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A BUNCH OF BULL

Knights suffer embarassing loss in first-ever game against University of South Florida — SEE SPORTS, A9



CHEAP, CHEAP UCF shows that expensive schools

are for the birds

- SEE NEWS, A8

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SEAN LAVIN / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURI

SGA Student Body President Willie Bentley Jr., Deputy Comptroller Ryan Marlar and Skip Moedinger at Moedinger's Senate confirmation hearing this past summer.

SGA confrontation leads to police patrol

Pressure, desire for power can push students to erratic behavior, observers say

SEAN LAVIN AND MARK JUSTICE Senior Staff Writers

An armed UCF police officer patrolled the SGA Senate meeting Thursday night after senatorial hopeful Skip Moedinger, who hosted a Bible study just one week before, sent Facebook and e-mail messages apparently threatening Sen. Victor Perez.

The alarming messages came after Moedinger tried to file a stack of Declaration of Candidacy forms just minutes before the 5 p.m. deadline Wednesday.

approached Perez Moedinger as he scrambled to piece together the required signed petitions with Declaration forms and began scolding Moedinger for behavior he considered "ridiculously disrespectful to our Senate secre-

As the pressure of the loomdeadline mounted, Moedinger suddenly pushed Perez, who some believe invaded Moedinger's personal space, away with his right hand.

Perez had initially decided he would not press battery charges against Moedinger, but when he woke up the next day to a computer screen full of Moedinger's threatening messages sent just after 2 a.m. Thursday, he decided it was time to notify the UCF Police Department.

Moedinger did not return several calls for comment by press time, but has since removed himself from Facebook groups accusing Perez of being a bully, and he removed all reference of future political ambitions from his profile.

Moediner's failed attempt to

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USF - 31 UCF - 14

RUNNING THE BULLS

Despite bad game for UCF, rivalry with USF holds plenty of benefits for both

> **ASHLEY BURNS** Managing Editor

Heading into Saturday's first-ever matchup with the University of South Florida Bulls, UCF football fans were anxious to see what they believed would be the beginning of a rivalry.

USF fans didn't agree. Some of them did, but the majority of Bull nation were convinced that UCF didn't even belong in the same sentence, let alone field, as USF. The Bulls' 31-14 trouncing of the Knights added weight to the USF argu-

Yet there were 45,139 fans in attendance, and

if that's not enough to convince the USF brass that this rivalry is beneficial for both sides, thousands of UCF fans made the journey from Orlando to watch the Knights extend their losing streak - as always, the longest in the nation at 17.

FULL UCF FOOTBALL GAME COVERAGE **SEE SPORTS A9**

While the outcome undoubtedly left all of them sour, the experience is one that some see as the beginning of something big.

One of those fans in attendance was Florida Sen. Lee Constantine, who has publicly supported this rivalry for many years and has been quite vocal as far as seeing that it happens annually, far beyond the current two-year home and home agreement that USF was so gracious to

"This is something that is very near and dear to me," Constantine said of the rivalry. "It's something that should happen annually. Every school needs a rival that they can say, 'We hate them or we love to hate them.' USF and UCF are natural. For me, it was imperative for UCF and USF to improve their programs and continue on to the next step and have this kind of rivalry."

Fans from both sides at the game showed respect toward each other, despite being playful with distaste for each other's teams throughout the game. There were fans wielding signs which gave UCF credit for attractive girls and drinking prowess, and others that let UCF fans know that USF jumped the shark by joining the Big East, leaving UCF in its wake. There were painted faces and painted bodies, crazy pom-poms and

PLEASE SEE THOUSANDS ON A6



ASHLEY BURNS / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURI

UCF Coach George O'Leary and his staff support the annual rivalry with USF, but got off to a less than impressive start with a 31-14 loss to the Bulls Saturday in Tampa.

SGA gets mixed reactions over USF football ticket giveaway

Contributing Writer

While UCF students spent the past week getting ready to start a new rivalry with USF, others questioned the way the Student Government Association went about getting UCF students involved.

While the spending of \$15,000 on tickets, buses and a barbecue garnered a lot of support, some students were upset with how SGA promoted the event.

Dustin Hite, a 23-year-old legal studies major, said that even though he was looking forward to the football game against USF, he had not even heard that SGA was giving away free tickets.

While he supported the use of student government funds to pay for the expenses, he was not satisfied with the event's promotion.

"In my opinion they should have done a better job," he said.

Football fans were not the only ones that supported the student government's spending.

"I'm not interested in the game, but if buying tickets for our students gets them more involved with our university, then it's a good thing," Yashira Ortega-Rios said. "They should have advertised the free tickets more because I did not even know about them."

Not all students were dissatisfied with the

PLEASE SEE STUDENTS ON A6

Hurricane victims look to Web sites for help

AMBER FOSTER

Three days after Hurricane Katrina hit the coast of the southeastern United States, California resident Amy Protsman still had not heard from her family in Ocean Springs, Miss., five miles east of Biloxi, Miss. She turned to www.hurricanekatrinasurvivors.com for help.

"Please call if you hear from Ted or Kelly Landry, Stephanie Landry, Fred and Angela Weems, Roland and Joy Landry," she posted on the Web site's forums Sept. 1. "Please tell them that I'm trying desperately [sic] to find out if they're okay and that I LOVE them. If anyone has any information, please call me."

In the weeks after one of the nation's worst disasters destroyed lives, organizations and individuals worldwide have reached out to help these victims at their most vulnerable time.

Many Web sites have popped up offering assistance, but two Web sites www.hurricanekatrinasurvivors.com and www.hurricanehousing.org gained the largest following in reuniting displaced citizens with their friends and family or finding housing for those that

have no place else to go.

Ormond Beach residents Robert and Marisa Gary created www.hurricanekatrinasurvivors.com as a resource for informa-

tion on outages and road closures. After the couple realized the impact of the storm, the Web site ballooned with forums full of missing and found people posts, survivor stories, news updates, shelter listings, weather conditions, pictures, and specialized categories for law enforcement, media, and employment opportuni-

PLEASE SEE MISSING ON A7

Worry, helplessness affect Florida residents after Katrina

KIM CALHOUN Contributing Writer

Although Central Florida residents live more than 600 miles away from New Orleans, they have been affected by Hurricane

Some struggle with worry and feelings of helplessness. Some volunteer to help with relief efforts while others are simply frustrated.

When Jennifer Bennett, a fifth-grade teacher at a school in Sanford, heard of the destruction Katrina caused, her first reaction was to contact family members, some of whom live in and around New Orleans.

"I was thinking 'where's my family," Bennett said. "Did they evacuate? How can I get in contact with them?"

PLEASE SEE UCF ON A6

AROUND **CAMPUS**

News and notices for the UCF community

Diffuse roommates difficulties

The Counseling Center will be hosting a the "Surviving in Close Quarters: Dealing with Roommates" program at 7 p.m. today at the Key West Room in the Student Union.

The program will cover topics such as negotiating boundaries, understanding cultural differences and respecting personal property and space.

Participants will discuss realistic expectations for sharing living quarters and tips for communication between roommates.

For more information call Andrew Blair at 407-823-2811.

Learn about volunteer positions

Volunteer UCF will hold a Volunteer Expo from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday on the Student Union patio. More than 30 agencies that need volunteers will be present.

For more information, Tracy Furr email tfurr@mail.ucf.edu.

Faculty artist to discuss his work

Faculty artist Jason Burrell will give an informal gallery talk about his work now on display in the UCF Art Gallery at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Visual Arts Building Room 140A.

Burrell's work is part of the annual faculty art exhibition now on display in the art gallery. He will discuss his interesting plastic sculptures and take questions.

For more information, call Janet Kilbride at 407-823-3161.

UCF faculty jazzes it up on piano

UCF faculty member Bob Thornton will be featured on the piano in an evening of jazz from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday in Rehearsal Hall 116.

Thornton will be accompanied by Doug Mathews on bass and Paul Parker on drums. For more information, call Bob Thornton at 407-823-3581.

Find the ideal internship or co-op

Transfer and Transition Services will hold the "Experience is the Key: Finding Internships and Co-op Opportunities" workshop from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday in Howard Phillips Hall Room 102.

A representative from Career Services and Experimental Learning will talk about Internship and co-op programs. There will be free giveaways.

For more information call Jamila Kazi or Kimberly Maynard at 407-823-2231.

Best Buddies meet-and-greet

The UCF Chapter of Best Buddies will have a meet-andgreet brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in portable

Members and other people interested in joining are welcome. T546 is located behind

the University Writing Center. For more information, call Brittany Roberts at 407-823-

ASB 2006 needs site leaders

The LINK First Year Experience is looking for site leaders to for this year's Alternative Spring Break event.

Applications are due 4 p.m. Friday at the LINK office in the Student Resource Center room 139. Applications can be found

www.housing.ucf.edu/asb/site

leader.htm.

For more information call Rebecca Morales 407-882-5465.

CORRECTION

In the Sept. 15 article "Puerto Rican growth impacts campus," we identified the musician in the photo as Angel Martinez. It was actually Jose Maunez-Cuadra, an associate professor in Radio/TV broadcasting.

LET US KNOW

The Future wants to hear from you! If you have a club, organization or event and want your information to be considered for the Around Campus column, send a fax to 407-447-4556 or an e-mail to editor@ucfnews.com. Deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday for the Wednesday edition.

Counselor urges balanced lifestyle

secure a spot on the ballot Wednesday was not the first time he was rejected from Student Government Association. He's been trying to win a seat since his freshman year in Fall 2003 when he lost the race by just one vote.

'Ever since I've known him he has breathed SGA," Moedinger's roommate, Gary Troyanowski, said. "All he talks about is SGA and he always wants me to get involved. He's always promoting SGA and the good things about it and what it can do for your life."

Troyanowski said he was bothered by various hurtful, personal attacks that former senators have launched against Moedinger in the past - some were posted on public Face-book community message boards for everyone to see.

Some of the intense namecalling "could have sent him over the edge," Troyanowski

"They should have been a little more respectful of a person and realized that words do hurt," he said, adding that harsh words can affect some profoundly. "People should be able to feel other people's emotions. It's just a human thing to do."

Speaker of the Senate Mark White empathizes with the hopelessness Moedinger is feeling, and said that the intense emotion and sense of dedication felt over SGA can "sometimes get the better of a

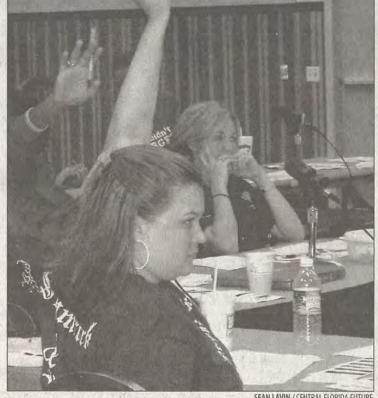
At 22 years old, White serves as the head of the SGA Senate — an organization responsible for approving an \$11 million budget each year. Besides balancing a challenging engineering course load, it's White's responsibility to maintain order over an often contentious body of 50 student leaders.

