Poised, polished, ready to throw punches

Bush, McBride spar on education, child welfare in gubernatorial debate

JASON IRSAY STAFF WRITER

In their first televised debate, Republican governor Jeb Bush spoke eloquently last Friday night about his accomplishments, while Democratic challenger Bill McBride portrayed Bush as a leader who had fallen out of touch with the state’s residents.

Their responses to a series of videotaped questions from various Floridians allowed the two candidates to explain their contrasting perceptions of Florida’s present condition and their different plans.

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Short-term loans a long time coming

Students still wait for delayed financial aid, emergency loans

CHRISTINE DELLERT STAFF WRITER

Lana Williams, a graduate student, has returned to see financial aid advisors in Millican Hall eight times. By the seventh week of the new semester, she still has not received her financial aid loans from the school.

She has applied for a federal semester loan as well as short-term loans, and is still waiting for both to arrive.

“As a grad student, this financial aid is very important,” said Williams.

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Title IX on the line

KATRINA HAMMER STAFF WRITER

Jeff Rubberg had to stay on the mat. Rubberg, a junior, does not know life without wrestling. It’s in his blood and he’s going to wrestle no matter what, he says. His drive and ambition led to the creation in 2000 of the UCF wrestling club, where Rubberg serves as team captain.

Wrestling club coach Johnny Rose calls him one of the best in the nation, one that finished 8-1 last season in competition with teams in the National Collegiate Wrestling Association.

“We have the ability to compete at the NCAA level,” he said, “but no one will let us.”

Rubberg and his team can’t compete in the NCAA because wrestling at UCF is not an NCAA-sanctioned sport. That’s because, in 1987, the university dropped its wrestling program from the NCAA ranks to comply with Title IX.

In 1972, Title IX legislation equalized men’s and women’s athletics in schools and universities across the nation by prohibiting funds from men’s sports to support an equal number of women’s sports. The Intercollegiate Athletics policy, established in 1972, continues to enforce that equity at UCF and other universities.

Thirty years later, legislators are now considering restoring funds to male athletics programs that were robbed of funds or eliminated altogether as a result of the federal mandate.

While every facet of gender equality in education is protected under Title IX, including student health, housing, activities, and financial assistance—athletic programs have been at the center of controversy for many years.

Responding to that controversy, U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige has launched a commission that will convene four public meetings to hear from experts, coaches, student athletes, parents and others on Title IX between now and January.

The purpose of the commission is to learn how to do a better job of enforcing a law that represents hope to so many American athletes, he said.

The equity policy has made some kind of difference for everyone, said UCF history professor Richard Crepeau.

“At one level the story of Title IX has been a success,” he said. “At the same time, there is considerable discontent from male athletes.”

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Extinguished

The Golden Knights defeated the Liberty Flames 48-17 in UCF’s home opener Saturday at the Citrus Bowl, marking their first win of the season.

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McBride pushes drug plan for seniors:
Bush claims success in treating tech jobs

KATRINA HAMMER
STAFF WRITER

With help from the Orange County Supervisor of Elections Office, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will hold several voter registration kickoff events this week to register students and others for the Nov. 5 general election before the Oct. 7 deadline.

"We want people to be in tune with the voting process," said Lucy Colin, community outreach specialist at the elections office. The Orange County elections office will have a director at each event to explain topics such as absentee voting and the requirement to declare a political party. Information on polling places also will be available.

The drive will allow students and other residents of the community to ask any questions they have about the voter registration process.

We want people to be in tune with the voting process. -UCY COLIN

The community as a whole needs to understand the importance of voting. -ANGEL SMITH

In their closing remarks, McBride and Bush outlined their ideas for Florida's future.

"Sometimes in all these campaigns, people throw things at us as candidates that I say I cannot afford not to help our kids. We've had four years of cutting and cutting. It's time to start investing again," Bush countered. "We're on the right track in this state.

Sorority rushes to register voters

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The candidates will face off in two more debates before the Nov. 5 election. Bush and McBride will debate Oct. 15 on a radio broadcast to be followed on Oct. 22 with a televised debate from the UCF Student Union.
Salaries stink like yesterday’s trash

Custodial workers lowest paid employees

JULIE MONHEIM
STAFF WRITER

They scrub toilets, sweep floors and haul trash out of buildings. Their underfunded work, late evening and early morning hours earn these employees about $13,400 a year — about the same as a year of tuition costs an out-of-state student at UCF.

These underpaid employees aren’t working in a third-world country; they are working as custodians for UCF.

Although UCF has become a substantially wealthier institution in the past five years, allocating millions for buildings like the Recreation and Wellness Center and five new parking garages — structures which have each cost the university anywhere from $8 million to $14 million to build — the meager wages for custodians averages a little more than $6 an hour.

Most of the lowest paying institutions are in the South, according to a survey in The Chronicle of Higher Education. Among them are some relatively wealthy private institutions, such as the University of Miami, ranked the second-lowest paying university in the nation. The average custodial worker there earns $13,400.

But UCF isn’t much kinder to its custodians. Custodians, who are the lowest paid employees at the university, will earn only about $10 a year more than custodians at the University of Miami — a salary that falls below the federal poverty level of $14,150 for a family of three.

