UCF pillaged

Knights fall to ECU 52-38 in first conference road game — See SPORTS, A8

Senate burns through half of budget

42 percent of yearly budget already spent

Britney Kyle

Student Government Association senators are dusty to swear now that the Senate has already burned through nearly half of its $105,000 budget for the school year.

The Senate estimates that it has currently spent 42 percent of its working funds. This portion of the budget is used primarily to fund the operation of all organizations seeking money.

The amount of money that is handed out depends on the number of organizations asking for it, and more organizations were waiting money at the beginning of the semester, according to Senator Alex Masic.

Masic also said that the Senate's vote for the current budget situation is to pay and continue functioning.

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The death of a University of Florida student from a deadly disease two years ago has lawmakers questioning the need for vaccinations in college campuses.

Ralph Elkins, a 20-year-old student at the University of Florida, died of meningitis in November 2006 after being ill for only one day.

The Florida Board of Governors, which oversees Florida's 27 public universities, met Sept. 27 to discuss the current law governing meningococcal vaccinations.

According to the Florida Department of Health, meningococcal meningitis is a bacterial disease that is transmitted through droplets of moisture in the air, such as coughing and sneezing.

The disease is highly contagious and can be lethal in some cases, according to the Florida Department of Health.

The death of Elkins has sparked calls for a meningococcal meningitis vaccine to be made available to all students at Florida universities to work with the Centers for Disease Control and other public health agencies to come up with a strategy to minimize the risk to students.

The board is scheduled to meet on Dec. 6 and 7 to discuss the issue and vote on a possible solution.

The tragic death of University of Florida sophomore Rachel Futterman was a wake-up call to all of us involved in higher education (the Board of Regents, the Florida legislature and the UCF administration) to the importance of meningococcal meningitis vaccinations.

Meningococcal meningitis is an inflammation of the meninges, the membranes that cover the brain and spinal cord. It is usually caused by bacteria but can also be caused by certain medications or chemicals.

Bacterial meningitis is rare, but it can be very serious and can be life-threatening if left untreated. Viral meningitis is also called aseptic meningitis. It is relatively common and can occur in any age group. However, unexplained lingering symptoms can be similar to those of the meningococcal meningitis.
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Bacterial meningitis is a contagious disease that causes an infection and inflammation of the membranes covering the spinal cord and brain, which can lead to death. According to UCF Student Health Services, however, student deaths have not been recorded.

Theodore Dechon, assistant clinical director for Health Services, said that studies have shown the prevalence of the disease on college campuses to be about 1 in 10,000.

"If you are to vaccinate all college students, you'd have to vaccinate 4 million students to prevent one case of bacterial meningitis," Dechon said.

In addition, he added, "In hospice disease, however, students need to be apprised of the risk in order to make the decision to get vaccinated."

It is for these reasons that the UCF Health Center is offering the vaccine. In the past week, the Health Center has given 117 vaccinations and a total of 71 for the semester.

Dechon said that the vaccine does not guarantee protection against meningococcal meningitis, but "It is better than no doubt, but there's no absolute guarantee that the disease will not occur."

Dechon also noted that since state and local health officials are advisory, it is up to the individual to decide if they want the vaccine. While the Health Center believes that meningococcal meningitis, a disease that is deadly or may leave a person with permanent hearing loss or neurological damage, that is why they are offering it.

"It is up to the individual to decide whether or not to receive the vaccine," Dechon said.

Simple habits like washing hands and avoiding close contact can help reduce the risk of meningococcal meningitis. Dechon added that students should also avoid sharing drinking straws and should keep their hands clean. Dechon said.

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The town of Haskanita, which is currently under the control of the government and its allied rebel group, was attacked by Islamic fundamentalist fighters. The attack was described as a "great contribution to the war against the Sudanese government".

The attack was carried out by the Islamic Revolutionary Front (IRF), a splinter group of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM). The IRF has been fighting the Sudanese government for the past two decades, seeking to establish a separate Islamic state in the region.

The attack took place in the town of Haskanita, located in the Darfur region of the western part of Sudan. The town is known for its rich history and cultural heritage, and is considered a key location in the conflict.