Much like the head of any organization, White is issued a laptop computer, has access to a PDA device, and is compensated more than his peers — in his case \$1,400 each month for the 40 hours a week he says he spends working in the office. The position also carries a tremendous amount of stress.

"You can't really let the power or paycheck or reality of people wanting your job consume you," White said.

Moedinger made public his desire to supplant White as Speaker in the 38th Senate.

Laura Riddle, associate director of the UCF Counseling Center, pointed out that if students do become consumed with SGA or any one aspect of



Then-Deputy Pro Tempore Kelly Travis waits for her turn to speak at Moedinger's confirmation center last summer.

unhealthy imbalance with other important areas of their

"It is certainly possible to become obsessed, and to become so overly focused on this one aspect of our lives, or this one position, that we feel like if we don't have it or if we don't get it, that it diminishes us in some way," Riddle said.

And during election time, candidates, like Moedinger, do become consumed with SGA and neglect class, sleep and other important facets of life, all in hopes of winning a seat on the student

One night, as the Wednesday deadline to declare candidacy edged closer and closer, Moedinger's roommate noticed that he "just never went to bed."

"He stayed up all day, left to do something and came back and stayed up all night again," Troyanowski added.

Riddle warns how "the toll of being in such a highly visible, highly-pressurized position sometimes gets lost, and we're not making very good decisions about what's in our personal, emotional, social and physical best inter-

During a recent visit to the UCF campus Elizabeth Doran, who is campaigning to win a seat in the US House of Representatives, shared her belief that the thirst for power and control compels incumbents to run for re-election.

"I've been involved in politics off and on for about 18 their life, it could cause an years," Doran said, "and what

I'm interested in is why they go back and seek re-election."

"Of what I see, they really like the power," Doran said. "Greed seems to take over, as well as power," she said, pointing out that "there are safeguards in the constitution to prohibit that arrogance of power, but now we're trying to even remove some of those safeguards."

At Florida's state universities, most of those safeguards limiting power have already been removed, as Florida law gives student legislators almost complete control over the entire budget derived from student activity and service fees.

Many professionals working in the higher education field believe that when the state places \$11 million under direct control of young college students, the amount of power that results can have a corrupting and unhealthy influence.

Aside from instances where students spend money in unlawful ways, it is difficult for administration officials to stop expenditures, and while some administrators do sit on funding boards in an advisory capacity, they rarely have a vote or the power to amend an

In one extreme case, when SGA officials recklessly purchased themselves new vehicles and laptop computers, a luxury item at the time, the university locked students out of the SGA office and disbanded the governing body in order to engage in a massive reorgani-

But the lessons learned

from the reorganization can be easily forgotten - most SGA officials aren't aware of the details of the shutdown any-

tions that a never-ending quest for power driving the nation's lawmakers is a major reason why student legislators run as well.

While Riddle hasn't observed firsthand the behavior of students seeking an SGA office, she explained that "to some degree we like to be recognized," and most people 'like to be powerful, certainly in our own lives, and I think we like to feel like we're in control," she said, adding "it feels very uncomfortable to be out of control."

tions begin, candidates form alliances and pool together names of supporters on tickets to maximize their chances of being elected. Close friends that end up on different tickets are faced with ethical dilemmas when deciding who to support, and relationships are often strained on the road to

The election process can become very trying and time consuming, and experts worry that if students fail to maintain a healthy balance between SGA and other areas of their lives, losing an election could be devastating.

Riddle wants students to know that a goal of the counseling center is to help students balance various facets of their

"That way if the rug does come out from under you, your whole focus and your own selfconcept, self-confidence is not so wrapped up in only one thing," she said, pointing out with a healthy balance the loss "doesn't become so socially and academically devastating."

was present.

Recognizing what he called a delicate situation, Welch asked everyone present to "find it in their hearts to be

Government."

Many fear Doran's observa-

Even before Senate elec-

As of now, "the administra-

tion is taking steps to make sure you are well taken care of and [Skip Moedinger] is as well," Kerry Welch, director of the Office of Student Involvement, said while addressing the Senate Thursday evening at the meeting where the officer

compassionate."

Speaker White, who has worked with Moedinger outside of the stressful elections believes "he's really a goodhearted kid." With time, White hopes Moedinger can realize that there's "a lot more to this university than just Student

POLICE BEAT

Irate student warns of Mother Nature's wrath

CRYSTAL SCOTT

On Wednesday morning, UCF workers were flagging trees for upcoming construction when 26-year-old Ervin Salazar jumped out of the bushes and started screaming at the men, according to UCF Police.

UCFPD gave this account of the incident:

Salazar ripped off his shirt and began praying before destroying the work area and threatening that if any of the workers attempted to stop him, he would fight them with a broken umbrella handle.

After Salazar had damaged their work area and retreated, the workers flagged down Sgt.

Dale Dennany, who was

patrolling Central Florida Boulevard.

The workers gave a description of Salazar and Dennany called it out over his police radio and, shortly after, after, Salazar was detained.

Dennany made contact with Salazar and immediately spotted the broken umbrella handle he was still holding in

Upon searching Salazar, Dennany also found three pins that are used to secure fire extinguishers, which indicated that Salazar may have been responsible for the fire alarm that had sounded off just 30 minutes prior.

Salazar was placed under arrest and, while in custody, spontaneously began uttering, "You guys were going to

destroying Mother Nature." Salazar continued, "Moth-

er Earth is going to get back at Salazar was arrested and charged with aggravated

assault and possession of a weapon on school property. Traffic incident ends in late-

night drug arrest About 1 a.m. Sunday morn-

ing, Officer Mario Jenkins was on patrol when he observed a vehicle cross a stop sign without stopping at Golden Knight Plaza and Gemini Boulevard.

Jenkins stopped the car and when he approached the driver, identified as Brent Hallee, the smell of marijuana was coming from the vehicle.

After Jenkins issued Hallee

tear trees down. You are a ticket for running the stop sign, he informed Hallee that he smelled the smoke coming from inside his vehicle and that he was going to search it.

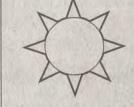
At that point the male sitting in the front passenger seat pleaded for Hallee to "fess up."

While searching the vehicle, Jenkins found three pill bottles containing marijuana, rolling papers, glass pipes and two joints already rolled.

Hallee confessed that the pot in the center console of the car belonged to him but the remaining items belonged to the other two passengers in the car, Erik Torger and Andrew Crossland.

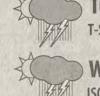
Hallee, Torger and Crossland were placed under arrest for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

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NATION & WORLD

Keep current with headlines you may have missed

bridge study instead, officials say WASHINGTON - As far back as eight years ago, Congress ordered the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop a plan for evacuating New Orleans during a massive hurricane, but the money instead went to studying the causeway bridge that spans the city's Lake Ponchartrain, officials say.

N.O. evacuation money went to

The outcome provides one more example of the government's failure to prepare for a massive but foreseeable catastrophe, said the lawmaker who helped secure the money for FEMA to develop the evacuation plan. In Hurricane Katrina's

aftermath, attention has focused on the inability of local and federal officials to evacuate or prepare for the large number of poor people, many of them minorities, who had no access to transportation and remained behind.

That possibility was one of the concerns that led Congress to set aside \$500,000 in 1997 for FEMA to create "a comprehensive analysis and plan of all evacuation alternatives for the New Orleans metropolitan area."

The \$500,000 that Congress appropriated for the evacuation plan went to a commission that studied future options for the 24-mile bridge over Lake Ponchartrain, FEMA spokesman Butch Kinerney said.

N.O. levee enhancement could cost billions; could take 30 years

WASHINGTON — Given enough money, engineers agree that they could eventually build a system of levees and other flood control structures sufficient to protect New Orleans from another Katrina or even a stronger hurricane. But it would cost billions, and the work might not be completed for up to 30 years.

The question is, and always has been, how much the federal government is willing to pay for that protection.

Much of New Orleans, especially the neighborhoods that were most severely flooded by Hurricane Katrina, would not be inhabitable at all without the ramparts that have been constructed around the city over the past 40 years.

After Hurricane Betsy destroyed much of New Orleans in 1965, Congress authorized a massive construction project to ensure that such a storm would never threaten the city again.

The project began by raising the levees along Lake Pontchartrain on the city's north side, and linking them to the Mississippi River levees to form the "bowl" that encloses New Orleans.

Over the years, Congress also approved levees to protect suburbs south and east of

At 13 to 18 feet high, those levees are high enough to handle another Betsy, but not a Katrina, a Category 4 hurricane.

Ozone hole likely smaller than 2003 high; may deplete slower GENEVA - The hole in

the ozone layer this year will probably be slightly smaller than the all-time largest of 2003, signaling that depletion is still occurring but possibly at a slower rate, a U.N. agency said Friday. At present, the hole over

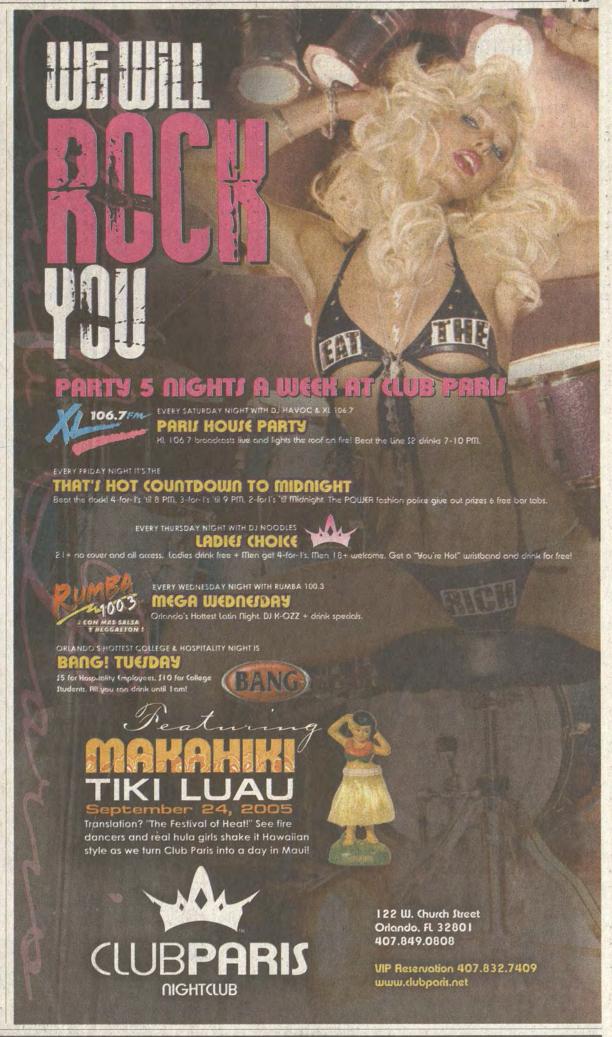
Antarctica is about 10 million square miles, and the WMO expects it to increase to about 10.8 million square miles below its 2003 peak at about 11.2 million square miles.