Locally, UCF’s custodians make less money than most employees who work in restaurants or hotels.

At the open forum with administrators on Sept. 18, sophomore Joshua Paul Edmondson addressed administrators with the issue.

‘’I really believe that custodians deserve a lot more money for their work,” said Edmondson. “It is time that people in this school and people in this state realize that these custodians bust their butts for a living and quite often don’t have enough money to support themselves or their families.

‘’What they do is no less noble than any other job.”

The entire administrative staff at UCF is committed to improving employee salaries, especially for custodians, but blame budget constraints for the low salaries of the 120 custodial workers the university employs, said Richard Paradise, director of the Physical Plant.

Paradise said that the university has been working for three years to enhance the financial situation of the university’s custodians.

About three years ago, President John Hitt organized a survey of salaries and devised a way to enhance wages. Under this program, custodial worker salaries increased and custodians who work at UCF for at least five years now earn $15,000-$16,000 a year.

‘’No university president had ever done that before,” said Paradise. “He’s the only one who actually did something instead of waiting on the legislature.”

UCF offers tuition reimbursement to all university employees, including custodians, and the Physical Plant organizes computer service programs, safety sessions and English/Spanish as a second language courses for custodial workers.

The university also supplies workers with the safety shoes, uniforms and tools that they need to perform their jobs.

Building Services director

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$5 fee waived for some

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Legislation robbed funds from men’s athletics to support women’s teams

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The implementation of Title IX is done in an improper way — hurting men’s sports just as much, if not more, than helping women’s sports.

—Jeff Ruberg

Brown, vice president of the water polo team, another club sport at UCF.

"As long as Title IX is in effect, the men’s team has little or no chance of beating a varsity [NCAA] sport," said Brown.

Wrestling coach Rouse thinks that Title IX has its positive impact.

"I think offering more opportunities for female wrestling is fabulous, but offering more for men is stupid," he said. "Don’t worry about a percentage, just let people participate."

Regarding percentage, Rouse is referring to the caps that are often placed on men’s sports under the equity policy. At UCF, the men’s wrestling club allows no more than 77 members, but the UCF women’s club has about 77 members.

Those who oppose Title IX argue that dominant men’s sports, such as football and basketball, continue to hurt minor sports under the federal policy because keeping extra players on the roster for those sports eliminates positions on other men’s teams.

Still others argue that college football is a money-maker that generates dollars for other sports, such as tennis, baseball and soccer. As such, colleges and universities around the nation protect their football and basketball teams, which account for 70 percent of the expenses in the NCAA budget for men’s athletics.

The most pertinent matter is that Title IX brings to light the issue of segregating sports and funding. A sport such as women’s crew is classified as a club and supported by the university’s student government. The men’s crew team is classified as a club and supported by the university’s student government.

The men’s crew team must therefore pay dues each semester and complete hours of fundraising, while the women’s expenses are covered by the NCAA, said senior Keith Hestor, captain of the men’s crew club.

"It’s weird. You do the same thing you compete for the school," he said. "It seems to me that if there are men’s clubs that are sports, the goal would ultimately be to make them part of the athletic department because of the funding issue."

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SGA elections open today with candidate confusion

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candidate form.

"The purpose of the Judicial Council by our Constitution says that they're supposed to uphold student rights," said SGA Vice President Brian Kirlew. "I think they didn't do that, and that's wrong." When requesting their first hearing with the election commission, Mattocks and Thomas argued that they turned in other paperwork on time, including the 50 student signatures that they are required to submit from students who are within their college. Both Mattocks and Thomas have requested that they be allowed to run in the senate elections because the Judicial Council did not notify the students of their hearing date.

Neither Mattocks nor Thomas attended the hearing that disqualified them and Bemiller from the elections based on their negligent paperwork. "I've just heard people complaining how rules were followed half-assed. They are just vague statements," said Mattocks. SGA Chief Justice Christopher Polke said notice of SGA's Judicial Council hearing was posted on the doors of SGA's office and efforts were made to get in contact with the students.

The Judicial Council has done a fair job of interpreting SGA's rules and Constitution, said SGA President Marco Pena. Problems students encountered regarding how their information was processed is being worked out by SGA, he said.

Falkowitz, who filed a petition for the Judicial Council to disqualify the three candidates based on their incorrect paperwork, also filed a petition on behalf of Jackyn Rivera asking the council to grant her permission to change the senate seat for which she was running. Rivera originally signed up to run for Seat 2 in the College of Arts and Sciences, the same seat Falkowitz seeks. She stated that she wanted to run for Seat 7 instead.

Falkowitz said he would have filed a petition regardless of whether or not a candidate was running against him. The petition was simply to find out whether a candidate was allowed to change seats after signing up for a different one.

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Custodians sacrifice better pay for benefits, job security

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Bryan Woomar said that the job security at UCF attracts and retains a lot of employees. 

"It's a very good job security," said Woomar. "During the budget cut, we were maintaining one (1) custodian per (1) hall."

Paradise recommended forthcoming a conscious effort to reduce the university's electricity bill by $500,000 within the next 2 months to channel extra income to custodians.