The attack was carried out in the early hours of Sunday, and left several people dead and injured. The government has not yet commented on the attack, but it is believed that the IRF was responsible.

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The educational studies minor is designed to enhance the academic and career goals for students," said Scott Wise. "The name of the program has to be marketable. The tagline is "Teach your passion" and that is in the classroom as well as the classroom."

"Everyone will need to teach or train others at some point in their life, and the educational studies minor prepares you to teach effectively," said Alyssa Briola, a marketing director for Impact and a sophomore marketing major. "Jessica Capps, a freshman psychology major, is a member of Impact's Facebook group, which Briola created to promote the new minor."

"I love learning about why people are the way they are," Capps said. "I believe that psychology can be a huge help when dealing with the issues they have."

She said that majoring in psychology will increase her chances of getting a job as a psychology teacher.

Math and science majors are a big part of the Impact program as well. The program is funded by a Surdna Grant — a type of grant generally used to recruit engineering, science and math graduates into education, according to the UCF College of Education's Web site.

"We get a lot of students from the Honors College, people who major in math or biology but then say, I might want to teach someday," Wise said. "They use their elective hours to take educational studies classes."

Impact officials should know by mid-October whether the grant for the program will be renewed. The grant funds provide more than 50 students, some of who are currently teaching part-time.

Even if the grant is not renewed, the educational studies program will continue, Wise said.

"With or without further funding, Impact officials said they will continue to help more than just math and science majors."

"The money was recently approved that it didn't get printed in the 2007-2008 catalog. Wise said, although information on the minor and certificate can be found on the College of Education's Web site."

About 80 students are currently taking course work related to the five-class minor and the six-class certificate. Wise said, and the college will begin processing requests for students wishing to complete both tracks next semester.

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"The tuition increase comes on the heels of Gov. Charlie Crist's decision to cut $272 million from the state university budget. Hollinger mentioned the importance of tuition increase and state funding growing in importance in relation to the increase."

"If the students increase the amount they pay, the state should help add accessible resources," Hollinger said. "By not funding resources, you are not allowing that student message is being sent to students严肃ly, we need to fund these resources and not playly not important."

Hollinger mentioned that, at a minimum, the state should provide full need-based enrollment for all students currently enrolled in the state university system. She said that 6,000 full-time students of 27,000 currently enrolled in the state university system do not receive minimum funding from the state."

"With low graduation rates, overcrowded classrooms and poor access to required classes, it is an additional blow to the suffering higher education system," Hollinger said.

Student Government Association Director of Government Affairs Maria Pecorera also attended the hearing. Pecorera said that such forums could bring about positive change.

"A partnership can be achieved between students and politicians to ensure that the money from tuition increases is transparent," Pecorera said.

Part of the $272 million cut from the budget includes $4 million expected to be cut from the budget for residency training. "We cannot afford to make critical face of this system has been tragically underfunded for a long time," said President William Merck II. "The hearings will help the commission to continue fundamental change.""

"One of the things you can do is to create a state-wide bond initiative to jump-start additional building needs, in addition to helping with scholarships," Merck said. "The state has an obligation to provide adequate funding.""

The commission questioned Merck on the importance of a medical school in the area and said that student involvement is crucial in the decision-making process.

"One of the biggest issues is how we allocate resources," Merck said, and he added that students need to be involved in the process.

"The money that is being requested is necessary to create residency programs for students to keep them in Florida."

If we can hold these students after they graduate, if we can keep them in the area, they will join local practices," Merck said. "There is a great need for additional doctors in Florida.""

The commission will reconvene for a special session in Fort Lauderdale on Oct. 12 to decide on whether to approve Hollinger's proposal. "We just want to see a partnership," Hollinger said. "We need it to work and not just be sitting on the table by itself."

Hollinger thanked the commission for providing an avenue for students to express their concerns about the future of the university, and said that student involvement is crucial in the decision-making process.

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Innovators get hooked on how to sell concepts

Max Beerman

As long as the secret to success remains a mystery, students looking to get their fledging ideas off the ground can get advice about setting concepts to investors from the UCE Venture Lab. The trick is in finding a "shark" named Kimberly Chadwick, director of the Venture Lab. Her book is the attention-getter, either relevant to everyday concerns or well-timed imagination.

