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*"There can be no reasoning, no negotiation, with this brand of evil."
—President Barack Obama, at the U.N., on the Islamic State.*



UCF Knights prepare for confrece play | Page 4

Collegewide updates

- College Night is right around the corner. Meet with more than 120 colleges and universities from near and far.
- Last day to apply for a spring break study abroad program without penalty or scholarship funding is Friday, Oct. 3.
- Student Development nature walks every Monday morning at 10 p.m. on West Campus. Yoga classes at 2 p.m.
- Study Abroad applications open for Summer B; Oct. 1.
- SGA will host their Town Hall Meeting, Oct. 23, on the West Campus.
- Learn about resources and study skills that will help you succeed in your Government and History classes; East Campus, BLDG 3-113, Monday, Oct. 6 at noon.

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Craiglists for Central Florida students

Student entrepreneur develops resource website for fellow Valencians

By Sean Nelson
Contributing Writer

For many students, getting by in-and-outside of school is a burden of running around trying to situate one's basic needs: finding tutors, buying and selling textbooks, looking for roommates, etc. Some students just want help. It's a hassle

maintaining one's academic and residential livelihood while having to bounce between multiple websites, bulletin boards, and forums requesting help from fellow students who are in the same predicament.

Now there may be a solution.

Hani Gittens, Valencia College student and Valencia East Student Government Association president, and

his team of developers have come up with an online interactive community for Valencia students at Vpost.co.

Gittens stated that last year the site reached more than 60,000 students before he had to shut the site completely down for maintenance — purchasing a new server and remolding the site.



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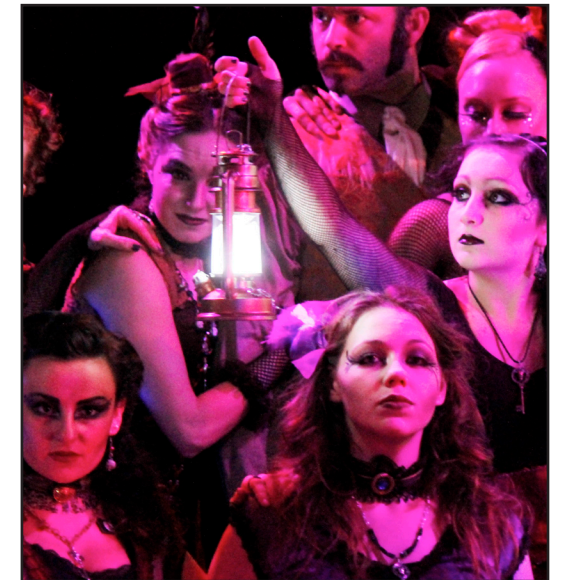
Hani Gittens is the president of Valencia College East Student Government Association.

“Before the fall semester ends; when everyone wants to sub-lease there apartments, rent books and so forth, the site will be perfect for them to do that.”

—Hani Gittens on his resource site Vpost.co, which is currently available.

After sitting with Hani, he was able to go into finer details regarding Vpost.co, and what students can look forward to.

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Valencia Voice File

'Phantasmagoria,' the play, will run Oct. 10-31 at the Lowndes Shakespeare Center.

'Phantasmagoria'

Week-long Multi-media art exhibit on East Campus

What

“The Art and Horror of 'Phantasmagoria': Puppetry, Photography, Costumes, Props and Video”

When:

Oct. 3 — Oct. 10 (select dates)

Where:

Valencia's East Campus, Building 3
701 N. Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando

The Man from Beijing
September 8
Lecture by
Professor Watters

Diva
September 16
Lecture by
Professor Jenne

Blue Velvet
September 22
Lecture by
Professor Warren

Rosemary's Baby
October 7
Lecture by
Ms. Sutton

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@ VALENCIA

WEST CAMPUS 5-111
6:00PM-9:00PM

Frankenstein
October 21
Lecture by
Professor Wilson

Drowning by Numbers
November 4
Lecture by
Ms. Sutton

Tie Me Up Tie Me Down
November 20
Lecture by
Professor Montione

Tsotsi
November 19
Lecture by
Professor Broitman

Blue Angels
November 18
Lecture by
Professor Stoepker

Throne of Blood
November 17
Lecture by
Professor Warren

Full Metal Jacket
November 11
Lecture by
Professor Wilson

Cinema Nights objective is to increase student engagement in all of Valencia's academic areas through film. We choose films that will expose students to situations and human landscapes which are rarely explored in main stream filmography. Cinema Nights is not only an opportunity to study film through a critical lens, but to also challenge students to analyze film as a mark of cultural identity.

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Vpost

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Valencia Voice (VV): I understand vpost.co is developed, created, and run all by you, is that correct?

