and “Ally McBeal,” died just as NBC’s “Survivor” was winning die-hard fans of reality shows. Only two of Fox’s 11 new shows from last year made it back this fall: “Bernie Mac,” a family sitcom, and “X,” the drama starring Kiefer Sutherland as a government agent. Now, with the success of Fox’s “American Idol,” a reality-show take on TV talent contests, the picture has changed. That show, which drew an average 25 million viewers during its last fall’s final episode—close to Fox’s highest-ever rating on a nonsports night—will resume in January. And if “two shows out of six or seven do well, Fox could have a great year,” says Steve Sternberg, director of audience analysis at Magna Global USA.
Our Stance:

U.S. Actions Resemble Behavior Of Rogue Nations

W hat would you call a country that produces the highest levels of dangerous chemicals in the world? How about a country whose leader announces that he is abandoning a global control treaty and refuses to enforce the biological weapons treaty because it doesn’t want international inspectors checking its own weapons? How about a country that does not give a flip about negotiations to reverse global warming?

Sounds like a country that’s negligent and dictatorial, one that may suggest war as an answer. Maybe Iraq or one of those other immoral nations?

Wrong. This time the wicked nation is the United States of America.

At the recent World Summit, many nations and environmentalists criticized the U.S. for its subservience to endorse treaties that would reduce global warming and increase foreign aid to developing and impoverished nations.

In particular, the U.S. has refused to sign the Kyoto treaty—a treaty signed by 54 other nations designed to limit emissions of greenhouse gases by industrial nations that many scientists believe causes global warming. President Bush’s decision to back out of the treaty, which he claims will overburden the country’s industry during a slow economy, has frustrated the majority of the world’s nations—especially since the U.S. has been one of the major culprits in global pollution and one of the biggest emitters of greenhouse gases.

Recent events such as last month’s floods in Europe and rising temperatures around the world prove that global warming is already occurring.

As a leader of a high-power nation, President Bush should not back out of a treaty that forces American companies to remain environmentally-responsible. He should continue to set an example for the rest of the world to follow. Instead, the U.S. recklessly ignores the environmental consequences of its actions in its everlasting pursuit of its dollar.

As oil wells dry up in the Middle East, oil companies will demand the right to search for oil elsewhere. They eventually will drill in the Arctic because the U.S. government obviously protects and promotes its financial interests before environmental concerns.

While the U.S. is the strongest country in the world—economically, militarily, strategically—that doesn’t mean it can ignore the international laws and treaties and U.N. resolutions that it demands other countries obey.

As members of the international community and exemplars of a democratic nation, Bush and Congress must meet the same high standards for foreign policy that they set for themselves on domestic ideals.

Unfortunately, the U.S. tends to act on its unchallenged superpower role without concern for what others in the world think.

Our Stance:

Maybe mom doesn’t know best when it comes to no sex

Suddenly moms matter when teenagers make the decision to have sex, for the first time—at least according to a recent study.

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Unfortunately, the U.S. tends to act on its unchallenged superpower role without concern for what others in the world think.
The reasons why I wish I was hazed

BECKA KULCHAK
STAFF WRITER

As sorority and fraternity recruitment comes to a close, I began to grow nauseated for the time before I went through recruitment, a time when I was still idealistic. I eagerly anticipated being hazed, but much to my regret, I did not experience a single iota of the once-time-honored tradition of humilitating myself by submitting to a group of my peers. Instead I had settle for getting to know the girls in my sorority and pledge class, not through a series of mind games and ridiculous scavenger hunts, but through actual conversation and shared experiences.

Where was all the cruelty I heard about in becoming Greek? I can't help but feel cheated.

Hazing, which is illegal here in Florida and most states, can be anything from forcing new members to consume alcohol, food or drugs to sending new members on scavenger hunts and leaving them naked in the woods. The possibilities are endless when it comes to hazing. It all depends on the amount of cruelty of your peers.

One of the main reasons I joined a sorority in the first place was to experience all the crazy, extreme, outrageous and out-of-control experiences that television and movies have portrayed about sororities, fraternities and college life in general. Now, due to anti-hazing laws, I experience the Diet Coke of sorority life.

My conception of Greek life comes from stereotypes that I have amassed through the years thanks to the media. I am not surprised that the media would lie to me, just disappointed.

I can't seem to muster any excitement living in an environment where there is no threat to my safety, where my appetite for cruelty is unsatisfied.

