Alumni loss of dear friend

ASHLEY BURNS
Sports Editor

The UCF Alumni Association has announced the passing of a good friend and dedicated alumnus, Al Rodriguez, Nov. 20, at the age of 24.

Rodriguez, a member of the Alumni Association for more than 30 years, had been battling cancer and died after years of radiation therapy had taken its toll on his body. For the past two years, Rodriguez was very active in ensuring that a new alumni center was built on campus. He saw that dream come to fruition as the Fairwinds Alumni Center opened in early November. A special announcement released by the UCF Alumni Association said, "As a UCF alum, Manny dedicated much of his life to UCF and was instrumental in building the Fairwinds Alumni Center. His work made a difference for past and present students as well as the staff with whom he worked. Manny will be greatly missed."

Doctors told Rodriguez that he was cancer-free in early 2003, and his passing caught many of his co-workers off guard.

Rodriguez graduated from UCF with a degree in political science in 1993. He is survived by his parents, sister, two brothers and his stepfather. Members of the UCF Alumni Association and they plan to honor Rodriguez with a lasting memorial at the Fairwinds Alumni Center.

The time flies by

Success in 2005 only makes 2006 seem much more exciting

KATE HOWELL

Like many of the years that have already passed, 2005 has passed the way for yet another successful year in 2006. Yet some can argue that 2005 was possibly the most important year in UCF history between academics and athletics.

This university made strides and took many first steps in progressing the school's national status. By 2007, UCF will feature a brand new on-campus football stadium as well as a brand new convocation center, which will double as the new home of men's and women's basketball.

The last of the newest on-campus housing is built, and UCF will offer the most living arrangements in the state for its students.

Completion of FDLE investigation leads to 1 arrest for battering officer in Jenkins melee

SEAN LEVY
sports editor

A UCF fan who was shot after allegedly trying to tackle UCF Police Officer Melissa Jenkins, who shot and killed her own weapon while chasing a tailor, was arrested Thursday in charges of battery on an officer.

The fan, Michael Wingo, 24, was the only person charged in connection to the chaos preceding the deadly firefight between Jenkins and Orlando Reserve Officer Dennis Smith before the UCF football game against Mar­shall on Sept. 24.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigators confirmed for the first time Friday that Smith hit Jenkins with three shots and Jenkins returned fire, shooting two rounds back at Smith.

Jenkins' shots narrowly missed the Orlando Necrola officer.

Orange-Osceola State Attorney Lawson Lamar strongly defended Smith's "split-second" decision to shoot Jenkins and sent a letter to Orland­o Police Chief Michael McCoy declar­ing "no criminal charges are warranted (against Smith)".

"Officer Smith faced an apparent threat that made the use of deadly force reasonable given all the circumstances known to him," Lamar said. "He did not have a chance to think, but he knew what he was doing.

"The 2006 UCF football season was the 20th year since the school began playing football. UCF is one of only three programs to win its first two games as an independent (the others are Maine and New Hampshire) and boasts a team that has already passed, two years, two championships, 2005, and 2006.

And at Savannah Country Day School in Georgia, 25 percent of seniors made early decision applications, compared to 10 percent last year. Counselor Mary Beth Fry said early decision wasn't on parents' radar screen even a year ago.

Since then, the process has grown

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SEAN LEVY
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College applicants make quick choices, experts believe it could be bad

JUSTIN POPE
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SOUTH Florida University's Student Free Speech Zonebiology major Alvin Jaynes was dismissed on Monday of this week after he failed the 22nd United Nations division of the 3rd committee. Jaynes, 24, was a student leader in the recent University of North Carolina at Greensboro student protest outside the free speech zone. The vice president visited with their leaders and military commanders in the Mississippi tailgating zone. The president visited with their leaders and military commanders in the Mississippi tailgating zone. The vice president visited with their leaders and military commanders in the Mississippi tailgating zone. The president visited with their leaders and military commanders in the Mississippi tailgating zone. The vice president visited with their leaders and military commanders in the Mississippi tailgating zone. The president visited with their leaders and military commanders in the Mississippi tailgating zone. The vice president visited with their leaders and military commanders in the Mississippi tailgating zone. The president visited with their leaders and military commanders in the Mississippi tailgating zone. The vice president visited with their leaders and military commanders in the Mississippi tailgating zone. The president visited with their leaders and military commanders in the Mississippi tailgating zone.
Young faces charges of battering officer

Perhaps most important, the university is adding a num­
ber of new colleges that will undoubtedly increase the
curr­
ent enrollment of 14,000. The addition will be a new med­
ical school that will help al­
leriate Florida’s lack of ade­
quately trained medical facilities and staff.

2005 was certainly a strong year for UCF, and the ghosts
of Christmas past and present can
be seen in their first-ever Bowl Game.

The stadium has been under
near-constant scrutiny from
the South Florida media since
the stadium was built on the south end of cam­
pus.

UCF Vice President for
Administration and Finance Bill
O’Leary gathered a presentation
that included an analysis on how
the stadium is being used. A num­
ber of problems have been dis­
covered, including lack of clothes, clothing and food.

Several solutions on how to
solve these issues have been dis­
discussed by Katrina.