Based on recent patterns, he expects the hole to hover around this year's size for a few more years before it could begin to shrink. Some scientists predict it will take about 50 years for the ozone



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What's in the news at colleges around the country

Mississippi universities suffer \$700M in hurricane damage

JACKSON, Miss. - The University of Southern Mississippi's coastal campus was so badly damaged by Hurricane Katrina that it is unusable, but the school will still resume classes next month on the coast, its president told higher education officials on Thursday.

"I've really never seen anything like this," USM President Shelby Thames said by conference call during Thursday's state College Board meeting.

"It looks like someone took a giant vacuum cleaner to these first floors and sucked everything out. And I mean everything.

The monthly board meeting was conducted largely by telephone conference.

Thames was joined by officials from other universities around the state in offering damage assessments to the board.

Higher education commissioner Richard Crofts said recovering from the nearly \$700 million in damage to the public and private schools likely will take years.

Parents sue after student falls to death from dormitory window

KANSAS CITY, Kan. -An Illinois couple has sued the University of Kansas, claiming the school is liable in the death of their son.

Eric J. Wellhausen fell to his death in September 2003 after he climbed out the window of his seventh-floor dormitory room, apparently to smoke on the ledge outside.

His parents, John and Donna Wellhausen of Mount Prospect, Ill., allege in the wrongful death suit filed last week in federal court in Kansas City, Kan., that the ledges are open, accessible, unguarded and unprotected.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

College allegedly denied tenure to teacher for pregnancy leave

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. - The University of California, Santa Barbara, was admonished by federal antidiscrimination watchdogs for allegedly denying tenure to a professor after she took time off to have two children.

There was "reasonable cause to believe" the university discriminated against professor Laurie Freeman in 2003 when she was denied a lifetime appointment as a tenured professor, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in San Francisco ruled on Sept. 6.

It was a rare ruling. The commission said it made "reasonable cause to believe" rulings - the harshest action it can take - in only 6.4 percent of its more than 26,000 discrimination cases last year.

It could lead to a lawsuit by Freeman if voluntary conciliation talks fail.

Freeman, who was granted tenure by the university this summer after two years of additional reviews of her work, wants UCSB to make her tenure retroactive to 2003. It would make her eligible for a higher salary, bring her retroactive pay, and clear her academic reputation, she said.

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German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, left, and his wife head to the Social Democratic Party's headquarters after results of the German parliamentary election were announced.

hole to stop forming.

Chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, once widely used in spray cans and refrigerators, deplete the Earth's protective

The hole has been forming in the extremely low temperatures that mark the end of the Antarctic winter every year since the mid-1980s. The hole generally is biggest around late September, while the so-called ozone value does not bottom out until about mid-October.

The ozone layer keeps out ultraviolet radiation, which is dangerous to humans and animals.

Less protection could increase risks of skin cancer and cataracts and affect biodiversity, scientists say.

German election poll shows loss for Schroedor; holds 33 percent

BERLIN — German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's government was voted out of office Sunday as conservative challenger Angela Merkel's party led in parliamentary elections, according to an exit

The exit poll from ZDF public television showed Merkel's Christian Democrats with 37 percent of the vote and Schroeder's Social Democrats with 33 percent.

However, the Christian Democrats' showing was worse than expected and made it uncertain they would win a majority with their preferred coalition partners, the pro-business Free Democrats, and make Merkel the nation's first female chancellor.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEEK IN HEALTH

RACHEL BAUMBACH

Men and women who describe themselves as nervous or anxious seem to be more likely than their calmer counterparts to be hospitalized at some point for a sui-

cide attempt, according to a study involving adults in Swe-"Health personnel should

pay attention to patient anxiety in their diagnostic procedures, especially among men," Dr. Mans Rosen, study co-author of the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare in Stockholm, told Reuters Health.

"Self-perceived anxiety is a rather good predictor of premature mortality and severe morbidity," he said.

According to a national survey of living conditions, the proportion of people reporting nervousness, uneasiness and anxiety in Sweden jumped to 22 percent in 2001-2002, up from 12 percent in 1988-1989.

"We do not know if the prevalence of anxiety has increased to the same extent in other countries as in Sweden," Rosen said. "But if this is the case ... this is an alarm signal for society indicating that tougher and more stressful demands on citizens may create more serious health problems in the future."

Previous studies suggest that self-reported psychological state may predict a per-son's risk of death and ill

Rosen and co-author Dr. Gunilla Ringback Weitoft analyzed survey responses from a total of 34,511 men and women aged 16 to 74 years who participated in national surveys conducted in 1980-81, 1988-89

and 1995-96.

Almost seven percent of men reported experiencing "light" problems with anxiety, uneasiness and nervousness and nearly two percent said their problems were "severe," in comparison to 14 percent and four percent of women respectively.

Altogether, study participants who reported these symptoms had an increased risk for later suicide attempt and psychiatric disease, the researchers reported in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health.

Women with severe nervousness, uneasiness and anxiety were three times more likely to be hospitalized for a suicide attempt than women unaffected by such problems. Men with similar problems had a nine-fold increased risk of a suicide attempt.

According to the report, the risk of suicide attempts increased with time. In fact, severe anxiety and nervousness problems among men more strongly predicted their risk of death from all causes in a five- or 10-year time frame than did smoking or longstanding illness, researchers noted.

Among women, however, longstanding illness, rather than negative emotions, was the factor that most increased their risk of suicide attempt, death from all causes, or inpa-

Still, in light of the findings, Rosen said, "If you have a family member, a friend or a work companion who often feels nervousness and anxiety, you should take their worries seriously and in some cases suggest to them to contact medical care for further investigations."

- Sad, worthless or guilty
- Trouble eating or sleeping
- No motivation
- Difficulty concentrating
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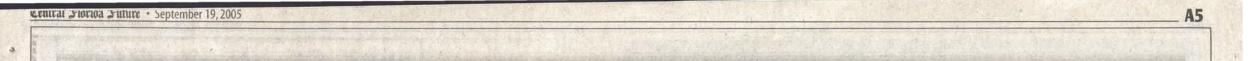
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Thousands of UCF students trek to Tampa

more. All are part of the rivalry that Constantine hopes to continue and help build.

"This game, in my opinion, will be the largest-attending crowd for each school home and home every year," Constantine

Saturday's crowd was the second-largest in USF history at Raymond James Stadium. Although the Bulls have had some controversy in the past with calculating attendance numbers, the debut game's attendance was legit.

Before the game, Constantine expressed his overwhelming devotion to UCF, win or lose. He said it's important for fans to stay behind the players because they need to know the students and alumni believe in them.

"I'm UCF tried and true, black and gold running through my veins," he said. "This is the most important game that we've ever played. This sets the table for the rest of the season. We've

gone to the next level. We're in Conference USA, we've got a great coach. Two weeks ago at the South Carolina game, we saw that the players bought into the program and they believe in the coach. We — alumni and students — believe in them. They need to believe in themselves and this is the game that can make them do this."

In the past, USF officials have been reluctant to play UCF because some critics believe they think the Bulls have a better program than the Knights. Because USF joined the not-soillustrious revamped Big East, the Bulls may believe they hold an edge over UCF in recruiting. While that thought process is certainly valid, the rivalry could hurt either team depending on each year's outcome.

"They think that they have a recruiting edge," Constantine said. "They really don't but they think they do. If they keep maintaining the thought 'we're better that UCF,' then they'll never lose that competitive edge. They will

always think it's going to be there. It's crazy. It's really ridiculous. Their coach has dictated this policy for their university for a number of years. Like I told the president of the university two years ago, 'who runs your university — you or the football coach?' This game is good for both of us - win or lose."

It was certainly good for Tampa's economy over the weekend as there were almost no hotel rooms available in the area surrounding Raymond James Stadium. In some parking lot tailgate areas, the UCF to USF ratio was almost 10-to-1. Of course the same can be said for the other lots that were heavily concentrated with green and gold. Either way, Constantine said, that's a good thing.

"Look what it has brought," the Republican from district 22 said. "We're going to have thousands here and they're going to have more than they normally have. This is a rivalry game and there's nothing that can beat it, especially in Florida, the home of college football. Nothing can beat a rivalry game."

Prior to the game, Constantine spoke to the UCF players after practice last Thursday. It was there that he was named an honorary captain for Saturday's game. He also offered Coach George O'Leary's young team some words of wisdom to help get them pumped up.

"I told them the history," Constantine said. "I told them that I was at the first game back in 1979 and I've been going ever since then. I told them how much the 150,000 alumni are looking at them. We believe in them. The students believe in them. The coaching staff believes in them. I know they believe in the coaching staff. All they need is one more step — to believe in themselves. I also told them how hard it was to get this game. USF does not want to play

If Saturday's game was any inclination of what the future may hold, the Bulls may want to play UCF as often as possible.



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Students troubled by extra spending, lack of promotion

promotion of the event.

"I learned about it from the signs," Sebastian Lewis said. "Even still, all you need is word of mouth."

He also defended the pur-

chase of the extra tickets, even going so far as to say that SGA should have bought more.

SGA orginally procured 400 tickets. Even though the bill that approved the funding to buy an additional 200 tickets passed in the SGA Senate, not all senators supported it

"I was against it," Sen. Stefanie Matthews said, "Because I was worried that the tickets would not be used and we would wind up wasting money, but since there was such high demand I'm fine with it now."

When asked how she would respond to students that were unhappy with how the tickets were advertised she said, "We sold out in 40 minutes and had to turn hundreds of people away."

She said that if more people had heard about them and shown up, there just would have been more people to send home empty-handed.

UCF Counseling Center offers advice on coping

She said she found out that her grandmother, aunt and cousins had been away on vacation or evacuated before the hurricane hit.

"I feel helpless," Bennett said. "[My family] doesn't know if there's a home they can go home to. They're worried about their jobs and don't know when they will get their next paycheck.

"They don't even know what to do. Knowing I can't really help, it stinks," she said.

Despite her feelings of helplessness, Bennett said she has stayed calm by praying and relying on God.

"God never leaves us, and he'll provide a way when there seems to be none at all," she said.

Bennett also said sticking to her regular routine has helped her keep her mind off the disas-

According to Larry Marks, a psychologist at UCF's counseling center, it's helpful to maintain a routine when dealing with a traumatic situation and to talk to other people for sup-

"Talking to someone in the same situation gives you that 'we're in this together feeling," he said.

He added that people should not watch too much news coverage.

"People get overloaded with seeing sad news on TV," he said. "It's OK to put a limit on it. Also sometimes people find it helpful to help out or make a donation to contribute."

Helping is something Red Cross volunteer Cheryl Heber takes to heart. She helped with the relief effort during the series of hurricanes that hit Florida last year.

Heber said she was at work when she heard about the destruction Katrina caused.