"We could get people to turn off the lights and shut down their computers and printers, it wouldn't take much. If we only cut 2% of that ($500,000) amount, that’s $10,000 a month," he said.

Nearby 58 percent of the Physical Plant budget funds salary and benefits for employees while 30 percent is used for utilities, and the remaining 12 percent for materials and supplies.

Paradise said he welcomed Edmondson's words as "very heartening to know that students care about custodians."

"They [students] do a wonderful job," he said. "They are very satisfied, loyal and committed to serving this institution."
the increasing flow of goods, services, investments and jobs across national borders. Hundreds of advocacy groups and international financial institutions have called for the creation of a new international financial institution to address the needs of their increasingly interdependent economies.

2000: The International Monetary Fund and poor countries assailed the policies of September 1988. The Anti-Capitalist Convergence, a group of activists against economic globalization, organized a protest to shut down the nation's capital. Hundreds of activists heed the call.

Also arrested were several journalists and Greenpeace executive director John Passacantando. "We had no business in the street," said Metropolitan Police Chief Charles Ramsey. "You can't just take over a public space like that." Ramsey said.

No demonstrators or police officers were seriously injured, Ramsey said.

A two-deep line of police officers positioned in the corridors, cuffed them with plastic tie-belts and herded them into a bus for their trip to central proc- eds.

The Financial woes of the developing world are expected to be a central theme of this year's G-8 meetings. Global financiers are under pressure to help Argentina find a way out of its economic crisis. But Brazil does not experience a similar fate. They are buffer to the financial and economic problems that beset Third World debt relief and other poverty-reduction programs.
OUR STANCE:

How to fire up UCF fans

A new cast, a new horse and a scholarship giveaway failed to entice fans in large numbers to enter the Citrus Bowl last Saturday for UCF's first home football game of the season.

Many UCF students did make the trip downtown. But others remained more interested in the tailgating festivities outside the stadium than in the touchdowns that allowed the Golden Knights to score a 48-17 victory over Liberty.

Even 200 freshmen—brilled with free food, T-shirts and prizes to board a bus to the game in the first-ever "Freshmen Frenzy" promotion—failed to significantly bolster attendance that UCF officials claimed was 20,000 (even though only 19,600 fans were counted through the turnstiles).

UCF officials, who still believe promotions are the best way to garner fan support, seriously misunderstand the notion of competitive sports.

No amount of promotions can convince people to become UCF fans, because football games aren't about free food and cash giveaways, pre-game shows and colorful props.

Sports, football especially, are about the heart-stopping throws, the record-setting first downs. It's the last-minute touchdowns that instantly change the outcome of a game.

Real fans know that the only reason to go into a stadium is to catch a game worth seeing.

When UCF plays pasties such as Liberty, Temple and Kent State, when the outcome is as predictable as Florida's fall climate, the thrill of the game disappears. Watching UCF destroy a weak opponent like the Liberty Flames is like watching a fox chase a rabbit around in a cage, knowing the rabbit doesn't stand a chance.

Promotions simply can't compensate for that and shouldn't have to.

While last year's "Fill the Bowl" promotion drew 50,220 fans, creating one of the largest crowds ever for a UCF home game, it had little do with the success of the marketing maneuver.

Rather, it had everything to do with the fact that UCF faced a decent opponent in Virginia Tech. Suddenly the stadium was filled with fans who held their breath, crossed their fingers, donned their Knights shirts and did everything in their power to support UCF, never knowing who would take the game, but aware that if UCF did, the win would mean something, and a loss would still be a noteworthy effort.

Point is, if UCF wants people to show up at football games, it will have to schedule more teams like Virginia Tech to get people to watch.

UCF will re-launch "Fill the Bowl" for the Nov. 2 home game, but it's hardly necessary, given that the Knight's opponent for that contest will be Syracuse. Forty thousand fans were the crowd UCF hopes to draw for "Fill the Bowl." That's a realistic attendance goal for such a distinguished opponent. Against Liberty, even 20,000 was something of a miracle.

It would be easy to pack the house for every home game if UCF played teams worth watching. As much fun as it is to extinguish a weaker opponent like the Flames, fans want a watch.

Our lives are made up of moments of "great excitement," to borrow John Hitte's phrase.

"I have a test to study. I can't attend the football game.""I have to work. I can't attend the football game." Those are not the moments of such excitement.

"I want to attend the football game. But with the University's 8pm to 10pm quiet hours, I can't hear the horns in my room with the windows closed, and I live on the third floor." As resident, we agree to abide by campus quiet hours of 8 pm to 10 pm. In the other fine example of "This is not our problem," fans don't want or need anything more.

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Prom party violates campus-housing guidelines

I am a resident of the Academic Villages Nine community. It's 9 p.m., and I have a test to study for. I cannot, because UCF housing has decided to turn a party in the courtyard with a live band. I have the books in my room with the windows closed, and I live on the third floor. As residents, we agree to abide by campus quiet hours of 8 pm to 10 pm. In the other fine example of "This is not our problem," fans don't want or need anything more.

