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UCF moves into second in C-USA with a 67-64 win at UTEP — SPORTS, A8
When she’s not honing her craft in the UCF engineering labs, Megan Clementi is practicing her art as a dancing drummer for the Orlando Magic. It seems like an unorthodox collaboration—applying engineer and professional drummer—but Clementi isn’t giving up her lifelong dream just to fit the mold.

“I am dance, it has made me who I am, energetic, social, and expressive,” Clementi said.

For the senior electrical engineering major, dancing isn’t just a hobby—it’s a way of life. After three years with the Orlando Magic’s dancing drum team, 25-year-old Clementi was recently named from 400 dancers for her drumming skills—primarily jazz and hip-hop—also helped her land the title of Miss UCF in February of 2006.

Her talent has taken her across the globe. At the age of 15, Clementi remembers making the difficult decision to leave her family and home to take an exciting new job with Topsy Disney in Japan. She spent seven months performing in theatrical shows and working in the diverse culture. Following her return to the US, Clementi had an ongoing ambition to attend college.

After graduating with her associate’s degree from Palm Beach Community College, Clementi decided to transfer to UCF because of some positive remarks the band heard about their engineering program.

“I’ve always excelled in math and science, so an engineering major seems like the most sense,” Clementi said. Her father has been an electrical engineer for about 30 years, so that factored into her choice.

She hopes to follow in her father’s footsteps and work in the wireless technology, communications engineering and Computer of Engineering and Computer Science.

For the balance of her four-year term at UCF, Clementi will be spending 27 hours per week on campus, 40 hours per week at the Orlando Magic, and the remaining 20 hours looking for ways to balance her education and professional dance career.

“With Clementi’s ability to move, she’s one person from each college for his or her major in that department,” said one of her instructors.

After receiving her associate’s degree from Palm Beach Community College, Clementi decided to transfer to UCF because of some positive remarks the band heard about their engineering program.

“Our students take pride in their major and in their coursework. Clementi was one of the outstanding students,” said one of her instructors.

Interview workshop
Career Services and Experimental Learning will hold a workshop on how to ace an interview on Tuesday from 3 pm to 4 pm in the Barbara Winter Center.

 Attendees will also get the chance to practice their interviewing skills with a software program, allowing them to practice job interviews.

For more information, contact the Career Services and Experimental Learning at 407-823-2361.

STACEY TAYLOR
Associated Press

Beauty queen a dancing dream

Megan Clementi, 25, won the title of Miss UCF in February 2006 and is in the process of transferring to the University of Central Florida. Clementi is seen practicing for the Orlando Magic's dunking dancing team at the UCF gymnasium on Tuesday, January 30, 2007.

Clementi, who grew up in Orlando, is a senior electrical engineering major at the University of Central Florida. She has been a part of the Orlando Magic’s dancing drum team for three years and is the current Miss UCF.

Clementi said she was excited to be able to combine her passion for dance and engineering.

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One of the major challenges for Clementi has been the time commitment required for both her academic and dance careers.

“With Clementi’s ability to move, she’s one person from each college for his or her major in that department,” said one of her instructors.

In addition to her academic responsibilities, Clementi also serves as a community service volunteer for Give Kids the World, a nonprofit organization that provides a wish vacation for children with life-threatening illnesses.

Clementi is currently working on a project to develop an app for smartphones that allows users to share videos of their favorite dance moves.

The app is called Dancing Vine and is available for free on the Apple App Store and Google Play.

Clementi said she hopes the app will help other dancers share their passion and inspire others to pursue their dreams.

“I get a lot of messages on social media from people who say they’re inspired by my dancing and want to learn how to dance,” Clementi said.

She plans to continue developing the app and hopes to one day turn it into a full-time business.

“I’m excited to be able to share my love of dance with others and help inspire others to follow their dreams,” Clementi said.

Clementi is also a member of the Orlando Magic’s dancing drum team and has performed at several events and live shows across the country.

“I love dancing and being a part of the Orlando Magic’s dancing drum team,” Clementi said.

She said she is grateful for the opportunity to combine her passion for dance and engineering and is excited to see where her career takes her.

“I’m excited to see what the future holds,” Clementi said.

She plans to continue her studies at the University of Central Florida and hopes to eventually pursue a career in dance or engineering.

“I want to keep pursuing my passion for dance and see where it takes me,” Clementi said.

She said she enjoys helping others and is looking forward to continuing her work as a community service volunteer for Give Kids the World.

“I’m excited to continue giving back to my community and helping others achieve their dreams,” Clementi said.

Clementi said she is grateful for the support of her family, friends, and the Orlando Magic and hopes to continue sharing her passion for dance with others.