"When you do Red Cross, you get addicted to The Weather Channel," she said. "I knew there was going to be a

Heber, who has been working with the relief effort for about two weeks, said her first reaction to the destruction was "Oh my God those poor people!' I've been a volunteer for seven years, and this is the

worst thing I've seen." Although she loves volunteering, Heber said it has been busy, and stressful at times.

"We're trying to get volunteers trained," she said. "We're getting hundreds and hundreds of calls [from people who what to help].
"Only about 30 people can

be in each [training] class, and we don't have a whole lot of people helping us train volunteers."

A rotation system allows volunteers to work for just a few days and then take a break, said Alfredo Ramos, the spokesman for the American Red Cross of Central Florida.

"The longest [rotation] is three weeks for a major disaster," he said. "So many people want to volunteer. The support has been overwhelming."

For Heber, helping has been the way to deal with the disaster from afar.

Of the people she's helped, she said, "I hug them. I greet them. I cry with them. They're very appreciative. It makes me grateful and reminds me that the little things you think about do matter."

Others are seeing the disaster from a different perspec-

Matthew Blackmon, a sophomore at UCF who has been watching the media's coverage of Katrina's aftermath, said he gave money to help the victims, but he is more focused on the politics.

"I'm sick of the TV coverage because the members of government — city, state, federal - just talk about whose fault [the delays in the rescue effort] were," he said.

"People need to stop focusing on whose fault it was and start focusing on what we need to do," Blackmon said. "While we're blaming people, we could be using that time to help."

His reaction was no surprise to Marks.

"People cope in different ways," Marks said. "There's going to be emotional reactions such as guilt, sadness and

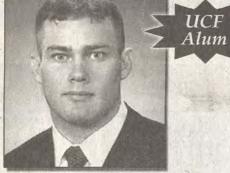
To help people handle a disaster like a hurricane, he said, the counseling center is making a brochure about managing traumatic stress containing suggestions from the American Psychological Association.

Similar information is already available on the counseling center's Web site, www.counseling.sdes.ucf.edu, under the self-help tab.

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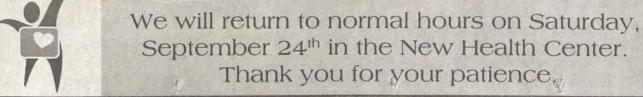
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JESSICA LINDBLAD

Have Wednesday nights hit a slump? Looking for something new to bring the excitement back to routine midweek

AKA Lounge, located on the corner of Magnolia Street and Pine Avenue in downtown Orlando, offers students a hiphop experience unknown to the UCF area.

AKA Lounge offers an eclectic atmosphere that plays to every individual taste. The lounge, which is broken up into three separate rooms, is filled with plush couches, candles, local abstract artwork, a roomy dance floor and two separate

Every Wednesday starting at 10 p.m., AKA Lounge and Locksmiff Entertainment present an underground hip-hop popular Orlando artists.

"It is a chance to give people who are hungry for a shot to prove themselves," C-Styles, of Locksmiff Entertainment and the promoter for Rock-the-Mic, said. "There is some real talent that moves through

What many people do not know is that Rock-the-Mic has been around for years.

"It is the longest-running weekly hip-hop showcase in Orlando," C-Styles said. "It has been going on for over four years.'

The performers get a chance to freestyle to the beats of DJ M-Squared, who has spun for well known hip-hop acts such as the St. Lunatics, G-Unit and The Diplomats.

But performing isn't the only reason people come to the AKA Lounge. It gives people a chance to sit back, enjoy a drink and listen to the local tal-

"When people come, it gives them a chance to witness brand-new talent before they

Rock-the-Mic show featuring make it big," Dzaster, of Locksmiff Entertainment, said. "It is their chance to witness history in the making."

Jason Guerra, who owns B&B Promotions, recently started promoting Rock-the-Mic because of AKA Lounge's diversity in Orlando.

"There aren't a lot of places around here that are like this," Guerra said. "It is more highclass with artwork but with hip-hop music. It's like a good house party."

Because of its relaxed atmosphere, the AKA Lounge offers an enjoyable time to everybody regardless of their taste in music.

yourself because it is an alternative from the clubs," C-Styles said. "People can come in, have fun and be part of the scene." "When you come in here,

everybody is VIP," Guerra

"You can come and enjoy

If you are interested in performing at the AKA Lounge, contact C-Styles at 407-929-0616 or Jason Guerra at 407-

595-0318.



Doris and Kenneth Roies, residents of Pearl River, Miss., and Poplarville, Miss., respectively, are among thousands of people missing since

Missing relatives and loved ones posted on Katrina sites

The Web site, which uses • Web space donated by www.rackspace.com, has more than 3,400 registered users and about 30 volunteer moderators.

Gary speculates that thousands of unregistered users also use the Web site to look for their loved ones. High traffic has crashed the site twice since its debut on Aug. 28, requiring two equipment expansions.

"It's been incredible the last couple of weeks," Robert Gary said. "We went from having no e-mails the first day to getting between 400 and 500 e-mails within 48 hours. I was literally getting two or three e-mails a , second at one point."

Protsman's family members all fared well in the storm with only minimal property damage.

"The Web site was instrumental in allowing me to find more information about the area where my family lives and often times' was more reliable than the network news coverage, which was primarily , focused on the New Orleans area," she said via e-mail.

"The Hurricane Katrina Survivors Web site offered hope when the network news stations only offered controversy and finger pointing.

"The site provided the answers that should have come from the Red Cross, who only

offered useless tips like calling a toll-free number to obtain more information. The voicemail on that toll-free number said 'We have no information at this time' and disconnected all callers."

Robert Gary said his Web site would not disappear once the media coverage subsides.

"We're not going anywhere until everyone is found and people get their lives back in order," he said. "There are so many things out there that people need to know and we want to be there for them."

Not all victims have family or friends that can take them in or the means to rent transition

MoveOn.org, a political and civic organization boasting 3.3 million members, launched www.hurricanehousing.org on Sept. 1 to find temporary quarters for displaced citizens until they can get back on their feet.

"Hurricane victims, local and national relief organizations, friends and relatives can search the site for housing," according to a Sept. 2 press release. "MoveOn will do everything they can to get housing offers where they are needed most, even distributing them to social workers helping families in shel-

"Hurricane victims or relief agencies can submit requests to people who post housing offers.

Jacksonville residents Patricia and John Hunt have volunteered one room in their home through the Web site.

"There isn't a whole lot we can do but we can at least offer our twin bed," Patricia Hunt said. "We went through our fair share of stress last year with the hurricanes here, and I just can't imagine what these people are going through."

She said that though she and her husband have fears about taking in a stranger, it is important to come together and be supportive of fellow U.S. citi-

"Our biggest fear is who we will get," Patricia Hunt said. "I'm not really concerned with getting along with someone because I was in the Army and I can get along with anyone.

"We are a small family and we don't have that many items that are that expensive, but they are precious to us."

As of Sept. 17, citizens had volunteered more than 265,000 beds in 104 cities. The organization also opened a hotline, 1-800-638-4559 to help victims that need help with or cannot access the Web site.

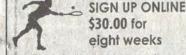
These two Web sites put victims in touch with friends, family or even a complete stranger who can help them get started on the path to a new beginning. Sometimes a friendly hand is enough to make a difference.

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UCF ranks among cheapest schools

Financial aid, lower cost of living make Florida schools better value

VANESSA BERNSTEIN
Contributing Writer

UCF ranked No. 9 on the college board's 2004-05 list of 10 most inexpensive public schools in the nation. Also on the list are FSU, UF, FAMU, FIU, and USF. Priced at a budget-friendly \$3,180 per year, UCF, and just about every other public post-secondary school in Florida, is a good deal.

Since many students receive some sort of aid, whether it is federal, state (Bright Futures), private, or parental, the cost to the average student is significantly less.

So why are Florida students getting such a good deal?

Political science department professor Robert Bass theorizes that inexpensive public education may be a vestige of the traditional southern low cost of living

"It generally is less expensive to live in the south," he said. "I would suspect, this is only conjecture, since unions are not as prevalent in the south that that would have something to do with how much people are paid."

Political science major Sean

Maldonado agreed.

"We have a lower standard of living here," he said. "It is cheaper to live here period."

One economic advantage that sets Florida apart from other states is its lack of a state income tax, which contributes to a lower cost of living.

Students often sarcastically comment about the inconvenience of remodeling. They claim that UCF is an acronym standing for "under construction forever."

This may be student's way of making light of the situation, however, according to Bass, Florida's low cost of living, relatively few unions and other money saving attributes are what makes it possible for UCF to constantly build.

"Work that is done in and on an institution, buildings and things like that, cost more to build [in other states] because of materials, labor unions and because of rules and regulations," Bass said.

Besides the inexpensive education and cutting edge facilities, Florida residents also have the benefit of the Bright Futures Program.

"There was a brain drain,

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8. University of South Florida	\$ 3,167
9. University of Central Florida	\$ 3,180
10. University of Nevada — Las Vega	\$ 3,210

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when we first started talking about Bright Futures," Bass said. "Only about one third of the brighter students stayed in the state of Florida. The rest of them went out of state. To entice them to stay, [Bright Futures was created], and it worked really well."

Other states, in addition to charging higher tuition, do not have generous programs that offer free tuition to promising students.

"I feel really lucky," Maldonado said. "It makes life so much easier."

Students at UCF realize that, in this case, cheap doesn't equal low quality.

"I get a good education here," psychology major Alicia Bryant said. "I think other schools are just overcharging."

Criminal justice major Samantha Kaw agreed.

"We have professors that write books and are extremely knowledgeable in their fields," she said. "Just because the education is cheap, it doesn't mean the education itself is low qual-

Our position on this list may not be the positive notoriety that this institution has been craving, but students and their pocketbooks may be willing to let this be Florida's best-kept

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Getting too little sleep creates a "sleep debt," which is a bit like being overdrawn in a bank. Your body will demand that the debt be repaid. We don't seem to adapt to getting less sleep than we need.

While we may get used to a sleep-depriving schedule, our judgment, reaction time and other functions are still impaired.

If you feel drowsy during the day, even during boring activities, you haven't had enough sleep. If you routinely fall asleep within five minutes of laying down, you probably have sleep deprivation.

"Mini-naps," or very brief episodes of sleep in an otherwise awake person, are another mark of sleep deprivation.

Why sleep deprivation is dangerous

- Hand-eye coordination is as bad or as worse than if you are intoxicated.
- A lack of sleep can impair
- your judgment.

 A sleep-deprived person is much more likely to be
- involved in an accident.Sleep loss can lead to mood and memory problems.

What sleep does do for people

• Animal studies show that sleep is necessary for survival. Sleep deprivation affects the immune system. It is needed for our nervous system to work properly.

• Too little sleep leaves us drowsy and unable to concentrate the next day.

• It also leads to impaired memory and physical performance and reduced ability to carry out math calculations.