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Fraternity’s farce a racist statement

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JOEY MYERS

As if fraternities do not have a bad enough rap...

If you see a maniacally shaking black face, you’re likely to be surprised. The fact is that I care nothing at all for racism.

As more and more awful things happened, I knew that superstition would ever essentially affect events and experiences throughout the course of my life. I remembered the times before the ropes went up around the Pegasus in the Student Union, when superstition kept me from walking all over it. I didn’t want to jeopardize my graduation in a school where most believe you can’t finish. I remembered how many times I allowed myself to soak in the rain because it didn’t sound anything like a huge punishment or a serious consequence, something that would stagnate the fraternity brother dressed as the black prisoner.

My boyfriend teased me about the fact that I refused to open an umbrella inside. The door kept opening and as I tapped the middle of it to close it, it slid off my hand, shuttering into pieces and missing my head by a couple of inches. I freaked out; it nearly broke on top of me.

Better to just live the rest of the world that not all of their members are racists, then they will ostracize the members who stained their reputations. They should remember that a few people’s actions weigh heavily on the entire fraternity’s reputation. And for fraternities, who don’t have much more to go on than reputations, a name as a racist fraternity will most likely not appeal to a large sector of students.

So maybe I had consumed my life with superstitions just for fun, never believing that superstition would ever essentially affect events and experiences throughout the course of my life.

But that doesn’t mean the fraternity members should be let off the hook, and it certainly doesn’t mean that the fraternity shouldn’t impose some kind of punishment. If this fraternity wants to rescue itself and prove to the rest of the world that not all of their members are racists, then they will ostracize the members who stained their reputations.

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All begins and ends with a little superstition

DANIELLE DEPARI

STAFF WRITER

I recently broke a mirror. Not just a mirror, a double mirror which serves as my closet door. The door kept opening and as I tapped the middle of it to close it, it slid off its track, shattered into pieces and missed my head by a couple of inches. I freaked out; it nearly broke on top of me. But little did I know that the real danger wasn’t the glass from the mirror that could have sliced my head open as the mirror fell towards me, it was the fact that I had just inherited years of bad luck for my carelessness.

I’ve developed a whole new approach. Better to just live the rest of the next seven years will bring nothing but misfortune.

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Why can’t Florida be more like Nebraska?

Keeping quiet, keeping heads low can’t hurt our image

DUFFY HERY
STAFF WRITER

Florida would be considered the Sunshine State — for its sandy beaches, orange blossoms and Disney World — if it weren’t for the fact that we are also known for our ridiculously flawed election procedures. Unfortunately, the Sunshine State title is just a wool blanket we Floridians throw over our eyes to protect ourselves from the truth.

The truth is that we’ve become the biggest joke in the country. The rest of the country makes fun of us, and believe me, it didn’t happen overnight. The American public first noticed our stupidity when we failed to elect the president. (The President being Al Gore, not George W. Bush.) Considered a large goof by any standard, the election snafu caused the satirical media to tear us apart. That was OK; we needed that, a little. Then we did it again. A few weeks ago we had a repeat performance, during our own Democratic primary for the governor’s race.

Every paper in the nation had something to say about our stupidity. Jon Stewart from “The Daily Show” asked, “Can’t we just cut Florida off and let them drift into Cuba?” For a guy who has lived in Florida for 17 years, it’s pretty sad for me to know that my own country perceives my home state as the laughingstock of the nation. I always thought that the country only made fun of states like West Virginia and Alabama, surely not Florida.

It’s not just our voting (or non-voting) habits that make us look like idiots. It’s the fact that some Floridians are dying to draw attention to themselves for no good reason.

A mayor in the town of Inglis, Florida has decided to ban Satan from her town. Her city council wrote up a document, passed it, and posted signs banning Satan across their city lines. Orlando’s mayor wanted to beautify her city by removing the homeless, proposing a voluntary citizen patrol to chase them off sidewalks and bottle caps.

Let us follow Nebraska’s example and remain quiet for our own sake. Any mayors out there, with another bright idea in their head, may I recommend you keep it there? If not this, there is only one other last resort. Secede from the Union, and give control back to our original founders, Spain. Spain has an official naptime at 1 p.m. Perhaps all Florida needs is a nap, every now and again, to keep us quiet.

Love being extreme? Don’t care what others think about you? Sometimes we hide behind our masks, never allowing others to know the real you. These people here, though, they never seem to notice the way I look. Even the pastor guy has his eyebrow pierced. Now I know they accept me because God accepts me. And I don’t have to trade my tattoos for a tie. I’m accepted just the way I am.

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The Golden Knights won their first game of the season Saturday, beating Liberty 48-17 in front of 20,416 at the Florida Citrus Bowl. They have a week off before traveling to Western Michigan on Oct. 12 for their second MAC game.

**Knights extinguish Flames**

Quarterback Ryan Schneider found wide receiver Doug Gabriel four plays into UCF's home opener, producing a 68-yard touchdown pass to help the Golden Knights erase past Liberty 48-17 to earn UCF's first win of the season.

"When you're at home everything is going right," said Gabriel. "It's great. We just went out there and did what we had to do.)