Hani Gittens (HG): Yes. I started it last year as a student leader. My developers maintain the site constantly—24 hours. We do small maintenance overnight so it doesn't restrict users during the day.

VV: So it's always being updated?

HG: Yes, and monitored.

VV: Initially Vpost was discussed primarily as a platform for book exchanges, but it's not just limited to that, is it?

It's an interactive community per se. So you could find jobs, internships, sublease your apartment if you're going to move out after half a year. You can sell textbooks to a varieties of items— cars, stuff like that. There's also a student

interactive blog where instructors can post forums on there and have students talk about it and respond, or students can post forums and engage, post, and ask questions.

Students can also get free Microsoft Office. Not a lot of students know that, and my site, step by step, shows students how to do that through Valencia.

If you want to find out about an event we have a student opportunity page, so instead of having to find a flyer for an event you can take out your phone, got to the mobile version and pull up the events happening that day.

VV: To sum up Vpost, it's a multipurpose site for Valencia students.

HG: Yea, anything they need to advance them in college, they have it.

VV: Anything else you want to mention?

HG: It's free for all students. I'd love to hear [students'] input on the website and how we can improve it to better students' experience.

Become active in our community!
Create an account to find inspiration and tools to succeed in college.

Free Resource for Valencia and UCF Students

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- + Find A Job On Or Off Campus
- + Find And Sell Items
- + Find Or Post A Sublease
- + Find A Tutor Or Offer Your Services
- + Get Involved In Student Opportunities
- + Discover The Best College Deals

SIGN UP

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Screenshot Vpost.co

Students who sign up for Vpost.co can gain access to a free Microsoft Office download.



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— Valencia College Cinema Nights Facebook bio

Understanding a higher level of film

Humanities professors join together to present weekly film screening on West Campus

Sean Nelson
 Contributing Writer

From film buffs to passive film goers, all are welcome to Valencia's Cinema Nights.

Cinema Night at Valencia third event resulted with a modest turnout as professor of Humanities Bob Warren hosted the evening's feature film "Blue Velvet."

"Blue Velvet," directed by David Lynch, is an excellent example of contemporary surrealism. A style many passive film goers may not be used to.

The crowd was a mix of heavy to modest film goers, with an open floor after the film for anyone willing to share there thoughts.

"We'd like to introduce students to a higher level of cinema," said Warren after the event. "This gives us an opportunity to show film as art."

After the film was a range of opinions, with many students commenting on some of the films more abstract concepts and perplexing imagery.

The event is run by the Cinema Nights committee, fronted by Humanities professors Warren and Natalie E. Sutton. Films are chosen among the committee's professors as a way to introduce students to films with a cultural significance, said Warren, before stating "Though, we'd like to get more students involved to try and balance it."

The next event will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 7 featuring Roman Polanski's "Rosemary's Baby" with special guests, authors Christopher and Kathleen Vander Kaay.

For more on Cinema Nights at Valencia, please visit their Facebook page.

UCF takes on Houston in big conference game

Knights hope to open up American Athletic Conference play with a win on the road

By Frank Shala
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The UCF Knights kick off American Athletic Conference play this week, as they travel to Houston to take on the Cougars Thursday on ESPN.

"Obviously, it's a great night or the NFL wouldn't have done it," said UCF head coach George O'Leary about playing on Thursday night. "You're on national TV and I think a lot of people are still college-bound on Thursday night. The players look at it as the only game on TV college-wise."

Houston (2-2) is coming off a 47-14 victory against the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) last week, and will also be playing their first conference game this season.

The Knights defeated the Cougars 19-14 last season, a game that came that came down to the final plays.

Houston was first-and-goal going for the go-ahead score, until the Knight defense stood its ground with less than a minute left. On fourth down, Brandon Alexander broke up the final pass in the endzone. Four of the five games in the series have been decided by seven points or less.

"Every team in the American Conference is a rival to me, that's how I treat them," said O'Leary. "We have one goal on our team and that's to win a confer-



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Justin Holman is 37-61 passing for 558 yards and four touchdowns through three games.

ence championship, so every game is critical," added O'Leary. "You always want to control your own destiny as far as the conference is concerned."

Prior to last weeks off week, UCF (1-2) picked up their first win of the season against Bethune-Cookman (B-CU) 41-7. UCF has won four straight conference openers, and will look to defend their AAC title after going undefeated in conference play last season.

"Going into our first conference game, ultimately our goal for the year is to just win conference, so this game definitely sets the tone," said linebacker Troy Gray. "It was a close game last year, so we're definitely excited for the opportunity. First game in conference, time to go win."

Traditionally an offensive powerhouse, Houston's 'Third Ward Defense' has caught up with the teams high-

powered offense. After leading the nation in 2013 with a +25 turnover margin and 43 turnovers gained, Houston now ranks second nationally with 13 turnovers forced through four games.