The Venture Lab is located in the Business Administration Building of Colorado State University. As its Web site as "a place for technology entrepreneurs to transform innovative ideas and intellectual property into business plans with high growth potential," you can find a "just a network of sharks.""  

In her speech, Chadwick emphasized that, when pitching an idea, one should not be overly technical.

She said that investors are only interested in how they're going to make money. For the most part, they are entirely uninterested in the product itself.

"Most investors don't know your world. They are just old wines that are retired, wealthy individuals that probably made their money in real estate or they were the president of a bank."  

Chadwick emphasized that young entrepreneurs must recognize the age-disparities between themselves and investors before they pitch their ideas.

"The product is the least important part of this whole thing," Chadwick said. "So do not spend more than 30 seconds at the most, on your product. It is a huge mistake, and everybody makes it."

After Chadwick's speech, the audience was opened for questions. Michael Quinn, the president of UCF's Collegiate Entrepreneurship Organization, CEO, asked what Chadwick felt students should focus on for the King of the Court competition.

"Have a phenomenal presentation," Chadwick said.

The King of the Court competition scheduled for Oct. 26, in the Student Union, is the business competition. Students who participate in the competition will have 90 seconds to pitch an idea to the judge.

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Mistakes turn Knights upside-down

Knights done in by disastrous third quarter, get routed by East Carolina

The Knights had a 28-17 lead at halftime but were unable to maintain their lead after the third quarter. The Pirates scored three touchdowns in the final 12 minutes of the game, winning 52-38.

The Pirates scored on a 1-yard run by Alex Best with 9:09 left in the third quarter. They added a 24-yard field goal by Matt Rysavy with 3:32 remaining, and a 30-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Max Krueger to wide receiver Jordan Williams with 8:17 left.

UCF quarterback John Plumlee was 22 of 38 for 223 yards and two touchdowns. He also had two interceptions and a fumble.

East Carolina quarterback Philip Nelson was 23 of 35 for 267 yards and three touchdowns. He also had one interception and a fumble.

The Knights' defense allowed 455 yards and three touchdowns in the game. They had five turnovers, including four interceptions and a fumble.

The Pirates' defense forced two turnovers, including one interception and a fumble.

Knights' solutions nowhere to be seen

I'm not going to say "I told you so," but the Knights Football team made the same mistakes in Saturday's 52-38 loss at East Carolina that it has been making all year.

Three interceptions, two lost fumbles and a 35-0 drubbing in the second half just dished home what everybody already knew: The Knights aren't as good as we all want them to be.

With the talent on this team, it is entirely plausible that it could win out and finish at 9-2 and 7-1 in Conference USA. Did you really believe in that outcome?

I'll answer for you: No. Kevin Smith, who is still the nation's leading rusher in yards per game and is averaging 59 yards per rush, ran the ball nine times for 67 yards with one fumble in the second half.

But those statistics are a little misleading because they were all in the third quarter.

Smith had as many rushes in the fourth quarter as he did in the first half. He didn't manage to grab three yards or fewer of a carry, as he was in the game, unless someone actually places the ball in or around the area of his hands.

UCF's leading rusher in the fourth quarter was Kyle Israel, who bullied his way to 147 yards against East Carolina, but also had a fumble in the third quarter.

Men's Soccer loses to SMU

Johnson's eight saves not enough in Knights' loss to No. 11 Mustangs

Excellent goaltending was not enough to keep UCF from dropping a 2-1 Conference USA contest to No. 11 SMU in Dallas on Saturday night.

UCF goalkeeper Sean Edelstein had a career-high eight saves for the game.

It was the second C-USA game for the Knights (4-6-1 overall, 2-1-1 in C-USA) this season.

First-year head coach Bryan Cunningham said he was pleased with his team's performance.