UCF, which has now won six consecutive home games, moved out to a 24-6 halftime lead behind three scoring strikes from Schneider, who threw for a career-high 397 yards, hitting 23-of-31 passes.

"I was critical that we got a lot of people to participate in the game," said Kruczek. "It could have been that this year.

The Golden Knights have a bye weekend before heading to Western Michigan for their second Mid-American Conference contest of the season. Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m. Oct. 12.

**Knights continue A-Sun hot streak**

UCF women's soccer team defeated conference foes Georgia State and Campbell, moving its consecutive winning streak against A-Sun teams to 11.

In both games, UCF needed more than the allotted 90 minutes to win. On Thursday, junior Lindsay Maier broke a scoreless tie against GSU, to lift the Golden Knights to victory over the Lady Panthers 5-1.

In many conditions, Maier collected a pass from freshman Jennifer Montgomery and scored from inside the 18-yard line. The goal is Maier's first goal of the season and second game-winner of her career.

Defensively; Andrea! Ford. Despite the bad weather, UCF out shot GSU 15-0. The Lady Panthers' record falls to 0-10 in conference play.

**Knights top Hatters, earn first A-Sun win**

UCF men's soccer team improved to 3-3-1 on the season and 1-0 in the Atlantic-Sun Conference with a 3-1 win over Stetson on Thursday.

Junior midfielder Pablo Giraudo got his first collegiate goal just before halftime and the

STAFF WRITER

JOE KALEITA

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McIntosh preserves win

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Knights went into the locker room up 2-0.

Stetson would not be silenced after the break, scoring only 37 seconds into the second half to cut the Knights' lead to 2-1.

Sophomore Eric Vasquez gave the Knights an insurance goal, his second of the year, after he broke in alone on Stetson goalkeeper Ian Landrum. UCF Coach Bob Winch stressed the importance of McIntosh's play in the win. "He's a great shot-blocker. Saving that [penalty kick] was a turning point," said Winch. Winch added that his goalkeeper's consistency has been very important to the Knights' success so far. "I would say in all seven of my games to date [Mcintosh] has been one of the top three players in each game, if not, some games, being the top player," he said. "As a goalkeeper you've got to make this year team. That's the most important position, and that's hard to do. Mac's done a great job, the team has embraced him, and he's a young guy still. He was voted team captain." The coach went on to say that the team's bench play was also important to the match. "I'm glad our bench was able to contribute," he said. "They've been working very hard, and they deserve it."

UCF needs OT to win

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fell to 3-4-2 and 1-1-1 in the conference.

In the 97th minute in Saturday's game against Campbell, Allison Blagriff produced the game-winning goal, giving the Golden Knights a 3-2 win. UCF opened the scoring when Becca Eshelman capitalized on a turnover by a Campbell player in the Camels' box, beating keeper Erin Switalski to give UCF the lead.

In the 39th minute, Jamie Armstrong fed a pass to Susan Persson, who placed the ball in the upper left hand corner of the net, out of Kuhlman's reach. Eleven minutes later however, Campbell tied the game again off a tally from Sara Davis. The game ended when Eshelman served the ball to Blagriff who blasted a shot past Switalski. UCF out shot Campbell 27-9 and held a 5-4 advantage in corner kicks.

The Golden Knights improved their record to 8-2. They are now tied with Jacksonville for the top spot in the Atlantic Sun.

With wins over George State and Campbell, the women's soccer team improved to 3-0 in the A-Sun play.

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DEE BROWN
The sophomore running back ran for a touchdown and caught a touchdown pass. He had four receptions for 66 yards and five carries for 44 yards, replacing the injured Alex Haynes and Keith Williams.

STANFORD RHULE
The sophomore linebacker made his first career interception, forced a fumble, recorded a sack and had eight tackles. He leads the team with 42 tackles and three sacks.

Inside the Numbers

397
The number of yards Ryan Schneider threw for, a career high.

7
The number of touchdowns UCF scored.

0
The number of field goals the Golden Knights have kicked in the past two games.

3
The number of UCF running backs injured in Saturday's game.

6
The number of times UCF defense forced the Flames to punt.

571
The number of total yards the Golden Knights' offense gained.

Knight of firsts

Getting a big lead early enabled UCF to get significant playing time for several of its reserves. That resulted in several career firsts for many Golden Knights.

Sophomore fullback Andreal Curry ran in from the one-yard line for UCF's second score and the first touchdown of his short career. He carried the ball 11 times for 50 yards, both career highs. He had only carried the ball once coming into the game.

Sophomore running back Dee Brown had his first touchdown reception of the year and also got a unique piece of UCF history. Brown also plays left field for UCF baseball team, and became the first Golden Knight to hit a home run and score a touchdown in the same calendar year. He already had the distinction for being the first to hit a home run and score a touchdown in the same academic year.

Freshman wide receiver Brandon Marshall made the first catch of his career in the fourth quarter. He had two receptions in the game, for a total of 18 yards.

Redshirt freshman Ryan Feely saw his first collegiate action. Feely, the backup place-kicker, made the team's final extra point.