Students, faculty and staff at UCF have made
a number of creative efforts to keep up with the
increased demand for parking at the
University of Central Florida. 

Bigger, better years on the university's horizon

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Experts worried about early applicants

The colleges and universities that have semesterized their term schedules are raising hope that any effect Anastrozole might have on the growth of lung cancer. Scientists are suggesting that the breast cancer drug Anastrozole may also inhibit the growth of lung cancer. The drug is currently sold to patients under the trade name Arimidex.

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Football team heads to Hawaii for bowl game

UCF coach says extra practice time to its benefit

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After a week of practice, the UCF football team unboxed on a long — and long-awaited — trip to its first-ever bowl game Sunday night.

The team left campus around 4:30 a.m. Sunday for Orlando-Sanford International Airport, where it boarded a chartered flight to Honolulu.

For Humanities. Upon their arrival in the Oakland Coliseum, the Knights immediately practiced as they tried to adjust to a new climate and time zone.

UCF’s 42-mile trip from Orlando to Honolulu is the longest of any team traveling to a bowl game this year, but the Knights will have nearly an entire week to adjust to their beautiful surroundings. UCF’s game against Nevada isn’t until Saturday.

Though the Knights are currently in paradise, the next few days are all about preparing for the game.

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Aloha, season!

The Hawai’i Bowl doesn’t offer the same prestige as the Rose Bowl or the Cotton Bowl. In fact, it’s often referred to as a “mid-major” bowl game. However, for the players on the field, there’s still plenty at stake.

To qualify for the Hawai’i Bowl, a team must have a winning record and be selected by the Bowl Selection Committee. The University of Central Florida (UCF) was chosen as the representative of the American Athletic Conference, while the University of Nevada was selected from the Western Athletic Conference.

The Hawai’i Bowl looks

**Key Matchup:** Garcia, a junior college transfer, has the potential to be a game-changer for UCF. He has the speed and agility to burn the Nevada defense.

**Advantage:** Nevada

The Wolfpack has the advantage in the trenches, where they can control the line of scrimmage and limit the Knights’ running game.

**Special Teams:**

The Hawai’i Bowl doesn’t have the same level of excitement as the Rose Bowl or the Cotton Bowl. However, it’s still a big game for these players.

**Conclusion:**

Although the Hawai’i Bowl may not be as prestigious as other bowl games, it’s still a significant event for the players and coaches involved. It’s a chance to close out the season on a high note and gain some much-needed experience for the future.

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Chris Miller

**History hasn’t been kind to UCF in what was supposed to be a strength of the program.**

Since its move to Division I in 1994, UCF has experienced more than its share of disappointments.

In 2002 and 2003, UCF won only two games each season.

In 2004, UCF won four games but missed a bowl invitation.

The Knights had to settle for a bowl berth in the Hawaii Bowl in 2005.

**When the Hawai’i Bowl has the ball:**

Key to the Hawai’i Bowl is the performance of quarterback Caleb Spencer. The Nevada defense is tough, but if Spencer can lead the offense to a victory, the Hawai’i Bowl could be a memorable game for UCF.

**Three months ago, the Hawai’i Bowl was a possibility for George O’Leary and UCF.**

The Knights had a 2-3 record and were on the outside looking in when the bowl season started.

But the team rallied and finished the season with a 20-10 record and a berth in the Hawai’i Bowl.

As the Hawai’i Bowl approaches, the Knights are ready to show what they’re made of and prove that they can compete with the best teams in the country.

**The Hawai’i Bowl is UCF’s first bowl game since 2005.**

They face a tough Nevada Wolfpack team, but the Knights are confident they can come away with a victory.

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Loss drops women's basketball to 2-7

Coach: No action to be taken until conviction

Second-half scoring saves UCF

Johnson said, "I told the girls I'm not doing it as much as I used to these days. I'm just trying to do it up by bringing some activity in.

As good as the Knights looked in the second half, their first half performance left much to be desired. The Knights only scored 20 points in the opening 20 minutes, but they were able to hold the Spartans to 16.

"The girls did a better job defensively and that's just something we need to focus on," Peters said.

Pepper's third-half offensive production began on Dec. 3, Conceptually against the University of Florida, and carried all the way through the first half of Ben's senior season.

After finishing the first half again North Florida with nine

players, the Knights had given up 16 points to the Ospreys, 8-0.

The second half was much of the same, as the Knights continued their struggles. The Knights shot 20 percent from the field in the first half, whereas the Ospreys shot 50 percent.

"It was a tough game from start to finish, said Peters. "But we played well defensively and that's what we need to focus on going forward.

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A picture’s worth a thousand memories

From Hurricane Wilma to the Hawaii Bowl, 2005 was an exciting year to be a Knight. The UCF campus continued to grow with the addition of the Fairwinds Alumni Center and the Towers at Golden Knights Plaza, while plans were laid and approved for a new on-campus football stadium.

In the world of sports, UCF cemented its status as a burgeoning powerhouse, with the men’s basketball team making it to the NCAA Tournament and the football team winning the C-USA Eastern Division title and a trip to the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl in Honolulu.

Look back on this amazing year with some of the future staff’s favorite photos.
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