I know that I am up to the emotional and physical challenge of hazing and I don't believe that I'm especially susceptible to peer pressure or mind control by people I just met, either. I doubt that there was ever any control to begin with; oppression is a state of mind.

Taking hazing out of our private clubs and public organizations is like watching 'The Usual Suspects,' already knowing that Kevin Spacey is Kobayashi Nose. It's like being four years old and knowing that the Easter Bunny, Santa Claus and the Tooth Fairy are just your crank parents shelling out a meager distribution of love translated through dollars and cents.

All the ideas I had about college as far back as I can remember are destroyed. Not only is Greek life a letdown, but college life is a disappointing reality in all aspects. It is reminiscent of the fact that UCF is not a party school. There are no pranks to pull, no shenanigans to be had. All in lost — we are here solely for our education.

Live life to its fullest: play hard, laugh loud, love well

AT LARGE

A week after Sept. 11, I sat among silent passengers on an airplane as it pushed into the morning sky. I thought of the unspecting people on flights the week before and asked myself, "Am I ready to die?"

To answer yes seemed like a finite, stagnant achievement. So I asked a better question: Am I ready to live?

Am I ready to live life like the one-time-around ride that it is?

Do I play it too safe, or am I willing to meet or create opportunities that could result in unimaginable rewards?

That flight last year was itself a step into the unknown for me. With nothing more to go on except pictures of the Grand Tetons mountains in Wyoming and a website devoted to a trip through a ranch, I decided to fly to a place I'd never been and spend a week's vacation with people I'd never met.

The draw of a beautiful place and unlimited horseback riding made it an easy step to take. But beyond my choices of vacation, what risks would I take?

I suddenly remembered the great quote my guidance counselor had taped to his wall my senior year of high school.

"What would you do if you knew you would not fail?"

With no fear of failure, what would I study, what would I do for work, where would I choose to live?

I re-evaluated and I changed my degree. Out went the technical writing degree I thought I should pursue and suddenly I became a journalist.

While I didn't pack up my office, I did use another answer to decide whether or not to pursue a professional certification.

My choice was to spend a few months studying for an exam, or put the time toward another love, photography. I scratched my plans for my second professional certification and found a commercial photography program instead.

I took another plunge. I began to reconsider other choices in my life.

What would I do or say if I weren't afraid of what others thought? Who would I love, who would I leave, what would I try?

I considered that question many times between last year and even this past Saturday night. I've used the answers to climb out on new limbs in my work, play, studies and relationships.

When I compare my life against my lottery-winner dreams, there are fewer gaps today than last year.

Whether or not I ever get my dream job, or settle in my dream town or live on my dream ranch, I search for ways to live and enjoy parts of my dream every day.

I ride, I write, I take photos. I spend more time with family and friends.

A week after the one-year anniversary of an unprecedented disaster, I'll return to the same ranch in Wyoming. That trip is just another step in my commitment to take and make opportunities to fully enjoy my time on this ride.

Whenever you can, play hard. Laugh loud. Love well.

CATHLEEN CRANE
STAFF WRITER

Contrary to Mr. Day's remarks, some of these affairs were not only police officers but were also served in our great services. In this case, I got my full support with the Campus Police, who have done an outstanding job in protecting the student body of UCF.

Many other student leaders during my tenure were convicted as police officers.

Letters to the Editor

Peña's report nothing but fluff piece

I know Mr. Peña, who was the editor of the UCF Student Union newspaper for an exceptional PR campaign in reference to "Report Card: Pena's second term," written by Kathryn Podolsky that ran on Sept. 9, 2002.

I haven't seen that kind of back-peddling since the SAS introduced the three-pointed "hard-hitting" journalism that highlighted the arrest of UCF president Peña. Peña was completely understated by that propagandistically phony report, which was published on Sept 12.

I may not be the most savvy media critic, but come on now. You followed up a scandalous front page story with superficial feel-good fluff complete with a quoter printed of Peña hard at work, saying what could or could not be bad news. While I do not deny any patterns in the making, I do foresee the making of some skilled spin doctors.

In the news, I have no quarrel with Mr. Peña. Nobody ever said the WC in UCF stood for "Responsible." Anybody, he concludes, can only use WC in forming a covered pluck in the College Park-UCF limbo.

My concern is with you, dear editors. Do not serve us in Spain and tell us it's "sirloin." I'm on diet, it's not credible and it most definitely isn't journalism.

