Kruczek gets four-year deal, loses interim title

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

Athletic Director Steve Sloan opened last Thursday afternoon's press conference by reflecting on the last time UCF had called such an event. With the announcement that Mike Kruczek will remain as head coach full-time, losing his interim title, the University has provided closure to the events that brought about that aforementioned press conference last January, one of a much different nature.

"Last January, when Coach (Gene) McDowell resigned we had a compressed time period as far as our recruiting plans. We had two decisions we could have made. We could have had a search or go through an active and interim head coach," recalled Sloan. "Because of the recruiting time, we felt it would be better, that because of the fact stability and continuity are critical to a team in transition, to appoint Coach Kruczek to the position."

From that point on, the job has been Kruczek's to earn. He's taken the opportunity and run with it, securing the job earlier than anticipated. UCF President John Hitt petitioned the chancellor for a waiver to give Kruczek the position before conducting a formal search, as is mandated. However, with a four-year contract being signed, it's

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Get spaced-out at UCF's Robinson Observatory

By STACEY COPELAND
Staff Writer

When the Robinson Observatory opened here at UCF in April 1996, the residents of Orlando got something new to brag about. The city of Orlando now plays host to the second largest telescope in the state of Florida. The telescope, which has a 26-inch mirror and is worth more than $1 million, is also the largest telescope in Florida routinely open for public usage (the University of Florida's 30-inch telescope is used mainly for research purposes).

So why do so few people know anything about the observatory? Are we too busy with work and school? Do our families take up all our time? Or do we just not pay attention?

The director of the observatory, Dr. Nadine Barlow, laughingly admits that many people only find out about the observatory by accident. She said: "We seem to get a lot of inquiries about the observatory from people who jog or walk around the campus. They just happen to see the building and they're curious as to what goes on in there."

The Robinson Observatory, which is located on the southeast side of campus, was established to help institute an astronomy program here. The growing program was in need of the equipment and academic support the observatory offers to students and faculty. Students in the astronomy program regularly use the observatory to aid in their studies and to gain experience in working with the equipment. Many scientists

The Robinson Observatory houses the largest public telescope in the State of Florida.

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Homecoming events continue till Saturday

By SARAH SEKULA
Staff Writer

"Back in Black U-Knighted in Gold" is this year's homecoming theme, if you don't know already.

School is out today, but you'll want to be on campus for the carnival next to the arena. Rides, games, food, what more could you want? Free stuff? The carnival has it covered. The festivities will begin at 2 p.m. and admission is free.

"Promotional items will be given away all week," Homecoming Director Andrea Quattry said. "T-shirts, bandannas, UCF tattoos, sports bottles, etc."

"In fact, we are giving away two trips to the Bahamas," Quattry said. "Students can register when they vote for homecoming king and queen at the Student Union Monday through Thursday, 10-3 p.m."

During the carnival, several bands will be playing including Black-Eyed Peas at 3:15 p.m. and A Tribe Called Quest at 4 p.m. At 8 p.m. the Violent Femmes will play inside the UCF Arena. Students may attend for free with a valid UCF ID card. Alumni Association members may get tickets at the arena or any Ticketmaster outlet for $10. The general public will be charged $15 per ticket.

"We have a wide variety of music this year," Mike Bowman, member of the CAB Concert Committee, said. "We wanted bands that would appeal to an array of people."

The spirit banner contest will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday in the arena and will be followed by skit night. The theme this

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Back-up QB uses faith as his strongest offense

UCF Quarterback Jason Thorpe joined the Knights as a walk-on in 1995.

By JAMES COMBS
Staff Writer

Things looked very bleak for UCF quarterback Jason Thorpe when he joined the football team as a walk-on in the spring of 1995. UCF had nine quarterbacks at the time who were either scholarship players or walk-ons. To complicate matters, the 6-foot, 185-pound Thorpe barely got any reps in practice and couldn't showcase his talent to the coaches. As a result, he finished spring football listed ninth on the depth chart.

"I trusted in God that I would eventually get an opportunity to practice more," he said. "One thing I have learned from God is to never give up when things aren't going my way."

And Thorpe didn't give up. He began concentrating on learning the offense and improving on basic skills. His hard work and refusal to quit landed him more reps in practice. He gradually worked his way up the depth chart. In the middle of his sophomore season in 1996, Thorpe overtook senior Kevin Reid as the second-string quarterback.

"It was through my love of God that I was able to accomplish what I did in such a short time," he said.

Thorpe relates his love of God to football. To him, the relationship can be summed up with the word totality.

"You have to totally love God to be his disciple, follower and servant," he said. "That is a wholehearted commitment which I carry over to the football field. When I have a bad day of practice or play bad in a game, my relationship with Christ gives me a focus and a place to come back and say to myself, 'OK, this is first and foremost number one, so get your priorities straight from here.'"

Thorpe is currently a senior and the backup quarterback to Daunte Culpepper. Although he is happy in his position, moving up the depth chart wasn't his top priority.

"There was a point in time when I didn't think I would even make the traveling team," he said. "I knew the Lord had called me to come out here and play on the team, and I had determined in my heart that if not meant just being a scout player for three or four years, that it was the Lord's will."

Thorpe's first playing experience came against East Carolina in 1996. He played in a mop-up role for one quarter. A few weeks later UCF played Georgia Tech in Atlanta. Former UCF head coach Gene McDowell once again put Thorpe in the game. Only this time it wasn't for mop-up duty... Thorpe was asked to enter the game and help UCF win.

Culpepper separated his left shoulder in the second half with UCF trailing by 14 points. The game seemed to be all wrapped up with Culpepper going to the sidelines and a quarterback limited playing time replacing him.