"I am proud of the effort that the team gave tonight," Cunningham said in a press release. "With all those opportunities, it's just a matter of time before they find the back of the net again."
Five second-half turnovers doom Knights against ECU

UCF allows 35 points in the second half as the Pirates get second C-USA win

MELISSA HEYBROEK
West Haven

The UCF Football team had two goals going into Saturday night's game against the East Carolina Pirates: Eliminate turnovers and play the second 30 minutes of the game the way it usually plays the first.

The Knights failed both tests. Two fumbles and three interceptions into the third quarter, UCF had experienced the epitome of a second-half meltdown. And when all was said and done, the Knights lost the game, 28-31.

"You can't have that in the first half and entered the break up 28-10, " said head coach George O'Leary. "We were moving the ball when we turned it over, and you just can't do those things. I'm really disappointed in the fact that we were outshooting ourselves in the first half a little bit — that's what happened."

The Knights were their usual selves in the first half and entered the break up 28-10, running back Chris Johnson set a single-game school record with 372 total yards against the Pirates. He scored four touchdowns, which came on a 96-yard kickoff return, a 72-yard catch and run, and a couple of touchdown runs of eight and 16-yard long.

Run around Chris: Johnson rushed 12 yards and angled around the right side, giving the Knights the first down. Johnson finished with 372 total yards, and 203 rushing yards. The difference, however, was ECU's offense was just as good. Senior tailback Curtis Francis returned a 95-yard kickoff return to give the Knights a quick 7-0 lead. Francis finished the first with 203 return yards.

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The Knights scored one final touchdown late in the fourth quarter, but it wouldn't be enough to mask the breakdown of the Knights offense in the third quarter.

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Lightning delay is no shock to UCF in win
Knights' quick-strike offense leads to 4-0 blowout victory

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Yvonne George scored her fourth goal of the year and had two shots on goal in UCF's 4-0 win over Marshall on Friday.

PATTY HUTCHER (Sports Editor)
The weather followed the UCF Women's Soccer team's lead Friday as the Knights made it rain all over the Marshall Thundering Herd.

Although they had to wait an hour to start their final three goals, the Knights (6-2-2 overall, 1-0 in Conference USA) blew out Marshall (3-7 overall, 0-1 in C-USA) 4-0 in win that was never close.

From the start of the match, UCF was clicking on all cylinders, finding many scoring opportunities early and netting its first goal 13 minutes in.

After a UCF corner kick, the Knights put several shots toward the goal. Marshall defenders stopped most of them, but then the ball found itself at the foot of sophomore Yvonne George. She had one of her shots blocked before she buried another one in the bottom left corner.

"Someone brought it into the box, and everyone just kept battling," George said. "The girl before me... battled for it, and I just finished it. But everyone earned that goal.

UCF had several opportunities when the rain started to pour with about 21 minutes left in the half. With 17:43 remaining, both teams had to endure the long lighting delay before they could get back on the pitch.

But it seemed that the Knights were the only team that made it rain out of the locker room. In the 70th minute, sophomore Sarah de Leon scored her first goal of the season when she rose above everyone to head in a corner kick from Arielle Ory.

"We were dangerous off the corners," UCF head coach Amanda Cromwell said. "The last two games..."
Volleyball continues streak, is swept for 5th straight time

Knights close in game two, but have lost 15 games in a row

RICH BASS

Three weeks ago, the UCF Volleyball team had won five of its last six matches and was confident that it had momentum. But the Knights have lost seven of their last eight.

Now, the Knights are just trying to win a game, let alone close a match.

The Knights (8-11) dropped their fifth consecutive match Friday and fell to UAB 30-27 in Conference USA after being swept by UAB 30-23, 29-27 and 30-20.

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Andrea Youngblood had an all-around good performance for the Knights with four kills, six digs and 16 assists.

Youngblood was one of the key factors in the Knights' loss.

A Sierra Kerr knotted the score at 10 early on. Three straight UCF attack errors put the Blazers up 15-10. Kerr and Youngblood put away the Blazers with a 6-2 run by Youngblood and a block by Serna and Tanya Heppel to tie the score at 29. A UAB ace forced UCF head coach Mark Calhoun to call a timeout with the Blazers up 29-27.

The Knights went on an 8-3 run after the timeout, capped off by a Youngblood kill that forced game point at 29-27.