Deep sleep coincides with the release of growth hormone in young adults.

Many of the body's cells show increased production of protein during deep sleep. Since proteins are the building yo blocks needed for cell growth

and for repair of damage due to ultraviolet rays or stress, deep sleep may truly be "beauty sleep."

Also, activity in parts of the brain that control emotions is reduced during deep sleep.

Since sleep and wakefulness are influenced by different neurotransmitter signals in the brain, foods and medicines that change the balance of these signals also affect whether we feel alert or drowsy and how well we sleep.

Caffeinated substances, such as coffee, soda or diet pills can cause insomnia.

Good tips for a good night's sleep

• Set a schedule, go to bed at a set time each night and get up at the same time each morning. Disrupting this schedule can cause insomnia.

 Avoid "sleeping in" on weekends, making it harder to wake up early on Monday morning because it resets your sleep cycle for a later awakening.

• Take scheduled naps.

• Exercise: 20-30 minutes a day. Try to exercise five to six hours before going to bed, because exercise raises your body temperature and can interfere with falling asleep.

 Avoid caffeine, nicotine, alcohol and foods with a high sugar content.

• Relax before bed. Reading or taking a warm bath will help

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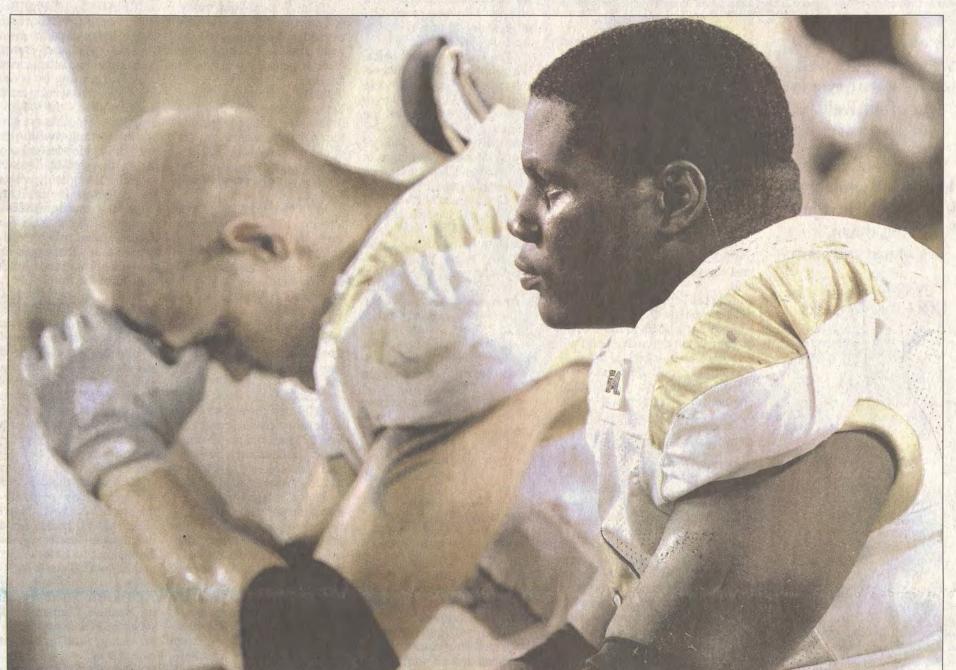
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In the first-ever game between the Knights and Bulls, USF won 31-14

The Knights last victory was on Oct. 25, 2003 vs. Central Michigan

UCF has now lost 17 games in a row the longest losing streak in the nation

BULL-DOZED



CHRIS O'MEARA / ASSOCIATED PRESS UCF defensive tackle Frisner Nelson, right, and defensive end Paul Carrington sit on the bench late in their 31-14 loss Saturday night at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa. UCF is now 0-2 going into it's first C-USA season.

Running game helps USF overpower UCF

ANDY VASQUEZ

Sports Editor

TAMPA — If the UCF football team seemingly took a step forward in its opening game of the season at South Carolina, then the Knights surely took a huge step back in their loss to the University of South Florida Saturday night.

In the first-ever game between teams that have been built up as natural rivals, USF established the run game early and it proved to be the Knights' undoing as UCF fell 31-14 at the hands of the Bulls in front of 45,139 at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa.

The crowd, which was the most ever to see a USF football game at Raymond James Stadium, saw senior tailback Andre Hall lead the way for the Bulls.

Hall had 96 yards rushing and a touchdown in the first half alone, as the Bulls' rushing attack ran over the Knights' defense for 180 yards on the ground and two touchdowns as USF raced to a 21-0 halftime lead.

"I'm extremely disappointed in our tackling out there," UCF Coach George O'Leary said. "There were just too many first downs given on plays that



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UCF Coach George O'Leary prowls the sideline in the first half of UCF's 3114 loss to USF, Saturday night. O'Leary is yet to win as a Golden Knight.

should have been stops. I thought we looked sluggish out there."

The halftime intermission did little to help the

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AROUND C-USA

UTEP sneaks past Houston in firstever C-USA game

Houston vs. UTEP

The 95-degree heat that smothered the Sun Bowl in El Paso was nothing compared to the heat star quarterbacks Kevin Kolb and Jordan Palmer felt from defensive backs.

UTEP intercepted Houston's Kolb five times with UH returning the favor to Palmer twice, but it was Kolb's final pick in double overtime that sealed the 44-41 victory in the Miners' first C-USA game.

In a game that had a combined

PLEASE SEE CONFERENCE ON A10

Men's basketball readies for C-USA season debut

Knights face toughest conference opponents at home

ANDY VASQUEZ

The UCF men's basketball team knew that making the jump from the Atlantic Sun to Conference USA was going to be tough. Last week, players found out just how difficult the transition is going to be.

UCF released its complete 2005-06 schedule last Thursday, and the lineup will include games against eight teams that made it to the postseason last year. The Knights will play a 14-game C-USA schedule, with seven of those games taking place at the UCF Arena.

Both UAB and UTEP, which appeared in last year's NCAA Tournament, will be making visits to the UCF Arena this season. The Knights open their home C-USA season on Jan. 21 against Marshall, and they will also face Tulsa, Tulane, Houston and East Carolina University at the Dungeon.

UCF's toughest conference games will come at home against UAB and UTEP, both having participated in the last two NCAA Tournaments, as have the Knights.

Last year UAB went 22-11 and advanced to

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No. 23 Davidson ends Golden Knights' perfect season with early goal

BRIAN MURPHY
Staff Writer

After 90 minutes of action, the UCF men's soccer team (3-

1) tasted defeat for the first time this season.

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The team lost to 23rd-ranked Davidson (4-1-1) by the score of 1-0 in the Adidas Classic Friday night. In doing so, it also lost one of its best players for the next game.

The game-deciding goal came in the 15th minute of the contest, A quick restart of play off of a UCF foul caught the Golden Knights out of position, and the Wildcats attacked quickly.

An initial shot from senior Matt Allen was blocked away by UCF senior goalkeeper Ryan McIntosh, but Davidson controlled the deflection and freshman Ryan Adeleye booted a shot past McIntosh's left side.

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Coaches talk, but can't walk the walk



THE EXTRA POINT

ANDY VASQUEZ

Sports Editor

The day after UCF was crushed by USF in the first game of a so-called rivalry, I woke up with that terrible empty feeling in my stomach.

I remember having a similar feeling on my seventh birthday, when I was absolutely convinced I was going to get the Ghost-busters ghostmobile (aka Ecto-I), but instead I got stuck with some lousy Legos.

Well this time I had that same feeling, but worse, because along with the disappointment there was embarrassment.

I have never felt more ashamed to be wearing a UCF shirt than I did in Raymond James Stadium on Saturday night. The Knights came out so flat that the game was over by halftime, and little kids mocked me as I walked back toward the press box. Even they've heard how pathetic UCF football has become.

In this 17-game losing streak and the debacle that was last year, there have been countless low moments, like the loss to Buffalo, or Prater's missed extra point against Ohio on Homecoming, but no moment compares to the absolute beatdown that UCF took in Tampa Saturday night.

This game shed a lot of light on why the coaching staff is letting cameras into practice for only the first 15 minutes of a mere two practices a week. When the media are told every week at a news conference that the team has turned a corner, or is really looking good, the coaches don't want there to be any video evidence to prove otherwise.

It's probably all for the best, though, because if any other football team were to see what the Knights were doing in these top-secret practices, the game could be ruined forever.

For 60 minutes the Bulls just ravaged the Knights, beating them in every way fathomable. USF's rushing attack cut through UCF's defense like a hot knife through butter, for a preposterous 326 yards. By comparison, UCF rushed for -1 yards through three quarters. USF had more yards on the ground alone than the Knights gained in the entire game. The final score 31-14 is deceiving, because it felt more like 75-0. There was never any real hope for Knights fans.

For the last two weeks all we've been hearing is how the team has turned a corner, and how the coaches really like the way the team is playing, how things have never been better under Coach George O'Leary.

Then the time comes to take the field and all of the sudden, this team that supposedly looks so good in practice falls apart and turns into the nightmare everyone remembers from last year.

I'm tired of the talk, and I want to know how the coaching staff plans to make sure they have the right amount of players on the field when the ball is snapped. How are they supposed to win a game when they keep getting penalties for the wrong players being on the field?

As I was sitting in traffic on my way out of Tampa, the UCF motorcade passed by me on my left with a police escort, which I found kind of ironic. The thousands of fans that came to support a team that had lost 16 games in a row deserved the police escort, while the Knights should have been walking home after their collapse

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Football team's struggles not limited to defense



ASHLEY BURNS / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

USF tailback Andre Hall runs through the UCF defense in the first half of Saturday's USF win over UCF. Hall accounted for 155 of USF's 326 rushing yards.

Knights as Hall and the USF running backs continued to have their way in the third quarter. Hall continued to make the UCF defense miss in the third quarter as he picked up another 59 yards to finish with a total of 155 yards and two touchdowns. Mercifully for the Knights, Hall did not take the field in the fourth quarter.

"Give credit to South Florida," O'Leary said. "They made plays, we didn't. We didn't tackle well, we didn't block well and we were never in sync offensively the whole night."

The UCF pass defense struggled as well, as quarterback Pat Julmiste was 10-of-16 for 95 yards and a touchdown. He also ran 13 times for 73 yards as the Knights were unable to record a sack of the athletic quarterback.

One of the few bright spots for the Knights was quarterback Steven Moffett. The 6-foot-3 junior was 19-of-40 for 208 yards and a touchdown. He also ran 11 times for 50 yards and a touchdown, but he was sacked four times.

"We've been working hard these last two weeks, and just to come out and not put what we did in practice on the field, it's really disappointing," Moffett said. "It's like building a house and when it's time to move in, it just breaks down. It's really disheartening."

While the Bulls were running through the UCF defense with ease, the Knights' tailbacks had a dreadful evening. Dontavius Wilcox and Kevin Smith carried the ball nine times for a combined -5 yards. After three quarters the Knights had minus-one yard rushing in 17 attempts.