"This was different than the East Carolina game because now I was going to have to rally this team to victory as opposed to playing when the game had already been decided," Thorpe said. "I was extremely nervous going into that first series."

In his first series, the Knights went three plays and out. However, Thorpe managed to complete a key pass the next series. Georgia Tech came with a blitz up the middle, and the Knight offensive line picked it up nicely. Thorpe threw the ball to Stuart Stipe, who caught it for a first down.

"I realized that pass it was a real confidence booster," he said. "From that point on it built up my head that I could lead this team." It ended up being a 79-yard touchdown drive.

On UCF's last offensive series of the game, they trailed 27-20. Thorpe had them on the move and led them inside the 30-yard line. However, a UCF player fumbled the ball in the end zone and that sealed the victory for Georgia Tech.

Thorpe finished the game with 179 yards passing.

"After the game, I remember sitting on the field and thanking God for allowing me to play a tradition-rich school like Georgia Tech," Thorpe said. "I fulfilled a dream that day and it was very satisfying and rewarding. I couldn't have done it without the Lord."

Thorpe played in every game that year. He completed 40 of 68 passes for 364 yards and two touchdowns.

Since Thorpe plays behind a potential All-American quarterback like Culpepper, it is not surprising that he has limited action since that Georgia Tech game. However, he never thinks about whether he would have started at quarterback the last three seasons had Culpepper signed with another college.

"That doesn't cross my mind because there are a lot of ifs," he said. "I know when I came here that my reasons for coming were different from what the rest of the world would consider good reasons for being here. I wanted to come out here and work hard and season my teammates with the love of Christ. That's been my goal since I came and hopefully when I leave my teammates and coaches will look back and think that I accomplished it."

David Wilson, a second string offensive tackle, said Thorpe is an inspiration to the team.

"Jason gives us a lot of leadership and puts the spirit of God into us," he said. "When the team gets tired Jason always picks us up and refuses to let us quit. Some people don't like to listen to religious stuff, but it is different when Jason speaks because he does it in a way that inspires you rather than puts you to sleep."

UCF head coach Mike Kruczek shares Wilson's sentiments.

"Jason has been a spiritual leader for this team every year he has been here," Kruczek said. "I can't say enough about the kid. He comes to practice every day and plays hard."

Thorpe has read verses from the Bible to his teammates. Thorpe and Culpepper also conduct a Bible study on the weekends for football players to attend. But Thorpe doesn't limit sharing his love of God to football players. The former Fellowship of Christian Athletes/FCU president has spoken to middle school and high school students about God. He has also worked in summer camps and teaches kids athletic skills and the Gospel.

"I really enjoy doing this because I can share my wealth of knowledge with the youth of today," he said. "The kids seem to really look up to me since I am an athlete who worships God. Some tend to think that being an athlete and loving God at the same time is mutually exclusive. So I am living proof to them that you can be an athlete and love God at the same time."

Thorpe wants to incorporate the teaching of God into a career. He said he majored in Advertising/Public Relations so he can eventually replace him in the game. His goal is to one day become an ordained minister after college.

"I am happy that I got the opportunity to play Division I football," he said. "Without God's presence on the football field with me, none of this would have been possible."
Display honors women veterans

By DANIEL F. McMULLAN Staff Writer

In honor of Veterans’ Day 1998, the University of Central Florida’s Office of Veterans’ Affairs and Student Veterans’ Association has sponsored a display devoted to women veterans in the UCF Library.

Jenifer Hoffman, a senior political science major and U.S. Navy veteran, created the display.

“I’ve learned a lot about the history of women that I didn’t know before,” said the 28-year-old St. Vincen member. “It reaffirmed for me the importance of women jobs, but I was not aware that so many women had done the job.

The legacy of women serving in America’s armed forces extends all the way back to the founding of the United States. Probably the most famous woman, Molly Pitcher, gained the U.S. in service.

However, she wasn’t the first according to Hoffman. The first documented woman to fight in defense of America was Margaret Corbin, who helped defend Fort Washington, N.Y. in 1776.

“They were a lot more,” said Hoffman. “But they had to disguise themselves as men, because women weren’t allowed to serve.”

During the Civil War, women worked as foragers for supplies, cooks and seamstresses, as well as saboteurs, scouts and couriers. Dr. Mary Walker, an Army physician who served during the Civil War, was the first and only woman awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for contributions in treating patients.

More than 35,000 women served as nurses, telephone operators or clerks during World War II. It was the first war in which American women saw action overseas. Three women received the Distinguished Service Cross, the combat medal second only to the Medal of Honor.

World War II saw more than 350,000 women in service.

“I never knew about a group called WASPs—Women’s Army Service Pilots—who ferried aircraft from base to base,” said Hoffman.

Some were getting shot down, she said. “But they weren’t even acknowledged as military pilots or even veterans until 1977.”

During the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War, the majority of women serving were nurses. According to the 1990 Census, some 1.2 million women are veterans, or about four percent of the total veteran population.

Nearly 35,000 women served in the Persian Gulf. Women flew reconnaissance and search and rescue missions. They drove convoys close to enemy positions and staffed Patriot missile placements.

Since the Gulf War, women have served in Haiti, Bosnia and are stationed throughout the world. Department of Defense figures, as of September 1997, show that 14 percent—some 200,526—of America’s armed forces are women.

A Knight at the Movies to be the theme of skit night

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year is “A Knight at the Movies” and will feature several organizations competing to win for the best skit.

On Friday, the Spirit Splash Pep Rally tradition will continue. Show off your Black and Gold spirit at this event! It’s your chance to jump into the reflecting pond with fellow students. While you are splashing around, live music will fill the air. UCF’s marching band will perform, the cheerleaders will cheer and Knightro and Gatorro will be there. The 1998 Spirit Cup will be given away to one loud, spirited organization. Once again, extra stuff will be given away.