“I’m excited to be able to inspire others to pursue their dreams and to continue sharing my love of dance,” Clementi said.
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GRANBYING, La. — The Grambling State student newspaper will resume publication after a court ordered the school to lift its suspension of The Gramblinite, the university's student newspaper.

"We're pleased that the court has made its decision," said Darryl Smith, editor of The Gramblinite. "We're pleased that the court has made its decision." Smith said the university's suspension was an attempt to silence the newspaper, and that the university had not provided a reason for the suspension.

The court's decision came after the university suspended The Gramblinite in response to an editorial that criticized the school's decision to cut the football team. The editorial was published on Nov. 20, 2006.

The suspension was lifted by U.S. District Judge James讓·LaMontagne, who ruled that the university had violated the student newspaper's First Amendment rights.

In his ruling, LaMontagne wrote that the university had "failed to provide a compelling reason for the suspension." He also noted that the suspension was "improperly motivated." The court ruled that the university had not provided a compelling reason for the suspension.

The university had suspended The Gramblinite after the editorial was published, citing "a threat to public safety" as the reason. The school's decision was based on the editorial's coverage of the football team's decision to cut.

The news of the decision was met with a mix of reactions. Some students were happy that the newspaper would be able to resume publication, while others were concerned that the university would take action against the newspaper in the future.

"This is a huge win for press freedom," said LaMontagne in his ruling. "The university has no right to suspend a student newspaper simply because it disagrees with the newspaper's viewpoint."
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7:00am UCF in association with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. presents a Forum on Racial Stereotypes and Prejudices in Media. Meet in Student Union Key West Ballroom at 2185

12noon-1pm MSC & African American Student Union present Black History Month-Opening Ceremonies. Student Union South Patio. This will be an outreach to high school seniors from Jones High. They will get information about college as well as perform for the UCF student body. For more information, contact Latoya James (407) 823-0411

Are you one of UCF’s top students? 5pm Application are due for Who’s Who Among Students at UCF. Eligibility requirements and applications are available at www.GetInvolvedUCF.com

February 2nd

12pm MSC & African American Student Union present Evolution of Dance, a showcase of dance from African-based to African-American oriented. For more information, contact Kayla Lopes (407) 823-0411

February 3rd

10am - 3:30pm Knights of the RoundTable Presents "All Stars at NorthStar" Leadership Workshop in the Student Union. Registration required at www.GetInvolvedUCF.com/northstar

1:00pm - 7:00pm VUCF presents Cars for the Cure. Car show benefiting the American Lung Association of Florida. Volunteers needed for parking, setup, registration, ticket / raffle sales and teardown. Meet @ Car pool at 1:00pm at VAB
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According to Hardin, who recently earned a graduate degree from the Wharton School, the credit industry is "growing really well" and "greatlybenefits the stormwater management.

These benefits include improved water quality at UCF; an energy costs savings of 45 percent when the temperature is below 50 degrees; and it's otherwise. The green roof also eliminated the need for another large storm water pond to be constructed.

"Conventional roofs on campus are no longer with us year-round, while the green roof is guaranteed "to provide

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Women can't stop UTEP in Friday's loss

NATHAN CURTIS

The first of three straight road games for the UCF Women's Basketball team ended in disappointment Friday night as the UTEP Miners defeated the Golden Knights, 69-56.

DUNCAN

“A lot of coach Erwin continued success in this next step of his career,” UCF Director of Athletics Keith A. Tohill said in a press release. “The UCF Men’s Soccer team is on the cusp of something real special, and this is testament to a job well-done by Brent and his staff just the past two seasons.”

Prior to UCF, Erwin was the top assistant for SMU's Men's Soccer program for five years.

In the two seasons with Erwin in the top spot, UCF held a 36-13-3 record with a conference record of 5-6-3.

That past season, the Knights faced six nationally-ranked teams. Of those games, the Knights lost to No. 16 Texas, No. 4 Stanford, No. 11 UCF, No. 13 UAB, and No. 10 SMU in a road contest.

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Soccer coach leaves for SMU vacancy

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Track team earns high marks at Indiana, UF

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The UCF Women's Track team headed to Indiana and Gainesville this past weekend to take part in the Gladstein Invitational at Indiana University and the Diet Pepsi Invitational at the University of Florida.

The Golden Knights competed at the Gladstein Invitational on Friday and Saturday and put up impressive numbers during their time there.

The Knights placed well on Friday, earning five top-10 finishes on the first day of competition.

Leading the Knights was junior Victoria Chin and senior Jenny Rogan. Chin finished fourth in the 60-meter hurdles with a record time of 9.00 seconds while Rogan made an impressive showing in the 400-meter dash with a time of 59.25.