HEATHER KELLY
UF senior

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The Atlantic Sun named UCF senior goalkeeper Jessica Kuhlman defensive Player of the Week for her four shutouts to open the season. She has collected 11 saves in 358 minutes of play. She has 14 career shutouts.

Knights pick up first conference win
UCF’s women’s soccer team extended it shoutout streak to four, balking Florida Atlantic in its first conference game 2-0 on Sunday. The Golden Knights are now 4-0.

After coming close to scoring a goal in the previous games by hitting the crossbar on three occasions, junior midfielder Patty Machbellow broke the scoreless game at the 58:43 mark. Macbellow received a pass in the penalty box from Brittni Estelman and drove the ball into the lower left side of the net.

About 25 minutes later, sophomore Allison Blagriff put the game out of reach, scoring her first goal of the season off an assist from Courtney Haasen. In net, Jessica Kuhlman made four saves on the day.

Making history
The only other UCF team that started its season perfect is the 1981 team, which produced five consecutive victories. With Amy Ford in net, the ’81 team went 11-3, losing all three games to North Carolina. In the final game of the season, UCF lost a closely contested match to the Tar Heels 0-1 in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Championship game, a year before the NCAA recognized women’s soccer.

The UCF offense struggles to find consistency

Chris Bernhardt
Staff Writer

It was midway through the third quarter in the span of four minutes, Arizona State had turned a 13-10 UCF lead into its own 25-18 advantage. Golden Knights quarterback Ryan Schneider was lying on the ground of Sun Devil Stadium and not looking like he would get up anytime soon.

It was a fitting symbol of what UCF’s offense has looked like over the past two games: bruised and beaten. From fumbles to lost shoes, the Golden Knights have looked terribly inconsistent in scoring just 37 points in two games.

“We have a lot of mental mistakes and a lot of mental errors that we have to overcome,” said tight end Mario Jackson. “We’re not down but we know that we have to do a lot of reconstruction here in the next week.”

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Sante named player of the week

Tom Alexander Staff Writer

Leyre Santaella Sante tied a career-high with 35 kills Saturday against Stephen F. Austin, earning her Atlantic Sun Player of the Week honors.

Her performance also rated second best in the nation for last week with Hawaii's Kim Willoughby topping Sante with 38 kills.

Sante's performance was seventh best in UCF history. She leads the team and the A-Sun with 5.25 kills a game. Her performances last weekend also pushed her career kill total over the 1,000 plateau. She has 1,040, placing her fifth on UCF's all-time list. She is also just one of five players to surpass 1,000 kills.

Volleyball splits pair

The UCF volleyball team split two five-game matches Saturday at the UCF Fieldhouse in Orlando.


Leyre Santaella Sante did her part to help the Knights win, tying a career high for kills with 35. Stephen F. Austin proved to be too much for UCF with four different players recording double-digit kills.

Senior Casey Kermer racked up a career-high 20 kills in the win over Northeastern. Kermer also set a personal best for digs in that match with 31. The Knights record fell to 2-5 on the season. Up next UCF is in action again this weekend in the UCF Classic. Montana, Charleston Southern, and Mississippi will compete on Friday and Saturday at the UCF Arena. The Golden Knights open the tournament at 7 p.m. Friday against Montana. They take on Charleston Southern at 12:30 p.m. Saturday and face Mississippi in the nightcap at 7 p.m.

This comes to Orlando on Sunday to play the Knights at 1 p.m.

Knights need to get it together

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len, as the Thundering Herd are ranked No. 17 in the nation in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll. Marshall quarterback Byron Leftwich is a Heisman Trophy candidate.

"From the things that I hear, Byron Leftwich is a great player," said Brown.

"Marshall has a very explosive offense. They pass the ball a lot. They have good receivers and we just gotta do what we have to do and try to break them down and really understand what they do.

"I believe that we have a great defense that can play with just about anybody and if we do what we have to do, their offense and what they do shouldn't really matter. We just gotta do what we have to do and concentrate on doing the things that we practice and doing the things that we do.

"You can't really worry about what they do."
Weather has wreaked havoc on practice schedule

From a lack of talent, Schneider is good enough to be challenging Daunte Culpepper’s passing records, while wideout Doug Gabriel’s stock seems to rise every week. And Alex Hayes provides a formidable running game.