After Spirit Splash you can cheer some more at the Homecoming Fanfare at the arena which will feature free food and entertainment. After your tummy is satisfied, support the women’s basketball team in the arena at 5 p.m. against American University and the men’s team at 7:30 p.m. against Rollins.

Everyone loves a parade, right? On Saturday, UCF students take over Downtown Orlando for a few hours and show off their floats and their pride. Then, let the tailgating begin.

Homecoming awards will be presented at 1 p.m. at Tinker field. The organization that racks up the most points during the week (Black and Gold sign, ski, spirit banner, float or spirit car and clean up after parade) will take home the 1998 Homecoming Trophy.

Kickoff for the game against the Ball State Cardinals will be at 8 p.m., with the Homecoming king and queen presentation at halftime.

Trick or treating with the Greeks

By SHELLEY WILSON Staff Writer

In addition to winning a home football game, UCF gave something special to the community on Halloween.

For three hours before the game, UCF’s Greek community transformed Tinker Field into a Halloween carnival for both children and adults. Several community agencies including Smoothie King, Goodguy’s, and the Orlando Sentinel helped sponsor the event.

The Student Government Association from UCF also sponsored the event. The purpose of the event was to provide a safe and fun environment for children to go trick or treating.

During Homecoming, fraternal and sorority organizations pair up for various activities. Each pair sets up their own booth for any activity they choose for children to play.

Pi Kappa Alpha, Chi Omega, and Fiji teamed up and had “Fishes from the Witches Cauldron.” Instead of fish at this activity, children received candy at the end of their pole.

Lauren Thomas, a Chi Omega, was surprised at the response to this year’s event.

“I wasn’t expecting as many people as there was so it’s a good sign for the Greeks.”

Some of the other team activities were Alpha Xi Delta and Delta Upsilon holding a spider toss, Kappa Delta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon had a lion toss, and a ring toss was held by Tau Alpha and Lambda Chi Omega.

A good image for the Greek community was on the minds of the Greeks involved.

“Parents have been thanking us for giving our time and I think this was a great idea,” Jennifer Gregory of Alpha Delta said.

Ian Macdonald, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, agrees with the good image and sees participation as the key.

“The whole Greek and local community came together to do something good to make sure kids have a good time for Halloween.”

Along with the booths, children could also enjoy five inflatable playgrounds, donated by the Interfraternity Council. They had slides, rock climbing, an obstacle course, and a jumble bounce.

The big event was the costume contest for the children. Children walked down a runway to show off their costumes while their names and the title of the costume was announced. The first place winner for ages six to eight was dressed like a Knight with a sword. The winner for ages eight and over was dressed as Dante Calpew.

A two-dollar donation at the door and fifty cents for a hot dog or drink went to benefit the Crisis Nursery, which helps families in crisis.

Tricia Posado, of the Panhellenic Service Chair, helped organize the event and sees changing the location from Greek Street on campus to Tinker Field as a benefit. “We felt bringing it here promoted UCF in the community and it worked perfectly with the game.

“It was a wonderful and totally connected event which one person alone could not do,” Posado added.

Andrew Cupicha, from Sigma Alpha Epsilon, has headed the event for four years. Cupicha said, “The key is to get more people involved and to keep them excited.”

“I have received awesome feedback this year. This event was everything I hoped it would be and a lot more especially for the people to pull off something this big.”

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The quest for perfection

By LINDA RAMOS
Staff Writer

The “American Heritage Dictionary” (2nd College II ed.) defines perfectionism as “a propensity for setting extremely high standards and being displeased with anything less.”

The University of Miami’s Counseling Center’s pamphlet defines a perfectionist as a person who, at first glance, seems to achieve it all yet never experience success, accomplishments or personal growth. Sometimes those that care and love you the most unintentionally trigger perfectionistic tendencies.

In contrast, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign published a self-help tip sheet regarding perfectionism which suggests that the root of perfectionism lies deep within each individual. Perfectionists value themselves based on their external accomplishments. For example, a mistake, regardless of its severity, is considered a failure. The label “failure” is thus internalized within the perfectionists mind of a perfectionist may never happen), and feelings of inadequacy—“never being good enough.”

What causes this overbearing drive to be perfect? The Division of Student Affairs at the University of Buffalo in New York suggests that a possible cause for perfectionism may originate from families, friends, teachers, and society which in the mind of a perfectionistic may never happen), and feelings of inadequacy—“never being good enough.”

What causes this overbearing drive to be perfect? The Division of Student Affairs at the University of Buffalo in New York suggests that a possible cause for perfectionism may originate from families, friends, teachers, and society. A perfectionistic student receives a 95 percent on an assignment. The student thinks “How can it be that I didn’t receive a 100 percent?” This student is inflating the difference between a 95 and 100 while under-emphasizing the individual’s effort of accomplishing a 95.

There are ways to help overcome perfectionistic tendencies as advised by the Counseling Center of the University of Illinois.

First, realize that mistakes are learning experiences. A mistake is a label based on point of view. Mistakes serve as reference points. How else can you know what works if you haven’t experienced what didn’t work? Second, set realistic goals. Actually aim for less than 100 percent. Your self-worth will not disintegrate just because you aren’t perfect. Third, focus on the process of an activity and not on its outcome. What good can come from achieving great success when the process of achieving that success was fraught with anxiety, stress, and fear?

Fourth, reassume expectations. Ask yourself if the expectations you have are truly yours or do they belong to others such as family or friends. No one can succeed all the time; likewise, no one can fail all the time. Notable successes are achieved through a mixture of weaknesses and strengths.