"We didn't tackle well, we didn't block well and we were never in sync offensively."

— UCF COACH GEORGE O'LEARY

"It's like building a house and when it's time to move in it just breaks down."

- UCF QUARTERBACK STEVEN MOFFETT

WHO'S NOT HOT? **UCF** running backs

The UCF running back duo of Dontavius Wilcox and Kevin Smith rushed for a combined total of -5 yards rushing on nine carries Saturday night.

"I thought they did a good job in establishing the front and not really giving us anything in the run game," O'Leary said. "When you have to rely on throwing the ball, we're really not that type of

By the time the game was over the crowd, where there had been a large number of UCF fans, had all but left except for about 1,000 USF fans. They waited gleefully to remind the Knights of their loss with chants of "17" and "you're no rival." The Knights continue to have the longest losing streak in Division I NCAA football with 17 consecutive loss-

UCF's best play of the game came in the third quarter. After the Knights recorded a stop defensively, freshman cornerback Joe Burnett weaved through the Bulls' punt coverage 60 yards down to the USF 4-yard line.

Moffett ran the ball into the end zone on the very next play and the Knights seemed poised to make a comeback as they were now down 21-7 midway through the third quarter.

But it only took 3:07 to erase any thoughts of a UCF comeback, as the Bulls marched 80 yards in nine plays, seven of them runs for 57 yards, to leave no doubt about which team would be victorious. USF had a 28-7 lead which they would not relinquish.

Hall got off to a quick start for the Bulls, scoring eight minutes into the game to give USF a 7-0 lead.

After keeping things close throughout the first quarter, the Knights got a break in the second quarter when defensive end Paul Carrington blocked a 24-yard USF field goal. But the UCF offense could do nothing to change the momentum when they punted after losing a yard on

On the ensuing drive the Bulls flexed their muscle. Never facing a third down, they pushed the ball through the UCF defense for 60 yards in 12 plays and a 3-yard Ricky Ponton run that gave USF a 14-0 lead from which it never looked back.

'We've got to come out ready to play," Moffett said. "They came out fired up and we should have come out fired up. It was a big rivalry game, but we just couldn't get anything going from the get-

The Knights return to the field this Saturday for their first home game of the season and their first-ever game in C-USA against Marshall. Kickoff at the Citrus Bowl is set for 6 p.m. and the game will be carried on CSTV.

AROUND CONFERENCE USA

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1,067 yards of offense, turnovers, three fumbles and eight interceptions altered momentum throughout.

UH scored 19 unanswered points and took over early in the third quarter with a 19-5 lead and the ball at the UTEP 31. That drive ended when Vince Marshall fumbled a Kolb pass, and it took the Miners just seven plays to drive 59 yards and cut the lead to 19-12.

Neither team was particularly sharp, as there were a combined 27 penalties for 220 yards. In addition, third down conversions were few and far between, with UH going 6-for-18 and UTEP 2-

The fourth quarter began with a mistake as UTEP cornerback Bryant Tisdale blocked a Garrett LeFevre punt, giving Palmer and the Miners just 31 yards to cover. On the next play, Palmer found Johnnie Lee Higgins in the end zone, but the missed two-point conversion kept the Cougar lead at 26-24.

Two UH three-and-outs and one UTEP field goal later, Palmer connected with Higgins again for a score. That was the third and final connection for the pair, and it covered 24 yards to give the Miners their biggest lead at

Marshall made up for his earlier miscue, catching an 8yard touchdown pass from Kolb to tie the game at 34 with just 4:48 remaining. UTEP kicker Reagan Schneider pushed a 27-yard field goal wide right with just two seconds remaining in regulation, sending the game to overtime.

The teams traded touchdowns in the opening overtime session, and Schneider capped off a career day by hitting his fifth field goal from 42 yards out, giving UTEP a 44-41 lead and Kolb's Cougars a chance to win with a touchdown. After starting the drive

with an 8-yard completion to Marshall and a 4-yard run by Anthony Evans, UH's committed its 15th and final penalty, a false start, putting it in a passing situation on 2nd and 10 from the UTEP 13. Kolb threw to an area where

no receiver was within five yards of the ball, and Quintin Demps picked it off at the 2, ending the game.

Tulane

A slow start was to be expected of a team that was playing its first game 14 days late, but the Green Wave fought back from a 14-0 third quarter deficit to tie its game with Mississippi State in the fourth.

But an Israel Route muffed punt led to a Bulldog recovery, and it took just one play for Jerious Norwood to run 17 yards and put MSU ahead for good, the final score 21-14.

Tulane came out rusty, committing seven first-half penalties, but the Bulldogs were unable to capitalize, leaving the game scoreless at halftime.

MSU quarterback Omarr Conner came out sharp in the second half, completing four of five passes on the opening drive of the half, culminating in a 3-yard touchdown pass to Norwood and a 7-0 lead.

With the Bulldogs up 14-7 and inside Tulane territory early in the fourth, Conner completed a pass to Will Prosser. Prosser was stripped and Tulane's Sean Lucas recovered, returning the ball to the MSU 28.

Six plays later, Javon Jackson scored on a draw play from 18 yards out, tying the game at 14.

ECU overcame two large deficits to put a scare into Wake Forest, but the Demon Deacons held their ground and defeated Skip Holtz's visiting Pirates 44-34. Down 31-6 late in the sec-

ond quarter and 34-13 midway through the third, the ECU offense exploded, with quarterback James Pinkney finding Aundrae Allison for two scores.

The second touchdown put ECU down just 34-27 at the end of the third, but the Demon Deacons' effective backfield duo of Chris Barclay and Micah Andrews ran the clock away while putting some points on the board in

Andrews' 44-yard run set up a field goal, and Barclay

took a third down carry up the middle for 65 yards and a touchdown, putting Wake up

Barclay finished with 210 vards and tied a school record with four rushing touchdowns. Andrews' complemented him with his first 100 yard game, racking up 142 yards on 22 carries.

The Pirates offense was equally explosive, with Pinkney throwing for 292 yards and three touchdowns. Allison added eight catches for 158 yards and running back Chris Johnson carried 13 times for 102 yards.

Southern Methodist University If SMU Coach Phil Ben-

nett was expecting any mercy from his alma mater, Texas A&M Coach Dennis Franchione had other ideas.

Perhaps stung by a onepoint loss two weeks earlier in Clemson, the Aggies dropped 66 points on Bennett's Mustangs, with quarterback Reggie McNeal scoring six times in a 66-8 victory.

McNeal arguably started his Heisman Trophy campaign in a span of under 15 minutes of game time, ending the second quarter with a 15-yard touchdown pass and throwing four more before the end of the third.

McNeal also ran for 100 yards to go with his 349 yards passing, including a 63-yard touchdown run early in the second to give the Aggies a 14-6 lead. The combined yardage set an Aggie record for yards gained by a quarterback in a game. It was also the first 300-yard passing game in McNeal's career.

UCF is not the only team setting weekly records in futility. The Owls allowed more than 50 points for the fourth time in five games, dating back to 2004, as Texas rushed for 365 yards in 51-10

True freshman running back Jaamal Charles had 189 yards and three touchdowns on the ground in his first career start. The Owls once again

could not decide on a quarterback, flipping Chase Clement and Joel Armstrong several times.

—CHRIS HOYLER

NUMBERS

Combined turnovers in Saturday night's game between USI and UCF.

yards for USF quarterback Pat Julmiste, who accounted for

pared to only 14 for the Knights in Saturday night's

Yards UCF lost on 10 penalties against them. compared to 40 yards on five penalties for USF.

PLAY OF THE GAME Joe Burnett

One of the few positive moments for UCF came in the third quarter when Burnett had a 60-yard punt return, leading to a touchdown.

KEY STATS

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Speraw: Every game is going to be tough this year

the second round of the NCAA Tournament after soundly beating LSU in the first round. They come to the UCF arena on Feb. 4. UTEP, which went 27-8 last season, fell to Utah in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

While both games will be tough for the Knights, UCF Coach Kirk Speraw knows that every C-USA game this year will be tough.

"I'm not much into preseason prognostication, but the A-Sun has been consistently ranked 20th to 23rd in the nation," he said. "This year's realigned Conference USA on the other hand is eighth in the

"It's a huge jump for us. We have to understand that every night we have a challenge. It doesn't matter if it's home or away, or against Memphis, UTEP or UAB. Each night presents a new challenge for

our guys," Speraw said. In C-USA play, the Knights will also face ECU, Houston and Marshall both at home and on the road. UCF will also travel to Memphis, Southern Miss, SMU and Rice. Houston, Memphis and Rice all played in the postseason NIT

In addition to a difficult conference slate, the Knights also have the toughest nonconference schedule they have ever faced. The Knights start off their season at home with a four game home stand, against Rollins, Nova Southeastern, Stetson and Bethune Cookman.

Stetson isn't the only former A-Sun rival the Knights will see this fall; UCF also takes on Florida Atlantic in Boca Raton in mid-December.

The Knights could potentially face three national basketball powerhouses in a onemonth span. UCF starts out the stretch on Dec. 3 when they travel to Gainesville to face Florida. UCF heads to Tempe, Ariz., on Dec. 29 for the Fiesta Bowl Classic in which Western Kentucky, Arizona and Sam Houston State will also be participating. UCF takes on Western Kentucky in the first round, while Arizona faces Sam Houston State. If both the Knights and Wildcats win in the first round, the two teams could meet up in the championship

UCF wraps up its non-conference slate on Jan. 3 at Kentucky, which is known for hav-

MEN'S BASKETBALL **C-USA SCHEDULE**

UCF's full schedule was released on Thursday, including their new slate in Conference USA. The Knights begin league play on Jan. 11 on campus. The Knights have 14 conference games, seven of them on the road and seven in the confines of the UCF Arena.

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ing one of the most raucous crowds in the NCAA.

"The goal [of the non-conference schedule] is to make the team better," Speraw said. "It's a good mix of teams we've played in the past, and challenging contests with Florida, Kentucky and [the Fiesta Bowl Classic] will challenge the team early in the season."

The Knights had the added advantage of getting some work in last month when they traveled to Europe to play exhibition games. One such trip is allowed every five years, and it provides an opportunity to practice earlier than normal.

Speraw says that the trip helped the team bond and helped him get a sense of what UCF basketball has to look forward to this year.

"It helps kids come together," Speraw said of the trip. ing away from the fami lies, the girlfriends and the cell phones, and you can't really watch any TV, so it forces them to interact and automatically get to know each other better. You also get an early feel of your strengths and weaknesses."

Fall practice is only a month away with MidKnight Madness is set for Oct. 15.

Cross country off to a promising start

Conference USA will bring fresh new challenges

ZACH MOORE

A new year, a new conference and a brand new set of expectations await the Knights' cross country team.

"The opening meet was cause for optimism," said Coach Marcia Mansur-Went-

The opening meet at the Gator Invitational provided

rest of the season.