Sophomore Dionne Thomas and freshman Richi Sullivan both placed well in the triple jump. Thomas placed fifth with a leap of 14.05 meters while Sullivan made a jump of 13.75 meters.

NO MINER WIN

Golden Knights tied for second in conference with close victory over UTEP Miners

BRIAN MURPHY

On Saturday, the UCF Men's Track team learned a valuable lesson in killer instinct.

The Golden Knights have been heavily criticized lately for their inability to finish off opponents, but they were able to put away the UTEP Miners in a tight battle, 67-64.

Saturday night, junior guard Mike O'Donnell made the game's most critical shot with a 3-pointer that broke a 67-64 tie with just two minutes to play.

With UCP's lead down to one, sophomore Jarrelle Taylor went to the free-throw line with 21 seconds left. After making the first, Taylor missed the second free throw. The Knights were able to bring down one of their 18 offensive rebounds and earn a second trip to the line.

Now up by two, O'Donnell could have iced the contest with a couple of free throws. But sticking to what seems to be the Knights' season-long agenda of burying games interesting, O'Donnell made just one free throw.

The Knights now found themselves in a familiar situation.

In their last 10 loss in C-USA, the Knights held a two-point lead with just a few seconds remaining. But

"Our defense was unbelievable. They were just fighting like crazy on the defensive end." -UIKE O'CONNELL
O'Donnell's timely shot seals win

On this date

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The Knights shot just 33 percent in the first half, but were shooting 60 percent in the second half, thus they were able to come back to

They had to chase balls and were not able to score anything early on.

In the last minute, the Knights had a chance to win the game, but

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Hudson, Long lead Knights with nine points in defeat

FROM A8 team averages a game. UCF has averaged a dismal .38 percent field goal percentage. Against UTEP, they shot .38 percent.

On the UTEP end, scoring was bountiful. The Miners had four players score in double digits. Guard Kasia Krezel led all scorers with 21 points. Ana Valtierra, Jareica Hughes and Charnette Phelps each had 10 points, but that's bound to happen because the defense can't be the sole strength of the team every night.

After all, the Knights' defense only allows 62.4 points a game. That's third best in the conference. Against UTEP, they bent a little and allowed 69, but most of that can be blamed on the 15 steals that the Miners had. UCF committed 24 turnovers and that led to 32 points for UTEP.

"We have the talent to get it done," UCF head coach Gail Striegler said, "but we need everybody to come out and play every 40 minutes." That didn't happen against UTEP. The first 20 minutes of Friday's game were where this match-up was won for the Miners and lost for the Knights; just look at the first-half numbers.

In the first half, UTEP shot 18-for-33, 54.5 percent, while UCF shot 7-for-23, 30.4 percent. The score was never tied, except for the start of the game, and the lead never changed, except when UTEP made its first basket. The Miners grabbed the lead from the very beginning and never looked back.

With the win, UTEP (16-3 overall, 5-2 C-USA) has now moved within half a game of conference-leading UAB. UCF (6-14 overall, 1-6 C-USA) still sits just above the basement with only Memphis (3-19 overall, 0-8 C-USA) in a lower position.

The Division of Graduate Studies and the Graduate Student Association invite all UCF graduate students to participate in the annual Graduate Research Forum scheduled for April 3, 2007.

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Troop surge means more copoter deaths

The U.S. military helicopter that occurred outside of Baghdad on a "gray of the grave" sign if the President Bush's proposed troop surge comes to fruition.

For those of you not familiar with the details of the crash, all 42 passengers and crew members have been killed, including 12 Martians. There were no further details given by the military at the time of the crash.

However, a brief story from Reuters on the evening of Jan. 26, 2005, cited by CNN, revealed that a helicopter crash was a result of herbal fire from a shoulder-fired missile. The report came after investigators discovered that the tube could have been used to fire a missile or a rocket. On Sunday, no further details concerning the report have been released.

The crash occurred on Jan. 20, 2005, and was a third-deadliest accident in Iraq since the war began in March 2003, as 25 U.S. troops were killed.

Now the troops, in Iraq, are missing both constant threats while traveling by road, and by air. The "roadside Baghdad" reality seems to be commonplace now, but very few people understand the dangers posed by Iraq terrain.

Partly that's because that road U.S. aircraft accident which occurred on Jan. 20, 2005, when a Hellenic helicopter crashed during a sandstorm at "only" 130 mph. We say "only" because that number is deep in the basket compared to an ever-increasing casualty toll of more than 100,000.

These accidents are also few and far between compared to the roadside attacks on U.S. Humvees, trucks and mine-clearing vehicles. The press is more apt to focus on those than the 75 or so helicopters that have gone down since 2003. But if the troop surge comes to fruition, the need for mine-clearing vehicles will be greater, and these types of accidents will become more common.

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