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50-year-old freshman: Better late than never

By VICKI DESORMIER
Staff Writer

Dan Fleishman said he is sometimes ashamed to admit that he is a college freshman. At nearly 50, he said, he thinks that sounds “just a little odd,” but things just never quite worked out right for him to be in classes before now.

He was drafted right out of high school and served a tour in Vietnam. When he returned, he just didn’t feel like going to college. There was money to be made and taking time off to go to school was not on the agenda for him.

“I wanted to make a living,” he said. “Maybe I could make more money in the long run with a college degree, but at the time, all I knew was that I had a steady paycheck coming in.”

Fleishman said he worked at a series of jobs over the years. He worked hard and made his way through the ranks, eventually becoming a supervisor in county government.

Next year, he said, he will retire with 30 years of service. “Then what?” he said. “I never even gave it any thought before last year. But when I started talking about retirement, my wife asked me whether I was going to do next. She said she couldn’t imagine me just sitting around the house watching soap operas. Easier could I.”

So he decided to get that college degree he’d avoided all those years. He said he never gave much consideration to what he wanted to major in, but he figures that “most freshmen don’t know what they want to do when they grow up” either so he’s not alone. He said he will start with the required courses and shop around a little and see what interests him.

Older and Wiser

Fleishman said he doesn’t think the major is as important as the degree at his age. He will choose his major area of study based on what he is interested in rather than with a financial goal in mind. “I’ve earned my money,” he said. “I’m just doing this because I want to do it.”

He said he always encouraged his daughter to attend college and told her to major in a subject area where she thought she could earn the biggest paycheck.

“Despite all that,” he joked, “she became a teacher. But she’s happy and earning a fairly decent living.”

He is not likely to follow in his daughter’s footsteps into teaching. He said. He does not have as much interest in teaching as he does in learning.

“I was thinking sports medicine—or business—you can see, I haven’t made up my mind yet,” he said.

Fleishman said his wife and daughter, both college educated, are supporting him in his late-in-life quest for a diploma.

“They both think it’s kind of cool that I’ve finally gotten my act together,” he said. “Some of us just take a little longer than others to figure things out. But here I am. Better late than never.”
New ID cards to be issued through 19th

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

Sign up for the new UCF ID cards will be held from Nov. 5-19 in the UCF Bookstore by 5 p.m. beginning on Oct. 9. Telephone extensions will remain the same. Student Accounts should return to AD 111-112 by Nov. 30.

The Student Accounts and Loans/Collection offices will be moved to Trailor #541 beginning on Oct. 9. Telephone extensions will remain the same. Student Accounts should return to AD 111-112 by Nov. 30.

Full 1998 commencement will be held Dec. 19 at the UCF Arena. Each candidate who participates in the event will receive guest tickets based on the amount of seats available and the number of participants. Commencement times are:

8 a.m. College of Business Administration, 8 tickets per person
9:30 a.m. Colleges of Education and Engineering, 8 tickets per person
11:30 a.m. Colleges of Arts and Sciences, 6 tickets per person
1 p.m. College of Health and Public Affairs, 9 tickets per person
6:30 p.m. College of Business Administration, 8 tickets per person
3 p.m. College of Health and Public Affairs, 9 tickets per person

Graduation participants at the main branch must pick up their tickets between Dec. 7 and 12 at the UCF Bookstore. Candidates may order and pick up tickets at their area campus. Tickets must be ordered Nov. 16-21 at the Brevard campus, contact the BCC Bookstore. At the Daytona Beach campus, contact the Administrative Services Office. A photo ID will be requested upon pick up. Doctoral candidates and platform party guests must contact the Coordinating Relations Office at (407) 823-6009 for tickets.

The Student Union has begun offering "notary public" service in the Lobby with Chuck Gallo at 823-2117 for an appointment.

A holiday toy drive will be sponsored by the UCF Police Department and the Student Alumni Association. Unwrapped toys will be collect- ed from Nov. 2 to Dec. 11 and will be donated to the X106.7 Baby DJ Fund. The drop-off locations are: The UCF Police Department The Student Alumni Association Office (Administration Building Room 340) The Student Union (box near the information desk)

Arrangements can also be made for the toys to be picked up at other departments on campus by calling Officer Emeret at 823-6268.

The UCF Bookstore is offering 15 book scholarships for Spring 1999 and Summer 1999. Undergraduate students enrolled in a minimum of 9 hours and graduate students with a minimum of 6 hours. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required. Applicants must submit an application package in the drop box located in the UCF Bookstore by 7 p.m. on Nov. 16. The package must include:

A letter of application in which you major and college are stated, a copy of your most recent grade report, a current resume and on the bottom, a 250 word, double-spaced, 12 point font essay including the word count on the bottom. The topic of the essay should be "If I were a book, my title would be..." Describe yourself and why the title is important.

The Fourth Annual Networking Conference will be held on Nov. 13 in the Student Union Key West Ballroom from 7:30-9:30 a.m. The Black Faculty & Staff Assembly encourage all faculty and staff to attend and sponsor an African-American student at $10 per person. Checks can be made payable to Black Faculty 5 Staff Assembly(BFSA). For further information call 823-2981.

On Nov. 16 at 6 p.m., Volunteer UCF will hold its annual Hunger Banquet at the Student Union's Key West Room 208 A and B. Each guest is asked to bring two cans of food to benefit Hunger and Homelessness in the Orlando community. RSVPs should be in by 5 p.m. on Nov. 11 in the Office of Student Activities, Room 208. For more information, call 823-6471.