Sophomore Jon Rivera, the backup quarterback, saw the first significant playing time of his career when...
Knights end 3rd quarter drought

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he relieved Ryan Schneider during a drive in the third quarter and completed two of five passes. He also showed his mobility, running twice for 24 yards. He saw action in last year's Liberty game, but did not register any stats.

Speaking of place-kickers, standout Matt Prater missed the first PAT of his career in the third quarter.

Two starters got into the act too. Safety Peter Sands and linebacker Stanford Rhule both picked off a pass for the first time in their careers.

Knights improve third down efficiency

Coming into the game, UCF had been abysmal on third downs. They had converted just 15 of 43 attempts and hoped to work on that against Liberty.

Mission accomplished. They went five for eight on third down and also converted a fourth down.

But turnovers continued to plague the offense. The Golden Knights fumbled five times and lost them all.

"The biggest disappointment I think was just not holding onto the football," said offensive coordinator Robert McFarland. "But overall I think it was a good deal for us to come out there and perform like we did and put up the numbers we did."
Injury bug bites UCF running backs

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Cleveland for fifth.
Schneider’s four touchdown passes gave him at least one in 13 straight games, giving him sole possession of second place in UCF history and leaving him nine behind Daunte Culpepper’s record of 22.

Williams makes longest catch
Reserve running back Keith Williams benefited from his first significant playing time, running the ball four times for 15 yards.
But his biggest highlight game in the passing game. In the third quarter he took a pass from Schneider and went 37 yards, a career best. UCF scored two plays later.

Nice turnout
Despite the weak opponent, a good amount of people attended UCF’s home opener. The official attendance figure was 20,416, up from the 17,103 that showed up for last year’s UCF-Liberty game.

“In feels great to be home in front of the home crowd, that’s always an advantage to this football team,” said Sands.

Injury report
The most significant injury came in the second quarter, when Haynes limped off the field. He was diagnosed with a sprained ankle and never returned.

“Just precautionary-wise we put him on crutches and we’ll do a further evaluation tomorrow,” said McFarland.

Williams also hurt his ankle in the second half and starting fullback Sean Guadion left with a hip pointer.

Three starters missed the game: safety Atari Bigby (high ankle sprain), linebacker Chris Pilinko (ankle), and left guard Taylor Robertson (sprained MCL). Alphonzo Hopkins Jr., Gerren Bray, and Kyle Watkins started in their places, respectively.

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Volleyball undefeated in conference

The Golden Knights beat Samford and Jacksonville State to pick up their first Atlantic Sun Conference wins of the season.

The defending A-Sun champions defeated Jacksonville State 3-1 on Saturday. UCF won the first two games 30-28, 30-25, but the Gamecocks battled back to win the third game 30-25. JSU almost pushed it the match to five games, but UCF was able to pull out a 34-32 win.

Outside hitter Leyre Santamaria Santac was able to lead both teams with nine kills, 51 digs, seven assists and seven blocks. Right side Cassy Kerner recorded 11 kills, 14 digs, seven assists and seven blocks. Outside hitter Kristen Dell added 13 kills for the Knights.

Setter Jenny Frank just missed her fourth triple-double of the season with nine kills, 31 assists and 14 digs. The Knights recorded 16 team blocks, good for a tie for fifth in single-game history for UCF.

The Golden Knights kicked off their A-Sun schedule with a 3-0 win Friday over Jacksonville State. Santac recorded a match-high 18 kills to go along with 11 digs for the match’s only double-double performance.

Frank supplied the Knights with a solid performance as usual with 38 assists, 4 kills and 4 digs. Middle blockers Amanda Stoutjesdyk and Chaz Arah had six kills each.

The Knights improved to 7-0 overall and 2-0 in the Atlantic Sun.

Next up

The Golden Knights take on Florida Atlantic on Tuesday in another Atlantic Sun match. UCF defeated the Owls in last year’s A-Sun championship match, coming back from an 0-2 deficit to take the match. The game starts at 7 p.m. at the UCF Arena.
Like, umm, they like talk

Filler words have become the basis for language

There is probably not a single person under the age of 20 who cannot decipher the aforementioned Internet lingo. Yet, there is no real cause for the backing and shaming of language. It’s just always changing. It becomes a problem when a person cannot complete a thought without using the words “like” and “umm” repeatedly.

Writing essays and articles is different than talking in conversation but there is a definite correlation between the two. “Students will use a word called ‘incredible’ to describe something. What exactly does incredible mean? Good or bad? Absurd? The problem with using these words is that they sound right but they aren’t necessarily being used correctly,” said Gerald Schiffhers, an English professor. He attributes the problem in part to a decreasing exposure to words and their meaning.

“Years ago people read more, and now they are not reading enough,” he said.


Probably the most inappropriate use of language is done at the most nervous moment: speaking in front of a crowd. There are some ways to prevent falling into the abyss of poppycock when speaking in front of a crowd.

Carol Bledsoe, the coordinator of UCF’s speech program, offers a few solutions to the language problem.

“What I usually say to my students is to record themselves speaking to review themselves falling into certain patterns,” said Bledsoe. “I also tell them to use a pause instead of using ‘umm’ or ‘uhh’. Make sure the audience doesn’t focus on the vocalized pauses.”