"Where they are playing really well now is on defense, said O'Leary. "They're causing a lot of turnovers, so going into the game ball security is critical."

Justin Holman and the Knight offense will have their hands full with a defense that has forced multiple turnovers in 23 of their last 25 games and has a turnover in 27 straight games.

The Knights offense has been progressing from game one this year. UCF opened 2014 with 246 yards of total offense vs. Penn State, followed by 299 yards at Missouri and 351 total yards against B-CU. The ground game has improved each week as well, posting numbers of 24, 90 and 169.

The Knights will be without wide receiver Ranell Hall for the first half this week after he was ejected from the last game following a targeting penalty.

"Thank God he's at a position where we have some people, we have some depth at, but it's the next guy up to bat."

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m ET at Houston and will air on ESPN.

Things don't get any easier for the Knights' after their trip to Houston, as UCF will be returning home for a big matchup against the BYU Cougars.

Upcoming UCF Knights Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 30	vs. Penn State	L, 26-24
Sept. 13	at Missouri	L, 38-10
Sept. 20	vs. B-CU	W, 41-7
Oct. 2	at Houston*	7:00 p.m. ET
Oct. 9	vs. BYU	7:30 p.m. ET
Oct. 18	vs. Tulane*	TBA
Oct. 25	vs. Temple*	TBA
Nov. 1	at UCONN*	TBA
Nov. 14	vs. Tulsa*	8:00 p.m. ET
Nov. 22	vs. SMU*	TBA
Nov. 28	at USF*	TBA
Dec. 4	at ECU*	7:30 p.m. ET

* American Athletic Conference game

Player to Watch: Quarterback Justin Holman

Valencia Voice staff predictions:

Danny Morales: 24-21 HOU

Bryce Brimhall: 38-31 UCF

Frank Shala: 34-28 UCF

Cody Taylor: 31-17 UCF

Ty Wright: 34-24 HOU

Veterans look to help Magic improve

Ben Gordon, Channing Frye bring their experience to The City Beautiful



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Ben Gordon is entering his 11th NBA season.

By Danny Morales
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The Orlando Magic again have a young roster that primarily consist of rookies, second-year players and third-years players, but this season the Magic will hope to get some veteran leadership from newly acquired free agents Ben Gordon and Channing Frye.

Gordon and Frye may play different positions, but between the two of them they have 18-years of NBA experience under their belts.

Frye's experience and knowledge of the forward position will come in handy with rookie forward Aaron Gordon, who the Magic took in the first round this year.

On the other hand the elder Gordon

will be looked at to mentor Orlando's young guards, including Victor Oladipo and rookie Elfrid Payton. Gordon will be tasked with helping the young guards grow and develop, while also helping them through the bumps and bruises that come with a players early years in the NBA.

"Helping them stay poised, helping them make the right decisions down the stretch," said Gordon of what he can teach the young guards. "Just sharing my experiences with them from playoff games or tight games, I think that'll translate to being with these young bloods."

Gordon has had a decorated basketball career, which has included winning a National Championship at UConn, and then playing for the Chicago Bulls, Detroit Pistons and Charlotte Hornets. He's averaging 15.6 points per game, with a .402 percent average for the three-point line for his career.

"That's another thing I tell young guys, get in the habit of watching yourself," said Gordon of his advice to young players. "Not your highlights, watch when you make mistakes because that's when you're going to learn the most."

With the emergence of rookie guard Victor Oladipo last season, don't expect to see Gordon get a lot of

minutes this season, as Orlando will try to find playing time for Payton, Evan Fournier and Oladipo.

With Oladipo taking over the leadership role this season for the Magic, it looks like the veterans were brought in for more of a support role than a leadership role.

Many players praised Oladipo during Magic Media Day, saying the young guard was mature and ready to take on the role of leader both on and off the court.

The Magic open up their pre-season on Tuesday, October 7 in Miami, before traveling home for their first preseason game at the Amway on Wednesday, Oct. 15 against Brazilian team, Flamengo.



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Channing Frye came to Orlando as a free agent.



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Victor Oladipo wearing the Magic's new jersey.



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Kyle O'Quinn jokes around at Magic media day.

Magic players are wild about new 'Pride Jersey'

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Straying away from the classic white and blue, the Orlando Magic unveiled a new alternate silver "Pride Jersey" to be worn at select home games in 2014-15.

The new silver jersey is the first new apparel to be unveiled by the team since the black pinstripe alternate home uniform that was revealed in 2010, and is the first Magic jersey to sport short sleeves.

The color is meant to represent steel, "a rigid, unbending and relentless symbol of unity created to invoke a sense of pride," ac-

ording to an Orlando Magic press release.

"When you look good, you play good," said Victor Oladipo about the new jersey, "So I feel good, I look good, so I think I might play good."