Fraternity to help in national food drive

By SHELLY WILSON
Staff Writer

UCF’s Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity will hold its Sixth Annual North American Food Drive on Saturday, Nov. 7. The drive is part of the national Lambda Chi program called International Philanthropy in which over 200 chapters across the United States and Canada work together to receive donated food.

The goal is to raise one million pounds of food to feed the hungry. This is the largest single-day philanthropy ever supported by a fraternity.

Each Lambda Chi chapter donates the food they receive to a local food bank. Lambda Chi’s International Headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind., determines the total amount of food to be donated by the chapter.

The director of Lambda Chi’s Chapter Services, Andy Langlois, said he believes helping the public helps the fraternity.

“With the advent of the North American Food Drive, we have been able to bring all of our chapters together to confront a serious problem while displaying the positive impact fraternities can have on their local communities.”

Mike Shurley, president of UCF’s Lambda Chi chapter, agrees that the opportunity gives a positive connection between Orlando and UCF Greeks.

“All donations are given in the name and recognition of Lambda Chi. This creates a very positive image for the organization.”

Shurley said this year’s goal is to collect 100,000 pounds of food. The food must be non-perishable such as rice, canned food, and cereal. Donations for UCF’s chapter will be at the 2nd Harvest Food Bank located at the intersection of Princeton and John Young Parkway.

Last year, the collections high­ly exceeded the million pound goal. A collection of 1,127,845 pounds of food was collected.

This supplemented over 3,384,000 meals. A $2,000 grant will be given to the Lambda Chi Alpha Chapter that collects the most food. This grant will sponsor members to attend the 1999 Lambda Chi Alpha Seminar in Bowling Green, Ohio. Outstanding efforts in food collection and chapter improvement will also receive additional awards.

Shurley said that although the grant would be nice, it is not really the objective.

“Our goal is to raise the most food for people who need it. It’s more like a competition between the different chapters of who can get the most food, not a grant.”

Greg Mason, UCF’s Greek Director, said he thinks the program is a win-win situation.

“It’s an excellent opportunity to assist food banks of Orlando and help those less fortunate. It also helps build positive public relations for the whole Greek system.”

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We'll be celebrating the grand reopening of our on-site UCF Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Get your UCF t-shirts and hats for the Homecoming game! Football tickets will also be on sale.

For more information, call (407) 317-7100.
United Nations Association promotes peace on campus

By TODD MCFELIKER
Staff Writer

UCF’s United Nations Association (UNA) is an economic, social, and political based organization that is here to promote peace and justice.

The academic based UNA encourages participation in the United Nations and other global organizations. At the same time, UNA promotes the ideals of international cooperation.

"It is a good organization because it’s educational and fun at the same time," said UNA Fundraising Chairman Meredith Miller.

"UCF’s United Nations Association opens doors for student’s careers and it is a good networking opportunity," said President and Vice President Jason Miller.

The Southern Regional Model United Nations (SRMUN) meets every Wednesday on campus. It also holds conferences every fall and spring. Each semester SRMUN represents a new country. This semester the UCF chapter will represent The Russian Federation.

Conferences are considered grand events each semester for the UNA. This month, the UCF chapter will be sending 13 members to the regional SRMUN in Atlanta. UCF will be one of 50 schools attending the conference. Next spring, UCF’s National Model United Nations Association will travel to a conference in New York, and the UCF representatives will sit with members from over 180 universities, including Harvard and Yale. On Halloween, UCF’s United Nations Association held a banquet at Pepinno’s restaurant.

There was a raffle held at the heenoon as a fundraising event in order to help with conference expenses. Dr. Robert Bledsoe, department chair of UCF’s Political Science Department, has worked with the CIA and the Defense Intelligence Agency. Bledsoe spoke on Asian economics at the banquet.

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UCF Trial Team takes top three spots at Invitational

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

UCF hosted its first mock trial invitational Oct. 24 and 25. The UCF Trial Team had three teams enter in the competition. They were first, second, and third for third place with Auburn University.

The Invitational pitted trial teams Austin, Stanford, and South Carolina Universities against UCF’s Trial Team. Mock trials are conducted just as real legal trials would, with witnesses’ testimonies, opening and closing statements and cross examinations of witnesses. Local attorneys served as the judges during the competition.

Trial Team member Ferrin Lopez said he learned a lot from the event. "There’s more to a trial than just arguing your point," he said. "How you go about opening and closing, and what a witness can make or break a case.

The Trial Team is coached by Dr. Rob Remis, assistant professor and former coordinator for Legal Studies at UCF, and Dr. Diane Sundus, an attorney with Rossman, Weissberg, Barrett, Hurt, Donath & McLain and a Legal Studies adjunct professor at UCF. Remis and Sundus formed the team in 1997 to help students sharpen critical thinking and analytical skills and to give them realistic trial experience.

Remis said it gives them an opportunity to see what the real-life practice of law is like, and it gives them a competitive edge.

Free viewings offered monthly

When trying out for and competing on law school mock trial teams. It also develops oral and written communication.

Remis said the team is not comprised solely of legal studies majors. Students from several different majors participate on the team.

Advertising/Public Relations major, Jennifer Ritz, serves as an attorney for the team. Ritz said team members learn from each other.

"You get to learn from each other. I’ve learned so much about the law, but it takes a lot of commitment and hard work from everyone," she said.

Lopez said the best part of the competition is their realism.

"We don’t know what the opponents have when we go into competition, we only know what we have. We can throw anything at them. We have to be quick on your feet that can win it all."

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Greg Allen
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Kerri Barrett

Second Place
Shalina Laflleur
Albera Hill
Michael McLain and a members are looking forward to Atlanta.