The only true area of concern is the offensive line. They’re an experienced group full of many JC players and have nicknamed themselves “The Moat.” But injuries have kept them from practicing together much and made “The Moat” an easy swim for defenders. They allowed eight sacks and UCF has only gained 1.8 yards per rush.

“I don’t think that the offensive line is playing with the confidence they need to play with right now,” said UCF Coach Mike Kruczek. “I go back to statements in the summer about the continuity of that line. We never had one day when the same five were ever starting together. That makes it real tough.”

But even through those struggles up front, UCF has had ample opportunity to put points on the board. They’ve just found too many ways to fail.

The biggest culprit has been dropped passes. From Gabriel’s questionable drop in the endzone against Penn State to Jackson’s perplexing mis-step to end UCF’s first drive against Arizona State, dropped passes have cost the Golden Knights dearly.

In particular the team had difficulties catching in the rain at Arizona, causing Schneider to go 7-for-24, the worst game of his career.

The next big problem has been turnovers. In the third quarter against Penn State, Schneider and center Mike Malley fumbled a snap deep in their own territory, giving the Nittany Lions an easy field goal. Schneider was intercepted in UCF territory later in the quarter and only a great goal line stand by the defense saved a score.

Then, last week, UCF had two interceptions returned for touchdowns on back-to-back drives. Gabriel also fumbled away a potential scoring drive in the second quarter.

Then there are the penalties. Of the 17 penalties UCF incurred against Arizona State, 11 were on the offense. It’s all too often putting UCF in third-and-long situations and making it difficult to get any rhythm going.

And overall UCF has just failed to execute in the clitch. They were 0-for-11 on third-down conversions against Arizona State and haven’t been able to make plays in the redzone. This sloppiness and lack of execution can be contributed to the lack of practice time UCF has had. The constant rain has forced them to cut short practice or to practice indoors far too many times.

“I’m not going to make excuses, but the plain and simple fact is we just didn’t practice last week,” said Kruczek. “You can’t prepare a football team in a gym setting. You can’t throw the football, there’s no room. Offensively we can’t do anything.”

The Golden Knights have two weeks to fix these problems before they head to Marshall and open up their MAC schedule. This was supposed to be a matchup of the two most potent offenses in the conference. UCF must find the offensive touch that has made them so successful in the past, for they’ll likely have to out-gun Marshall to win.

“We have a great team but we’re missing the small things. We just got to get back out here on the practice field and do what we know we can do,” said Jackson. “We should go out and put on a good show against Marshall in two weeks.”
MEN'S SOCCER NOTEBOOK
Men's soccer opens at home with Florida Tech

TOM ALEXANDER
STAFF WRITER

Golden Knights lose in double overtime
The UCF men's soccer team lost a hard-fought battle 2-1 Sunday to the College of Charleston in double overtime. It was the final game in the Nike Soccer Classic.

The Golden Knights led at halftime 1-0 thanks to junior Tobias Kronberger’s goal from freshman Billy Judino with 1:30 left in the first half. Charleston’s Tony Myers evened the score at the 64:38 mark, and the score would stay that way for another 35 minutes until Myers scored his second goal of the game 1 minute, 53 seconds into the second overtime period.

The Golden Knights were outshot by the Cougars 20-8 in the match, but UCF goalie Ryan McIntosh recorded five saves. The Knights fall to 1-2-1 on the season.

Men’s soccer picks up first win of the season
The UCF men’s soccer team picked up its first victory of 2002 Saturday in the first round of the Nike/College of Charleston Soccer Classic as they beat the Citadel 2-1.

The Golden Knights got out to an early lead when senior Ornulf Olsen scored an unassisted goal six minutes into the game. The Citadel evened the score in the 28th minute with a goal by Matt Breech.

UCF junior Zegai Habtom scored just before halftime to put the Knights ahead for good. There were no goals in the second half.

Sophomore goalkeeper Ryan McIntosh earned eight saves for the Knights, who improved their record to 1-1-1 on the season.

Up next
The Golden Knights get a week off before kicking off their home schedule Sept. 16 against Florida Tech.

Cross Country teams head to Tallahassee

The men’s and women’s cross country teams ran in the FSU Invitational on Saturday. Last weekend they ran in the UCF Invitational, where the women’s team finished second and the men’s team finished fifth.
Ah, Wilderness!

by Eugene O'Neill

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Cast brings characters, story to life

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crown molding. This set though basic, functions well for this play. The props are minimal making scene transitions run smoothly. Stage Manager Kelly Borgia has total faith in her crew.