Resident Ally

Craig Brooks

A lonely student paces feverishly up and down the hallways of a well-lit residence hall. The watch on his wrist reads 5:47 p.m. His feet pound on a door, yet nobody seems to hear the noise. Then suddenly, without warning, a friendly face pops out from behind the door. His R.A. smiles and asks, “What do you need?”

At UCF, this scenario seems to be the norm. The majority of students seem to enjoy their relationship with their resident assistants and have no problems with him or her.

Walking about the campus, you may hear a conversation about a terrible R.A. or about how a particular resident never...
The Office of Student Activities at UCF

**THIS WEEK!**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1**
1:30 pm Knights of the Round Table Meeting - A meeting of all club and organization leaders, SU Rm. 316AB
3 pm Homecoming Organizational Meeting, SU Rm. 316D

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3**
5 pm - 7 pm Volunteer UCF Best Buddies,
Carpool in front of Millican Hall 4:30 pm

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**
2:30 pm - 4 pm Ice Cream Social with Winter Park Tower Residents.
Carpool in front of Millican Hall 2 pm.
6 pm - 12 am Cultural Arts Party & Movie Knight, "Minority Report" and "Mulan," Knights Crossing Phase 3 Club House. DJ and Food!

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7**
10 am - 2 pm Thunderdorm Tour, The Chemistry Green

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9**
7 pm EXCEL - Study Skills Workshop, SU Rm. 224

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**
8 pm Mr. UCF Scholarship Competition, Pegasus Ballroom
12 pm - 2 pm UCF - Cocoa Beach Clean Up, Shepard's Park.
Carpool in front of Millican Hall 11 am

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

"Study Smarter not Harder"
October 9, 7:30 pm Student Union
SARC and EXCEL team up to help you be successful throughout the semester. This workshop will cover study skills, as well as positive test taking habits. With this session and a little practice, you'll be well on your way to straight A's!

"Being A Leader Others Want to Follow"
October 16, 7:30 pm, SU Cape Florida
Everyone has someone that looks up to them. Through effective interpersonal communications, you will discover how to be the best mentor to those that look up to you. This is helpful with friends, with siblings, in the workplace, and in organizations. You will leave this program proud to have people watching you.

Mr. UCF Scholarship Competition
October 12, 8 pm Pegasus Ballroom
Come watch the guys strut their stuff as they compete for the title of this years Mr. UCF

Miss UCF Scholarship Pageant Auditions
Audition packet available Oct 4 in OSA. Sign up for interview/auditions to be held Oct 14 - 17.

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Most students are friends with their R.A.s
can find an R.A. when they need them. Apparently these conversations are difficult to come by, though, because the population of students who live in residence halls all across campus feel very content with the duties of their resident assistants and the manner in which those duties are executed.

"My R.A. does everything for me," said Jim Plafke, an undeclared freshman. "If the R.A. is good, he will fix things for you, which he has done for me several times. He also checks up on us, to see if we are all right," he added.

This seems like the perfect scenario. The R.A. does everything to please the resident. However, not all is well in residential life.

"My R.A. is a good egg, but I have the sneaking suspicion that he wants me dead," said Sam Weitzner, a digital media major. "In fact, if you are reading this, I just may be."

Other than Weitzner, not many other students have negative things to say about their R.A.s. That can be interpreted as a good thing, considering that the relationship between a resident and the resident assistant should be a good one, bolstering the residential life experience.

Resident assistants have certain obligations that must be fulfilled in order to have a good standing with their residents. Because of the time requirements of the R.A. positions, it is expected that R.A.s will give their job priority over all other areas, with the single exception of their academic program.

"For an R.A., class comes first and the job comes in a close second," said one Nike Community R.A. who asked to remain anonymous.

An R.A. must spend sufficient time in his or her living area to become acquainted with each resident and be sensitive to individual needs. A resident assistant acts as a facilitator in his or her living area, helping students live together in a way that is conducive to personal, social, and academic growth.

Another resident assistant, who asked to remain anonymous spoke of helping out a student with personal problems.

"It is difficult at times, but I have dealt with personal problems with a resident. It is just part of the job," said the resident assistant.

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Mesa said: "The R.A. is necessary because when lacrosse is being played in the hallway at 3 a.m., someone has to throw down and it isn't going to be me while I'm in my unmentionables."
lead stories
Among the personal items that former Tyco International chief executive L. Dennis Kozlowski bought and charged to the company (without authorization, said the company in September) were two New York City apartments ($24 million), a Boca Raton, Fla., house ($29 million), furnishings and renovations ($14 million), a travel solidarity box ($17,000), an umbrella stand ($15,000), a shower curtain ($6,000) and a dictionary ($445), along with half the $2.1 million for littering after he shaved his head (Cedar City, Utah). And when a 25-year-old criminal insisted on driving home despite being drunk, his best friend shot out the air in the man's tires, so angering the drunk man that a fight ensued, during which the drunk man was accidentally shot to death (Bastrop, Texas, August).