Third Place
Ferrin Lopez
Orlando Ortiz
Kevin Peterson
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Outstanding Attorney
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also use the observatory to conduct experiments and various kinds of research. The founders of the observatory also hoped that UCF students and the residents of Orlando would benefit from the advanced equipment housed in the observatory.

Special events such as the appearance of comet Hale-Bopp and meteor showers often draw crowds to the observatory. But what most people don’t know is that the observatory offers free public viewings each month. The viewings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month and start at 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Barlow said that the sessions are offered to give the public a feel for astronomy and give them an opportunity to learn what the universe contains besides the planet Earth.

He also stated that some of the people who attend the viewings often come away speechless. She said: "Jupiter and Saturn are visible in the evening sky right now and they are absolutely beautiful. A few people even think that someone must be at the end of the telescope taking photographs of the planets. They just can’t believe their eyes."

She added: "People are interested in astronomy and should study one of the many astronomy classes, workshops or night sky viewings that are offered by the university."

For more information on the Robinson Observatory or the Astronomy program
Kruczek receives four-year contract

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apparent that Kruczek is going nowhere soon. "Needless to say, I'm very excited at this time. That's an understatement. We all understood that a football program does for the visibility of a university, especially here at UCF. We intend on expanding our visibility throughout the nation by performing well and winning football games, which is what we're here for," Kruczek said. "It's very gratifying that this is taking place at this time. Coach Sloan had mentioned recruiting and I thought that this happened at the right time because of that. Other coaches around the nation have a solid foundation as part of their plans to try to sign football players. One thing that people used against us last year when I was an interim-titled football coach was that there was no firm foundation at UCF as far as leadership was concerned. This is going to be critical to the success of recruiting this year, which is very important for the success of this program on down the line. We're looking forward to having a great recruiting season."

Kruczek has already been a tremendous boost to the program. As an assistant coach under McDowell for 13 years, Kruczek was considered a talented offensive coordinator. However, since he was very much out of the spotlight, questions were raised as to whether he had the personality to take over such a highly visible position. "I didn't really know how he would do from a public relations standpoint, making speeches and travelling around and visiting with people," Sloan said. "But, it became pretty apparent during the spring that he was an excellent speaker, he had good work ethic, his organizational skills were very good, his leadership was excellent within the team structure, his control of the team was good. So, some of these things were pleasantly surprising to us because he had never been in a football position on and off the field," Sloan said. "We're pleased that Dr. Hitt has been able to secure a waiver to make him the head coach."

Hitt has also been very impressed by Kruczek, with the greatest indication being this vote of confidence. "Mike Kruczek is fully deserving of the permanent head-coaching position on the strength of his personal qualities and his performance on and off the field," Hitt said. "Quite apart from the exceptional record of his team, Mike has engaged the community in support of the Golden Knights and his sensitivity to the development of his players both as students and athletes. Mike has won my confidence, and he has earned respect for his leadership among coaches and players."

Of course, Kruczek's star pupil, Daunte Culpepper, wanted no part of the credit, taking his usual humble approach. "I have nothing to do with this. This is all him and his great work. He's such a great coach. He really deserves it and he's the best man for the job," Culpepper said.

The best man for the job has won out and UCF is a better place for it. As for Kruczek, he'll continue to coach with the same vigor he had when he was an interim coach, except there's an added air of accomplishment. "I have had a lot of great things happen in my life, playing professional football and being involved with a lot of great people," Kruczek said. "This is the single greatest accomplishment in my life. It wasn't playing professional football, wasn't playing a handful of games because I wasn't a great football player, and it wasn't winning Super Bowls because that's a team deal. This is a great accomplishment as far as I'm concerned. I honestly believe that I can be a determining factor in this thing getting to where it needs to get to and I want to be a part of it."
Prayers go unanswered as Golden Knights fall

By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

"Please God. Please, please please please..." God! Let us escape with a win. I swear that I will never say your name in vain again, or eat too much pork, or jog, walk, or go down to OKT and... I think that’s just about enough. That is what I and a whole lot of UCF fans were saying to themselves in the waning moments of the UCF-Auburn game. Prayers were being petitioned; favors were being asked.

But, in the end, it was all for nothing. We saw our dreams, our prayers, and our favors all go down the drain with a last ditch short pass by Auburn that was converted into a touchdown. It was the closest that I have ever come to crying over a sporting event. With what turned out to be a very long 50 seconds left on the clock, UCF clung to a three point lead. We fans... With every down played the UCF fans were allowing Auburn to have their way with us. It was really unfortunate that we didn’t deserve to win. As I mentioned the UCF fans that were able to make the trek up to Auburn for the game. The UCF section was the loudest, most raucous section in the stadium. I wasn’t lucky enough to sit there, but from afar it seemed as if the UCF fans were really helping out the players on the field. The losing team cheered, the more pumped up our players became. It was really great to see UCF fans out-cheering the Auburn fans.

My trip to Auburn was an interesting one. After the game I was able to hang out at a post-game party that was 95% rabid Auburn fans. With my UCF hat proudly perched atop my head I wandered around the party, waiting for Auburn fans to laugh in my face. However, I was greatly surprised to discover that Auburn fans are some of the most gracious fans in the nation. They had won their homecoming game in dramatic fashion and yet were very proud winners. I know that if UCF had won I wouldn’t of been the best winner in the world. My elation would have turned into jubilation and I’m not sure that would have been the best attitude under the circumstances.

I received so many compliments about our football team and basically everyone agreed that UCF should have won, and that Auburn really didn’t deserve to win. As I received all this praise for my team, as if I have anything to do with their accomplishments on the football field, I was beaming. I felt the pride of a father whose son had just accomplished something grand. And yet at the same time I was greatly disappointed for our players. It was as if the gods did everything in their power to keep us from winning. We were so close, so many times to sealing the win, but it always escaped by the narrowest of margins.