"I know the technical part will run well," said Borgia. "I am very excited for the show. It’s my senior year and this is my last chance to stage manage a show."

The supporting cast of "Ah, Wilderness!" include Matt Greenbaum, Brook Hanneman, Eric Ulloa; Ann Laceronta, Robert Coll, Aaron Kirkpatrick, Donnie Bonner, Dena Kology; Brooks Booth and Chris Taylor. The lighting was designed by Jason Kolleben. The sound technician is Aaron Mohr. Costumes were designed by Jack Smith, also from Orlando Shakespeare Festival.

"Ah, Wilderness!" opens today at 8 p.m. and runs through Sept. 22. Matinee performances begin at 2 p.m. Evening performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the Theatre UCF Ticket Office, (407) 823-1500. Tickets are $10 for the general public, $6 for senior citizens and $6 for students with proper ID.

Credit cards, discounts help

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themselves clipping coupons and shopping at discount clothing stores. Freshman Michael Thomas stated that he spends the same amount, because "food," Michael Thomas stated that monetarily I am at a limit­

mate. "Instead of spending money on fun things, I spend it on

meals to microwave dinners. Knowing they can always get a diet," said. Many students have gone from home cooked meals to microwave dinners.

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Aside from financial assistance, UCF students work part-time jobs to help aren’t school related," Brooks said. "They buy me more stuff now, which I love."

Students also have a new type of appreciation for their parents. "I definitely appreciate them more because I can see how hard it is to budget money to buy groceries and pay the bills," McNamague said.

Credit Cards also lend a helping hand in a student’s journey to financial instability. Upon their 18th birthday, many students are bombarded with credit offers that contain those magical words “pre-approved.” It seems like every time I check the mail there is something from a credit card company asking me to ‘join now,’ McNamague said.

A study by the Southwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators stated that 78 percent of undergraduate students have at least one credit card. That percentage rose 11 points from the previous study done two years ago.

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Aside from financial assistance, UCF students work part-time jobs to help fund their education. Natalia Zulnaga, senior, stated that in addition to her classes she works about 25 hours a week. During the summer Zulnaga works full time. Students that are still adapting to college life plan on a job in the near future. "Financial Aid has paid for my housing and tuition, but I am looking for a job to help pay bills," Brooks said.

Despite their new found independence, college students still count on Mom and Dad every now and then. "My parents give me money to eat and to pay for things that are there to enjoy some luxuries while living on a limited budget. A student ID can become your best friend if you know how to use it."

Several local businesses including movie theatres, tanning salons, restaurants and local attractions offer discounts to students seeking recreation. Sol y Lana tanning salon, located at 12014 Collegiate Way, offers dis­counted prices to UCF students. "Tanning beds are more of a luxury than a necessity," owner Vito Sindelilanti stated. "We understand that students are because they understand what it’s like to be college students. "We know a lot are full-time students with jobs, and we are trying to help out," she added. "We’re all been there." Fantastic Sams is located at 10601 E. Colonial Drive and 4270 Aloma Ave.

Being a poor college student takes some time to get used to. Brooks offers some suggestions to the world outside of UCF. "Have pity on us poor college students. Offer us your leftovers," Brooks adds. "We will do the same for you when we are wealthy."
PC recycling still relies on consumers

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Computer monitors made with cathode ray tubes contain about 5 to 8 pounds of lead. Critics say the computer industry is shirking a responsibility to dispose of the hazardous materials it produces. But PC companies say consumers have the ultimate responsibility to take care of the environment.

Environmentalists and corporations have been waging that war for decades. But the battle is only heating up. Dell Computer Corp. has an end-of-life recycling program nearly a decade old, but PC makers say it’s worse than useless.

"Historically, in terms of recycling, producers of products in this country have been fairly successful at avoiding the end-of-life costs of their products," said Robin Schneider, director of the Texas Campaign for the Environment. "It’s pretty typical for the industries in this country to get off that hook."

Schneider’s group protest ed at Dell Computer Corp.’s annual meeting in July, urging the company to charge customers up front for recycling costs.

Dell says its business customers can send computers to one of several recycling centers, only paying for the shipping while Dell covers the costs to break down the PC and dispose of the parts. The company is planning to debut a similar program for consumers in late September.

But takeback programs don’t work very well, environmentalists say. Even in some European countries where companies are required to take PCs back from customers and pay all the costs, consumers often simply put their old computers in the garbage.