Despite hitting -.337 in the game, the Knights were unable to tie the match at 29, but they did let their first game win in five matches slip away. A Kelly Weaver service error marked a Blazers 14-15 run that gave them the game.

The Knights couldn't get anything going in game one due to a good Rays or defense. A Sierra error gave UAB an early 9-4 lead. The Knights battled to within four at 10-6, but UAB went on a 12-2 run to force Calhoun to call another timeout.

A 4-1 UCF run after the timeout trimmed the Knights' deficit to 15-11, but the lead was too much for the Knights to overcome as they dropped the game to UAB 25-14, 25-15.

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Offense not a problem for the Knights, as they fire 23 shots

Senior goalkeeper Jennifer Manis made four saves for her second shutout of the season, but she was rarely challenged. "We really didn't let their forwards have much of the ball," Cromwell said. "Nikki (Moore) and Arielle (Orr) were getting up so much out of the back that their forwards had to track, so they're too busy chasing, and they didn't have legs to attack."
Mattson scores late goal to help Knights avoid shutout

UCF had numerous scoring opportunities early in the game, but it was the Mustangs who put the first goal on the scoreboard in the 14th minute of regulation play. Junior Jeff Harwell said during a wild celebration, "We're going to get better. We've exceeded expectations so far and we're going to continue to do so."

It was Mattson's third goal of the season. SMU's offense seemed to be overwhelming, as the final shot count favored the Mustangs 14-2.

Many of UCF's scoring opportunities were thwarted by an eight-save game for SMU goalkeeper Craig Hill.

"We had some breakdowns in the back, which we've been addressing in practice," Cunningham said. "But the disappointing thing is that this loss is doing the hardest part. They are creating the opportunities, we're just not finishing them." Cunningham

"We're just a matter of keeping positive," Cunningham said. "We'll keep plugging away, working hard, and focusing on what we need to do." Cunningham

The Knights travel to Miami on Wednesday to visit Florida International for their next challenge. Kickoff is schedule for 7 p.m.

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Byrnes and Stephen Devon, who finished the series 7-for-10, also homered as Arizona extended the Cubs' streak of futility with a 3-for-5 day. Cubs manager Lou Piniella made a series of adjustments in the ninth, and the Cubs scored four runs, but Arizona won 7-5.

The way the Knights are set up requires Israel to keep his health. "We can't rely on three or four players," Cunningham said. "The way the Knights are playing, we should be shoring up the defense and watch them grow." Cunningham

Mobile said, "We don't do it without a concerted effort from everybody on our team. We can't rely on three or four guys to shoulder the load. We've got to get it from multiple guys every day, and our younger guys showed up." Cunningham

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Elections in the U.S. allow candidates to run on multiple tickets, and each ticket competes for the vote based on the candidates' names. The result is often referred to as a "party system." The term "party" here refers to a collection of candidates fielded by a political group, not to the two major parties (the Democrats and Republicans) that dominate the U.S. political landscape.

In this election cycle at the University of Central Florida, the dominant party system is that of the Student Government Association (SGA). This system allows candidates to run on separate tickets, with each ticket competing for the vote of a subset of the student body. The ticket that wins the majority of votes is declared the winner.

The SGA election campaign is currently underway, and the outcome of the election will be announced soon. The election process involves a series of primary elections, where students vote for candidates who will ultimately run in the general election. The general election takes place on Election Day, with students voting for their preferred candidates and running for the Senate. The candidates on the winning ticket(s) will then have the opportunity to run for office in the Senate.

According to the Central Florida Future, the last SGA election was held in 2007, and the current election cycle is the most competitive in recent history. The number of candidates running for Senate seats has increased significantly, and the competition is expected to be fierce.

The SGA election results are important because they will determine the composition of the Senate for the upcoming academic year. The winning candidates will represent the student body and make decisions on behalf of the student body on various issues, such as student life, campus policies, and budgeting.

The Central Florida Future encourages students to vote in the SGA election to ensure that their voices are heard and their interests are represented. The election is a chance for students to participate in the democratic process and make a difference on campus.
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