We will get our big win some day, it is just unfortunate that we couldn’t have done it with Daunte Culpepper at the helm. For now, however, we are going to have to settle for perhaps the greatest season in UCF history. That is no small feat in itself. We should be extremely proud of our team and our fans. But we must remember that we still have two games to go. And I hope that UCF would play these next two games with such reckless abandon that we would have to be invited to a bowl. With every down played the Auburn game should stay fresh in our memories. Because you know what they say about paybacks, and I am confident that eventually we are going to get ours.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A little common sense!

I just finished reading the November 4, 1998 issue of the Future and wanted to let you in a few of my opinions. The first is in regards to a write up in Campus Crime. The woman who had her wallet stolen while using the phone in the Library indirectly deserved to lose her belongings. I don’t know whether she missed the large sign at the entrance to the Library that states, “Do not leave bags, purses, etc unattended,” or she just had faith in her fellow students. Why would anyone leave their wallet, purse, books and a ring on a table in the Library for twenty minutes while they used the telephone?

Granted stealing is wrong, but this thief should have left a sign on the desk saying “I am going to be gone for twenty minutes and I expect for someone to steal everything on this desk.” I feel sorry for people like this lady. She invited someone to take advantage of her.

I have another response to a write up in the Letters to the Editor section. I want to put my support behind the UCF Women’s Rugby Club. I am a member of the UCF Men’s Crew Club and I understand where these women are coming from. I am not sure about the rugby club, but as a rower at UCF I receive no benefits from the university. We pay dues to row and we are required to drive to many of our races, transportation isn’t even provided. The Athletic Department may not view either of these clubs as sports, but ask anyone involved and they will tell you the sacrifice and hard work they put forward. Why initiate an athletic department once a sport to meet Title IX requirements when we already have a very successful club that has already made a name for our university? Many students aren’t aware that UCF has a rugby or a crew club. As a men’s club, I am certain that I will never see this recognized as a sport by our wonderful Athletic Department, but I am keeping my fingers crossed for Women’s Rugby. They deserve a chance for scholarships just as much as the next synchronized swimmer or bowler does.

-Michael Schulz

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Fly above the flu by getting vaccinated

By CHRISTINE BRYANT
College Press Exchange

ATHENS, Ohio (CPX) - Get over your fear of needles because this is no time for students - or anyone else for that matter - to get stuck with the flu, health professionals say.

After all, who wants to trudge through final exams with a fever, sore throat and chills? And what good are all the cool things about winter - the parties, snow flakes, sleigh rides and fuzzy sweaters - if you're trapped in bed, unable to enjoy them?

A flu shot won't guarantee that you ace your finals, it will help keep an occupational health nurse at University of Athens Health Center. "Otherwise, if you do get the flu, it will take at least two weeks out of your quarter (or semester)," she said.

Influenza, contracted each year by 10 percent to 20 percent of the population, is a highly contagious respiratory infection with a variety of symptoms, including fever, chills, headache, a dry cough, muscle aches, a sore throat and a runny or stuffy nose. While many folks simply head to bed with hopes that the illness will run its course quickly, quite a few never bounce back. At least 45,000 Americans die each year from influenza or resulting forms of pneumonia - making the flu the sixth leading cause of death in the United States.

Campanes across the country are offering to students flu shots at cheap rates. At Ohio University, for example, a vaccination costs only $5. Getting a shot is as simple as scheduling an appointment at the student health center. The process takes only a few minutes.

Weisenbach and other health care professionals say students should try to get vaccinated this month because the flu's peak season is in December and January.

"I'm definitely going to get one because I used to get the flu every winter when I was younger," said Jill Maguire, a journalism major at Ohio University. "But I started to get these shots two years ago, and I haven't gotten the flu since."

Then there are those folks - much like Ohio freshman Jack Gravelle - who say they're not getting a shot no matter what disaster they may avert.

"I don't like shots," said Gravelle. "I would just rather get the flu than someone stick a needle in me with something that might not work for sure."

While there's no guaranteed way to prevent the flu, people can do several things aside from getting a vaccine to keep it - and many other sicknesses at bay, doctors say. Among them:

- Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. "I've had students come in here with their hands," said Dr. Paul Flaherty, an infectious disease specialist at the University of Chicago. People often fall prey to illness when they put their hands into their mouth, nose or eyes after picking up germs from innumerable places - such as doorknobs, toilet seats and phone receivers. If you must fuss with your face, clean hands are better than dirty ones.

- Remember to cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze - and ask others to do the same. "But don't cough into the palm of your hand and then shake someone else's or turn a door knob," Flaherty said. "Cough or sneeze into the crook of your arm if a tissue isn't handy."

- Get some sleep. The body's natural defenses are worn down when you are worn out.

- Avoid sharing utensils or drinking from the same container.

- Persistently seek medical treatment if your symptoms get worse.

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The American Cancer Society's Simple Choices

Cut out tobacco

Hold the fat

Only moderate use of alcohol, if at all

Increase fruits, vegetables and grains

Call your doctor for regular checkups

Exercise every day

Safeguard your skin from the sun

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Sandler kicks a field goal

By CORBETT TRUBEY
Entertainment Editor

Adam who? After this week, that'll probably be the last thing you hear after Sandler's latest comedy, The Waterboy. Does some damage to the box office. Once again, the SNL alum (one of the few who is successful and alive) has taken one of his characters to the big screen and scores, well, almost.

Sandler plays Bobby Boucher, a 31-old-man that was 'born on the bayou' and raised by his over-controlling and road-kill cooking Mama (Kathy Bates). Once losing his position as the waterboy for a college team, that would rather beat the crud out of him than drink his purified H20, Bobby becomes the new waterboy.