The men's team was able to place third overall, with all eight runners finishing the course in under 27 minutes. Even with a few rough spots in the first women's race, many runners were able to put in some of their best times.

Luckily enough for this year's men's team, the depth and talent are there. The senior leadership of Ray Gossage has helped the team in multiple ways.

Mansur-Wentworth labeled Gossage as someone with a 'great work ethic."

Along with Gossage, the

many stepping stones for the men's team is anchored by standout freshman Chris Mul-

> "Chris is probably one of the most talented freshmen, but he's also so incredibly levelheaded," Mansur-Wentworth

While promising, the women's team still has some hard work ahead of them.

"The women's team has the talent," Mansur-Wentworth said. "They are only lacking the

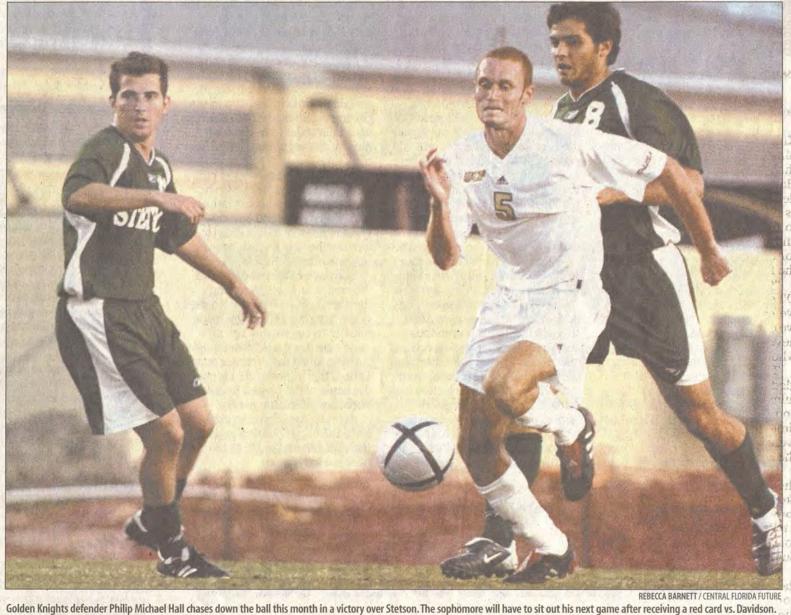
The talent of Andrea Morrow will help lead this team through the season. Morrow, one of only two seniors, was able to shed 50 seconds off her time over the summer.

Coach Wentworth believes the close relationship of the two teams will help the women

'The girls are going to get better," Mansur-Wentworth said. "Seeing the guys doing well makes them believe in the training."

With the move to Conference USA, it's safe to say no victory will come easy this year. With teams like Rice and Tulane on the schedule, every race will bring a new challenge.

Even with the tough competition, the talent on both teams ensures this season will bring quality results.



Knights lose star player in second-half brawl

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"We told them to be ready for quick free kicks," UCF Coach Brent Erwin said. "I tell the guys all the time that the game is about two- to threesecond breakdowns, and we just had a momentary lapse and it cost us the game."

The Knights had numerous chances to tie the score. In the 17th minute, senior forward Jon Imran's shot nearly went in after being mishandled by Davidson goalkeeper Ben Ashton. On a couple of occasions, Ashton came out of the goal, attempting to grab a live ball, but the Knights could not put anything together to attack the

The Knights had a few free kicks that sailed just wide. But UCF's best opportunity to even the score came on a direct kick by senior captain Billy Judino in the 78th minute. With the entire Davidson defense on the goal line, Judino's shot from six yards out was blocked and cleared.

"I liked how the guys fought," Erwin said. "They kept going at it. We were better. We should have won this game."

While Erwin was pleased with the way his team fought, one Knight fought a bit too much.

In the 64th minute, UCF sophomore defenseman Philip

Michael Hall and Davidsons David Sartorio got into a fight, leading to both players receiving red cards and subsequent

Because of the red card, Hall will miss the Knights' next game on Sunday, but Erwin doesn't seem too worried about Hall's absence.

"Any player on our team is replaceable pretty easily," Erwin said. "We'll just shift a couple guys around and we'll be just fine. We are a team of pretty interchangeable parts."

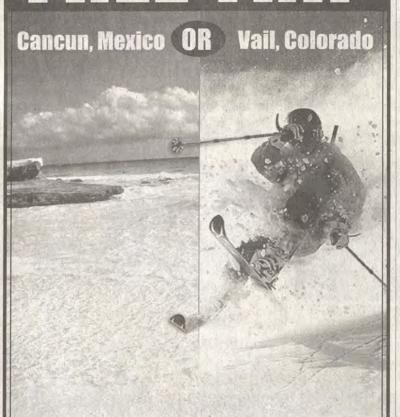
Although the Knights may be fine, Hall is one of the team's most talented players.

In 2004, Hall was one of only four Knights to start every game, and he was part of the Atlantic Sun All-Freshman team. This year, Hall was one of just 20 players to make the Conference USA Players to Watch

So how can this team come back and be ready to play on Sunday, 40 hours after this crushing defeat?

"Men come back and I think we have got a team of men," Erwin said.

The Knights were scheduled to take on New York's Hofstra University Sunday afternoon, but the results were not available before press time. A full recap of Sunday's game will be available in Thursday's issue of the Future.



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No.6 Florida 16, No.5 Tennessee 7

GAINESVILLE Florida held Tennessee scoreless in the second half, took advantage of three special teams errors and gave Coach Urban Meyer a victory in his Southeastern Conference debut.

The Gators had lost three of the last four against the Volunteers, including two in a row at Florida Field. They ended that streak and got an early edge in the Eastern Division race.

Since the SEC adopted its 12team, two-division format in 1992, the winner of the Tennessee-Florida game has won the East nine times and advanced to the championship game.

Erik Ainge was 14-of-29 passing for 147 yards with a touchdown for Tennessee after replacing starter Rick Clausen.

Michigan State 44, No. 10 Notre Dame 41, OT

SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Jason Teague took an option pitch 19 yards for a touchdown in overtime to give Michigan State a 44-41 victory over No. 10 Notre Dame on Saturday, the Spartans' fifth straight win at Notre Dame

The Fighting Irish (2-1) rallied from 21 points down in the third quarter to tie the score, but had to settle for a 44-yard field goal by D.J. Fitzpatrick on their overtime

STATE & NATION possession and couldn't make it stand up.

The Spartans (3-0) spoiled the home debut of Coach Charlie Weis, who became just the third Notre Dame coach to lose his home opener since 1913, joining Elmer Layden in 1934 and Lou Holtz in 1986.

Michigan State joins Purdue (1954-62) as the only opponent to win five straight at Notre Dame Stadium and its 12 wins at Notre Dame are the most by an Irish opponent.

Brady Quinn passed for a school-record five touchdowns and a career-high 487 yards, the second highest total in Notre Dame history.

Drew Stanton threw for three touchdowns and ran for another. He was 16-of-27 for 327 yards.

No. 13 Miami 36, No. 20 Clemson 30, 30T

CLEMSON, S.C. — Tyrone Moss' 25-yard touchdown run in the third overtime lifted Miami to a victory over Clemson and helped the Hurricanes avoid their first 0-2 start in 27 years.

Moss bounced out to the right side for his scoring run and safety Kenny Phillips intercepted Charlie Whitehurst when the Tigers (2-1, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) got their chance in the third extra period.

Moss finished 139 yards rushing and three touchdowns, two in overtime. His 1-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter put Miami up 20-10, while his 3-yard scoring run gave the Hurricanes (1-1, 1-1) a brief 27-20 lead in the first over-

It was Clemson's first overtime defeat after coming in 5-0, including a 24-17 victory at the Orange Bowl over Miami a year

UCLA 41 No. 21 Oklahoma 24

PASADENA, Calif. - Drew Olson threw for 314 yards and three touchdowns, UCLA held Adrian Peterson to 58 yards rushing, and the Bruins beat the struggling Sooners.

After playing in the last two BCS national championship games, Oklahoma is 1-2 for the first time since 1997 and its offense continued to look lost, fumbling six times.

UCLA recovered three of the fumbles and turned them into 17

The Bruins (3-0) pulled away from a 20-17 lead with two Olson touchdown passes, and Maurice Drew's scoring run in the fourth quarter and beat the Sooners for the first time.

Redshirt freshman Rhett Bomar completed 20-of-29 for 241 yards and ran for a 16-yard score for Oklahoma, but fumbled four times.

Peterson began the game on

the sideline after being disciplined during the week for missing classes. He carried 23 times and scored a touchdown.

No. 8 Florida State 28, No. 17 Boston College 17

BOSTON — A.J. Nicholson intercepted two passes, scoring on a 19-yard return on the first play of the game, and Greg Carr caught two touchdowns to help Florida State spoil the Eagles' Atlantic Coast Conference debut.

Nicholson's interceptions sparked the Seminoles (3-0, 2-0) to a 14-0 lead in the first five minutes before BC scored 17 unanswered points to take the lead. The Eagles (2-1) nursed the lead - thanks to a great play by Mathias Kiwanuka - until quarterback Quinton Porter left with an ankle injury and Florida State took advantage.

Drew Weatherford was 20for-38 for 243 yards and two touchdowns for Florida State. Porter was 20-for-31 with one touchdown and two interceptions before leaving late in the third quarter, and Matthew Ryan was 7-for-11 for 89 yards, most of it on the last drive.

BC drove to the Florida State 2 in the final three minutes, but couldn't score in seven tries, including a defensive holding penalty - and used up most of the clock while trying.

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Governator 2: Judgment Day

or the past few weeks, rumors have been circling about California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's intentions to run for re-election. Schwarzenegger ended rumors when he announced Friday he fully intends to seek another term in office.

The biggest question for the action movie icon is "Why?" Why does he want to further tarnish his increasingly sad reputation and why does he think he has chance at winning over California voters for a second time? Better yet, why does he want to punish California residents by pulling the wool over their eyes again and making the state a national laughingstock?

Schwarzenegger was voted into office in 2003 after Republicans launched a successful recall of then-Gov. Gray Davis. Under Davis, the state fell into massive debt and was riddled with problems related to the energy supply.

Schwarzenegger swore to voters that he would fix problems that arose under Davis' administration, all the while exhausting every catch phrase from each movie that made him famous.

The man who played the Terminator has done little if anything to improve California in his post-Davis administration and he has done more to harm the well-being of Californians.

Schwarzenegger lambasted homosexual marriages and pushed the ballot so far that he made labor unions irate. According to CNN, a non-partisan field poll revealed that only 36 percent of registered voters in California intend to vote for Schwarzenegger's re-election.

Perhaps The Governator's lowest moment was when he spoke at a commencement ceremony at his alma mater, Santa Monica College, and was booed by many people in attendance. People criticized Schwarzenegger, citing his overwhelming lack of respect for the state's teachers union. If the man isn't even safe giving a speech at the school where he is the most famous alumnus, how does he expect to be re-elected?