Undignified deaths
A 22-year-old woman and a 22-year-old man were found dead and made in a car in his family's garage, in a love clench, with the garage door closed and the car's engine running (for the air-conditioner) (Corona, N.Y., June). And a 21-year-old woman, hiding in a closet to surprise her boyfriend, made a noise that provoked him to fearfully grab his pistol, and when she flung open the door, he fired, killing her (Council Bluffs, Iowa, June). And when a 25-year-old man insisted on driving home despite being drunk, his best friend shot out the air in the man's tires, so angering the drunk man that a fight ensued, during which the drunk man was accidentally shot to death (Hastings, Texas, August).

Also, in the last month ...
The Australian version of AAA (the NRMA) reported that, following a morning headlights agreement for driving home despite being drunk, his best friend shot out the air in the man's tires, so angering the drunk man that a fight ensued, during which the drunk man was accidentally shot to death (Bastrop, Texas, August).

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There is no doubt that any girl in her right mind would want to live the life of Melanie Carmichael (Reese Witherspoon) in the romantic comedy, "Sweet Home Alabama." With fabulous looks and a successful career in New York, Melanie has the kind of life that most people only fantasize about. Things for her couldn't get any better—but they can get worse. And when New York's most-wanted bachelor, Andrew (Patrick Dempsey), asks her to marry him, they do get worse, because Melanie has some unfinished business and undeniable love for her first love and "soul mate" Jake (Josh Lucas), the man she left back home in Alabama.

The two men of Melanie's life come from two different planets. One is a down-to-earth country boy; the other is a business man who loves politics and the city life. Melanie is stuck in the middle. Both are able to give her what she wants and needs, but in different ways. Somehow these men, in a sense, are in love with two different girls—or rather just two different sides of Melanie. Little by little, the real Melanie is revealed to them both.

If it weren't for the derogatory remarks about the South and Democrats throughout the movie, it would have been more enjoyable. What made it worse was the fact that the moviemakers did not even base their satirical imitations on legitimate information. The way the South and Southerners are portrayed will offend certain viewers. Granted, a preview audience laughed at the most tasteless parts of the movie, which furthered the shock effect. Then again, too much can't be expected these days. People will laugh at anything that is being ridiculed.

One of the key scenes involves the marriage proposal from Andrew. One night, unknowingly, before Melanie meets her soon-to-be mother-in-law (Candice Bergen), who is also the mayor of New York, Melanie is taken to Tiffany & Co. to pick out a ring—and any one she chooses (price is not an issue)! Now, imagine that this same woman retreats to Alabama, only to have her fiancé show up at the wrong house looking for her, because she has lied terribly about her past life. It is pretty obvious why; Melanie's parents are people anyone would want to hide. Her dad is still fighting the Civil War and surrenderers to the Yankees in battlefield reenactments. Now that is a real culture shock.

Note for guys: It is safe and OK to take your girlfriend to this movie. Your other guy friends won't laugh at you because they most likely will be dragged to see it as well. Although it is one of the millions of movies that can be labeled as a "cheek flick," it really doesn't fit the status quo. It took the audience by surprise, even those of the male sex, and made them laugh out loud. There are a few one-jerk-off parts for the ladies, but overall it is a feel-good romance with a sense of humor.

Skipping meals can cause fatigue

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weekend, the remaining days are jan-paned. "Everyone is stressed for time, it seems," said Evan Bond, a sophomore. With such a full schedule, some students may find themselves on campus for up to six hours at a time. Leigh Nordman, a junior snacks on pretzels with Diet Coke when she is on campus for those hours. "Sometimes lunch can be crackers and ranch dip," said Megan McKeeney, a freshman whose lunch has been reduced to almost nothing. "—Maybe the reason for the snacking craze is sheer laziness. "It's easy, quick and simple," said Josh Grossman, a sophomore. "Plus, I think a lot of people are lazy and don't feel like preparing a whole meal." He loads up on snack chips, apples and cereal foods that are around the house and ready to go.

Adam Nichof, a sophomore, only buys snack food to stock his home pantry. "I have no real food," he said. When you're on the run, health and nutrition are not the first thing you might think about. The snack machines on campus do not offer the healthiest variety to choose from. Available assortments are dominated by chips, cookies, Pop Tarts and candy. The healthiest offering is a bag of pretzels and maybe animal crackers, if one is lucky enough to find some. Ignoring a balanced diet can cause headaches or lack of concentration because food is all one can think about. I get headaches by the end of the day because I'm so hungry," said Nordman.

Skipping meals can also cause fatigue without the proper amounts of sugar, carbohydrates and proteins in your system. "I am tired a lot more than I usually would be," said McKeeney. Others, like Jessica Kahn, a sophomore, concentrate on eating healthy even if they can only grab a quick snack. "I love carb-light bars," said Kahn. "I also eat apples. I try to stick to healthy foods." The snack attack does not have to win, however. Planning is the key. "I plan everything well so I always have time to sit down and eat," said Bond.

Waking up even 10 minutes earlier provides ample time to have a quick bowl of cereal. You can pack a sandwich before you go to sleep for the next day. Or, if you have break in your schedule, go to the Student Union and grab a meal to go. Also, snacks from home tend to be healthier and are more cost efficient.
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