Computer makers say a voluntary approach gives them more opportunity to find marketable ways to turn their industry's waste into something useful.

Gateway, for example, has offered rebates of $50 and even $100 if customers turn in old computers. PC makers say they’re also focusing on ways to make PCs more environmentally friendly from the start. A new wave of flat-panel monitors, for instance, are growing popular with consumers and don’t have lead-based cathode ray tubes.

NEC Corp. last month introduced its U.S. version of the PowerMate, a computer made of recyclable plastic with a flat-panel monitor and a lead-free motherboard. But the PowerMate retails for $1,260, far above the bargain-basement prices for many PCs. Computer makers are trying to make their products safer for the environment, but they have to worry about competitive prices, said Renee St. Denis, H-P’s product recycling business unit manager.

"That’s the business reality," said "If nobody buys the product, it’s worse than if you’d never made it.”

Student room decoration vary

ALEXIS GRAHAM

When students move into their dorms or apartments at the beginning of the year, it becomes their home away from home. Students decorate their rooms to match their likes and unique tastes.

For some students, a room has to be a comfortable environment and not just blank white walls. Some of the ways students decorate their rooms is by hanging up posters or pictures. Others like to brighten up their rooms with fun-shaped lamps.

Tara Plank, a sophomore and resident in the Academic Village apartments decorates her room with splashes of blue and purple on her bed and pillows. She also has pictures of friends all over her walls as reminders of home.

"I need to have a comfortable place to study," said Plank.

Courtney Woodling, a sophomore, chose to decorate her room with a flower theme. She has an art poster with multicolored flowers that matches her bedding and her seagrass that hangs above the window. She also has pictures of family and friends all around the room.

Not all students fill their rooms with bright colors and excessive pictures. Brian Fin, a senior, has a couple posters on the wall and two fish tanks. He has an example of what some may call a typical "guys room."

Most apartments have living rooms that serve as a common space for roommates to watch television and socialize. Of the living rooms observed, most girls’ apartments seemed to have a lot more color and character than those of guys. Their furniture was nicely arranged and they made their social area a lot more home-like.

On the other hand, the boys’ apartments observed, most had bare walls and one large television in the middle of the floor with video game equipment scattered all over the floor.

Students decorating can be from the dull to the extreme, it all depends on the personal taste and how much they are willing to spend. Decorating on a budget can be difficult, but there are ways to accomplish a great look and comfortable environment.
Cliches come to life

- Sophia Reitan fell and broke her arm when a Pentecostal Upper Room Tabernacle minister pushed the evil spirits from her forehead, and no one caught her when she swooned backward; she settled with the church for $80,000 (Dix Hills, N.Y., February). And according to a police report in the August 1999 edition of the Universal Star (Loxley, Ala.), street preacher Orlando Bethel, who was scheduled to sing at the June funeral of his wife’s uncle, was beaten by parishioners and physically tossed from the Pine Grove Baptist Church after he screamed from the pulpit that the deceased was a “drunkard” and a “fornicater” and was now “burning in Hell” and that the parishioners would be right behind him. Bethel defended himself outlawed by claiming that the “Holy Ghost” had ordered him to tell the truth.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
8:30 am - 4:30 pm North Star Summit, "Leaders Meeting Leaders" by EKCEL, SU Pegasus Ballroom. Spaces now open to any student.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
1 pm: Homecoming volunteer meeting, Student Union Garden Key Ballroom, Rm. 221. All students and clubs welcome.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
3 pm: Homecoming 101, Organizational meeting. Not involved in a club or organization? Want to participate in Homecoming festivities? Come to the Homecoming organizational meeting, SU Rm. 221A. For questions email UCFHomecomingPR@hotmail.com or call the Office of Student Activities at (407) 823-6471.

North Star Summit- "Leaders Meeting Leaders"

September 14, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, SU Pegasus Ballroom

The North Star Summit is an opportunity for advanced student leaders to enhance their leadership development, while making connections with fellow leaders at the University of Central Florida. These leaders will participate in a day filled with activities designed to contribute to their leadership abilities. A keynote speaker, informational sessions, team building activities, and more will be included in this Summit and will allow collaboration and communication among students. The North Star Summit will be executed in a concurrent learning workshop format, with many topics offered at the same time. RSVP to EKCEL@mail.ucf.edu. Spaces now open to any student.

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