The new uniforms will debut on Wednesday, November 26, when the Magic host the Golden State Warriors on their home court at the Amway Center, and will be worn at certain home games during both the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons.

"The gray is nice. The design is very nice," said Nikola Vucevic, "We'll see, I guess we have to play with it first, but I think it'll be fine, it looks good."



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Magic 2014 first-round pick Aaron Gordon.

Aaron Gordon

By Danny Morales
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Aaron Gordon was drafted third-overall this year by the Magic and is expected to contribute right away for Orlando.

Gordon played his college basketball at the University of Arizona, where he averaged 12.4 points per game, along with 8 rebounds and two assist a game.

He claimed All-Pac-12 first team honors during his only season at Arizona, while also being named as a finalist for the Naismith College Player of the Year.

At only 19-years old, Gordon will be one of the youngest players in the NBA this season, but he will be familiar with some of his teammates, including Elfrid Payton, who he played with for Team USA.

Gordon will also be learning from veteran guard Channing Frye.

Victor Oladipo

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Victor Oladipo was drafted second-overall by the Orlando Magic back in 2013 and has recently been looked at as the new leader of the team.

Oladipo played his collegiate basketball at Indiana University, leading the Hoosiers to back-to-back Sweet 16 appearances, while averaging 13.6 points, 6.3 rebounds, 2.2 steals and 2.1 assists per game during his junior year at Indiana.

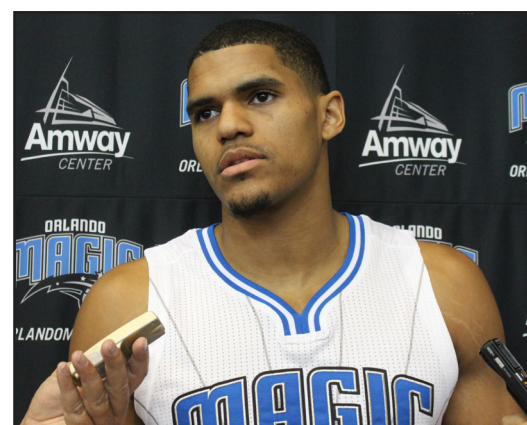
On top of his offense Oladipo brings his defense to the Magic roster, as the 22-year old guard won both the National Co-Defensive Player of the Year and the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year in his final season in college.

Look for him to play both the point and shooting guard position again this season, with Magic head coach Jacque Vaughn utilizing him all over the court.



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Oladipo was last year's first-round pick.



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Tobias Harris played at Tennessee in college.

Tobias Harris

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Tobias Harris is entering his second full season with the Magic after playing his first season and a half with the Milwaukee Bucks.

Harris was drafted by the Charlotte Bobcats in 2011 with the 19th overall pick and immediately traded to the Bucks. Two seasons ago he was traded to Orlando in exchange for guard J.J. Redick in a deal that was made right at the deadline.

The 6-foot-9 combo-forward took advantage of his playing time with the Magic last season, averaging 14.6 points and 7 rebounds per game, while playing in 61 games with Orlando. He started 36 of the 61 games he played for the Magic.

Harris wears the No.12 jersey in tribute to his childhood friend, Morgan Child, who died at age 17 of a rare blood disease.

Maurice Harkless

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Maurice Harkless is going into his third season with the Magic after being traded to Orlando by the Philadelphia 76ers in the big offseason trade that sent Dwight Howard to the Los Angeles Lakers.

Harkless is coming off of a sophomore season in which he averaged 7.4 points, 3.3 rebounds and 1.2 steals per game. The third-year forward from New York experienced some growing pains during his second year in the NBA, but the Magic hope for big things from him in 2014-2015.

The 6-foot-9 forward played his collegiate basketball at St. John's University, where he averaged 15.5 points, 8.6 rebounds and 1.6 steals per game during his one year with the Red Storm.

Harkless is only 21-years old and in his third NBA season.



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Third-year forward Maurice Harkless.



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Nik Vucevic is in year three with the Magic.

Nikola Vucevic

By Danny Morales
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Nikola Vucevic was the Orlando Magic's top rebound man last season 626 rebounds, in a season where he missed some games due to injury.

Vucevic was drafted by the 76ers with the 16th overall pick in the 2011 draft. He was acquired by the Magic in 2012 as a part of the big trade that sent Dwight Howard to the Lakers in a four team trade.

The 7-foot center out of the University of Southern California (USC) averaged 13.1 points, 11.9 rebounds and one block per game last season, all of which were career highs.

The 22-year-old from Montenegro played three years for USC. He averaged 17.1 points, 10.3 rebounds, 1.4 blocks and 1.6 assist per game during his junior year with the Trojans.

Vucevic's father, Borislav, played 24 years of professional basketball in Europe.