When he marched into office he had an entire state behind him. Now he's barely holding on to his own party. Schwarzenegger's legendary movie career is an afterthought due to his horrendous term in office. Now he expects a state to trust him for another term despite a lack of trust in this term.

While California's election isn't until 2006, Schwarzenegger's announcement is an obvious first attempt at wining back his party and proving he's worthy of holding the state's top spot.

The problem is that he's not at all worthy. He's a detriment to one of the largest and most politically and socially important states in the nation, and he's managed to tarnish his own reputation and the state's. That's a hefty feat for a governor who hasn't really done anything at all.

Instead of worrying about winning back his party and his voters, Schwarzenegger should take the remaining time in his term to start putting together a public relations agenda in order to re-establish himself as the greatest action hero of all time.

He's possibly the biggest political zero of all time, and even his most diehard fans would rather burn every Jingle All the Way DVD in existence than listen to him butcher the English language in yet another pointless speech.

Schwarzenegger should take the next year to begin sorting through movie scripts. He's a shell of the hero our generation made him out to be growing up.

Where has the Schwarzenegger who killed the Predator gone? Who is this imposter that is using the name of the biggest international box office star ever?

It's time for Schwarzenegger to leave the bogus political ambitions behind and jingle all the way back to Hollywood.



READER VIEWS

Coaches to blame for loss

Driving home from Tampa, I was left to ponder the future of our football program. To be clear, I don't blame our players for losing this weekend's USF game, I blame the coaches.

USF is a bottom-rung Big East team, but, more importantly, is our toughest competition for recruits in Florida. We were slaughtered in a game our coaches claimed was our most sought-after win. If our coaches couldn't deliver this game, what can we expect for the

We were asked to be patient with O'Leary's plans, saying it will take time. Fine, I accept this. But if our head coach is unable to inspire our players or adjust his game plan to win our most important game in years, I am left to wonder if the game has passed him by.

Take two other coaches recently hired, Frank Solich (Ohio) and Mike Price (UTEP). Both those coaches had smaller talent bases and resources to start with, and they have already shown results.

O'Leary is widely regarded as a better coach than them, but clearly is doing nothing to vali-

Our players are talented, we have a much improved quarterback and two stud wide receivers, with an above-average defense. We were not outplayed as much as we were out-

The UCF community has given O'Leary carte blanche to change the program, with little criticism from a winless season. "Let him get his own recruits, give him a year to improve," we were told.

After this weekend's travesty of leadership, the time has come for us to expect better from

Our athletic director had ties to O'Leary, securing him a job here, but the honeymoon is over. Those two should now answer for this weekend's failure, and offer us some kind of assurance for the future of our program.

UCF is pouring millions into facilities and athletics (granted, most from private donations), but what good are the improvements if we are to be left with a team of second-string high school players, because at this rate, that is all we are going to able to recruit.

Our athletic program claims to want to be on par with other major college programs. In those programs, coaches answer to alumni and boosters. UCF should answer to the same.

I challenge our coaching staff and athletic director to inspire our players, inspire us as fans, and bring this so-called "prominence" to us, because with each passing week, it seems more and more a marketing scheme than a

- KEVAN STONE CLASS OF 2006

OUR STANCE

U.S. united in aid, divided in politics

ragedies unite people. In the past five years, we've experienced a terrorist attack, a growing death toll for a Act 3.0, be eliminated for using much-scrutinized war and the most significant natural disaster in our country's history.

These events have caused the American people to band together in our efforts of support. The patriotism and sense of civic responsibility shown is a testament to the character of the American citizen and to the human spirit in general.

Our best political leaders, as they often do in times of crisis, have come forward to comfort, lead and inspire. The united front that we have presented has done immeasurable good in managing these situations and advancing efforts for recovery. It has also helped to obscure a very troublesome and frightening truth.

We've never been more ideologically divided.

The political polarization of America is a problem that needs addressing. The partisan squabbling between the two major parties in American government is approaching dangerous territory. The good-natured rivalry of the past is fading away, replaced with a high-stakes game of "Whose country is it?"

The line has been drawn. Republicans want you to believe that the Democratic party is planning to roll out a (environmentally friendly) red carpet to welcome our terrorist enemies off their alternative energybased airplanes. Democrats

counter that we'll all have bar codes imprinted on our foreheads and, thanks to the Patriot phrases such as "abortion," "Allah" or "Clinton" if Republican America comes to pass.

Our most recent presidents are perfect examples. Bill Clinton, championed by Democrats, is the scourge of the Republican Party. The right views "Slick Willie" as an amoral, fast-talking huckster who has openly disgraced the Oval Office with his indecent (read: sexual) behaviors. According to his detractors, everything about his presidency was bad. Not only was his tenure in office one gigantic hop toward turning America to a godless den of hedonism, we are still suffering the effects of his presidency. Certain pundits have blamed all of the above-mentioned tragedies on his adminis-

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Hence the problem. Neither group can admit the other's successes or its own failures. Party loyalty is obstructing our ability to fairly assess and criticize our leaders, and that's a dangerous

A UCF Republican was quoted in this publication last week expressing reservations about a female candidate by saying that he "was expecting somewhat of a weak, moderate Republican." The stereotypical nature and borderline sexism of this comment aside, what is a "weak" member of a political party? Does that mean that one only agrees with 620 out of the 625 party platforms?

How can people, as diverse and freethinking as we allegedly are, fit into two categories?

Anti-abortion? Move to the right side of the room please. Environmentally conscious? You're over here on the left.

You're both? Well that can't be. The future of the country is at stake ... and you have to choose a side. We are becoming slaves to

the "D" and the "R," just like George Washington feared. Our first president disliked political parties. Washington spent his farewell address warn-

ing of the risks posed by the

divisiveness of party loyalty. "It agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms, kindles the animosity of one part against another, foments occasionally riot and insurrection," he said. "It opens the door to foreign influence and corruption, which finds a facilitated access to the government

party passion." Some 200 years later, those words have never been truer.

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Where were you last time UCF won a football game?'



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"I was at that game, but we left early."



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"Probably watching my high school win ... and that coach didn't make a million dollars."



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"I was probably at the game, I don't remember. I was probably drunk."



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"I don't know, I can't remember back that far.

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Mechanical engineering "They actually won? Probably sitting and surfing the Internet."



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Take some blame, Coach, you're taking plenty of money

When George O'Leary was hired as the coach of UCF football almost two years ago, I was glad that someone would finally be cleaning the football program up.

I didn't expect miracles right away because I knew what kind of shape we were in and that it would take a little time to turn this ship around. I also didn't expect a 0-ll season and the nation's longest losing streak, but it was something that I had to take in stride and, like many fans, I rolled with the punches. That was a lot of rolling because there were way too many punches.

Face it, 0-11 is still embarrassing. It's a stigma that UCF fans are going to have to live with for a long, long time. However, 0-11 isn't something that UCF fans should have to deal with again. Well, strap on your seatbelts, Knight fans, because another winless sea-

son might not be too far away.
After Saturday's 31-14 loss
to USF, I felt degraded. I was
embarrassed, of course, but
that's my own problem of letting my pride run my mouth.

When it comes to my team
— the only college football
team that I've ever followed
religiously — I don't even
know who I was watching at
Raymond James Stadium.

Raymond James Stadium.

It certainly wasn't a team that I claimed was going to finish this season 8-3. The team I watched was a bunch of guys playing like they had the longest losing streak in the nation.

What's worse is the coach who tens of thousands of UCF fans put their faith into was leading a team that looked like it was the worst in the nation. I always knew that O'Leary was going to be hired as our football coach, and I was never completely sold on the idea.

I wanted Frank Solich. Rumor has it that the former Nebraska and current Ohio



MOUTHING OFF

ASHLEY BURNS

Managing Editor

coach also wanted to be at Central Florida. But the top brass wanted O'Leary, and I've always trusted their decisions.

That is until now. I don't trust anyone when it comes to this school's football program. This team is crashing and burning.

As fans, we're supposed to sit around and wait for this thing to get worse before it gets better because that's the rebuilding process.

Well when, Mr. O'Leary, does it get better? Should we wait until next season? Should I bring the paper bag back from retirement? I hate being so pessimistic, but this entire situation flat-out sucks.

Who can hold their heads high when people have to tuck their tails and run from Tampa because UCF is being humiliated on the field?

It's stupid to think that we're making progress within our football program by building top-tier facilities and eventually a stadium.

The coaches can't even make any progress on the field. For the love of everything sacred, one win is all anyone is asking for.

What are other teams doing that we're not? I'm sure one of the surefire answers is that these coaches aren't afraid to trust their players. Open up the damn passing game.

Maybe it wouldn't hurt if we tried airing out the ball more than one time in a game. We run the same plays over and over and I can only imag-

ine that other teams are just laughing and drooling over how we're feeding them wins.

When it comes to defense, there should be a point that our coaches realize that the opposing team is destroying us on the same screen pass plays over and over. USF didn't go deep once. Not a single time. Yet the Bulls drilled our defense into the ground, play after play, and we had absolutely zero response.

When a guy is making seven figures to run a football team he better know how to adjust on both sides of the

Better yet, if a guy is making such money to run a program he better win. This school is ponying up big bucks to watch losses pile up week after week.

Maybe I'm asking too much from our coaches. Oh, wait a second ... no I'm not. We haven't won in almost 700 days. If it keeps up like this, I might just transfer to Prairie View to get that winning feeling back. Or maybe I'll just go to USF. Hell, if you can't beat them, join them.

A university's pride is centered on two things: academic excellence and athletic prominant

I'm pretty sure UCF has that whole academic thing locked down. Certainly baseball, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, both soccer teams and so on are familiar with winning, but if you look in the distance that's football lagging behind and barely pulling up the rear.

Is that what this program is all about? Falling behind and barely being able to tread water? Someone needs to do his job and get this school a win already.

How about it, Mr. O'Leary? Is it time to earn that paycheck yet?

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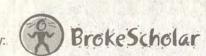


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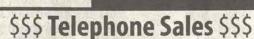
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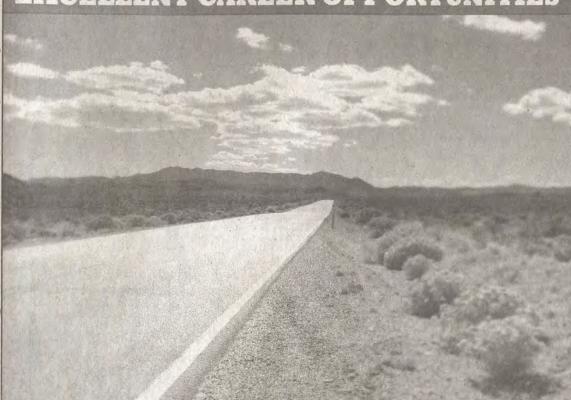
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