Throughout the movie we're treated to the sick and surreal humor that has kept Adam Sandler's popularity growing over the course of his short film career (not to mention his albums, which takes his jokes to more x-rated grounds). Bobby ability to perform an efficient job as waterboy is accentuated by the orderly and cheerleaders who spend their time on the sideline playing drinking games. And even though the jokes are directed at the South (which, by the way, we live in), they never cross the boundaries of stereotypes. But they all aren't necessarily funny, either.

The Waterboy is a crowd pleaser, plain and simple. In taking an American past time and combining it with some very predictable turns, a good cast, and neat morphing effects (always a good attention getter), Sandler has created a comedy for his biggest audience yet. While Billy Madison, Happy Gilmore, and The Wedding Singer all had fairly simple plots in very off-kilter situations, both elements have compromised, and The Waterboy emerges as a less creative project that still showcases Sandler but sacrifices the lunacy of his previous works.

Adam Sandler has already proven himself to be a gifted comedian and actor, and The Waterboy will make it official. Bobby Boucher experiences the full spectrum of emotions from start to finish that are all conveyed by Sandler with a charm that can't be denied. But he's not alone. Henry Winkler's turn as Coach Klein almost steals the show, and Kathy Bates' turn as Mama, although usually forced to carry most of the lame jokes, keep the energy level high. Even Fairuza Balk gets props as Bobby's criminal girlfriend Vicki. You won't find one normal or badly acted character in the whole thing. It's best not to give away too much of the script because some moments will surely leave you laughing out loud or cheering (whichever comes first). The crowds will be definitely going wild after The Waterboy, but if you're a fan of Sandler, you might leave the theater with your thirst a little less quenched.
James Woods leads a crew of hunters out for to whip some ghoulish butt in John Carpenter's Vampires.

By FOREST CRUMPLER
Staff Writer

Monsters aren't real... are they? In John Carpenter's Vampires, monsters, particularly those most classic bloodsuckers, are very real. They live in small groups and move around constantly so as not to be noticed by humans. The only problem is that some humans know about them, and they are on the hunt. One of these hunters is Jack Crow, played by James Woods, and his team of Vatican sponsored slayers.

This movie is not too hard to figure out; it's a vampire movie plain and simple. There are no romantic European heartthrobs, vampires struggling to find their inner goodness, and likewise, there are no hipster generation X vampire punks who run the underworld. However, what this story does have is a lot of undead creatures killing the living, and a few living who kill the undead. The basic storyline revolves around the slayer, Crow, and his crusade against vampires. Vampires is a movie about a slayer who kills vampires, and it doesn't waste time with all that pesky character development or story background, and ironically it really doesn't require much of it.

After disposing of a nest of vampires in New Mexico, the team of slayers is massacred by the master vampire leaving only Jack Crow and his teammate Tony Montoya (Daniel Baldwin) alive. Jack discovers that this vampire, Valek (Thomas Ian Griffith), is the oldest of his kind, and the originator of the "disease." While running from Valek, the slayers pick up a hooker who was bitten by the master and becomes psychically linked to him. After recouping losses with the addition of father Adam (Tim Guinee), the group attempts to destroy the most powerful vampire. Vampires is set in the wastelands of the southwest and takes on a very 'old west' flavor which adds to the film and definitely sets the Wild Bunch feel. Also adding to the movie is James Woods, who is a very versatile actor, and pulls off the role with ease.

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Well, there goes forty-five minutes of my life that I'll never get back. I'm not saying that Juliana Hatfield's latest CD, Bed, is an awful album, I'm just noting that it's a blah album. There isn't much substance to the ten selections in Bed. There is some evidence of anger la Alanis Morissette, and it is true that Hatfield does predate Alanis' entry into the pop world. But Bed just lingers there, distant and unappealing. It can only be described as "passively pissed." Throughout the album, I kept wondering if this would lift Bed out of the apathetic muck that it was slopping through. I gave up hope by the halfway point. I wish that I could sigh, "That's enough." It can only be described as 'passively pissed.'

It would be a more productive afternoon to find a copy of Jagged Little Pill...um be the Broadway stage, the silver screen, or over the airwaves. The overall effect is bizarre yet undeniable: Romantic. To put it in a few words, complications don't get much better than this.

-B.W. Earl

Various Artists

Red Hot + Rhapsody: The Gershwin Groove (Red Hot Records)

George Gershwin made one of the greatest impacts in the American musical scene of the early 20th century. With his brother Ira, George created some of the most memorable music of the era, whether the medium be the Broadway stage, the silver screen, or over the airwaves. "Rhapsody in Blue," "Summertime," "Someone to Watch Over Me," "'Nice Work If You Can Get It" all came from the aleatory improvisations of the Gershwins' classics, but Red Hot + Rhapsody was able to do just that. Red Hot + Rhapsody is the hot compilation of one artist/group's work since the Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil soundtrack made Johnny Mercer's tunes shine. Both renditions of "Summertime" work wonders in their own separate ways: Morcheeba + Hubert Laws' version is seductive, whereas Bobby Womack + The Roots' reworking modernizes the old favorite into a mix that flat out rocks. Clark Terry turns in a spoozy but nonetheless cool version of "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off." "Rhapsody in Blue" (you will probably remember it best as the music for the Delta Air Lines ads) is given an eerie update by Skylab. But Red Hot saves the best for last, as David Bowie and Angelo Badalamenti (of Twin Peaks and Lost Highway lores) add their singular style to "A Foggy Day in London Town." The overall effect is bizarre yet undeniable: Romantic.

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Patrick McIntrye, 26, claimed in a court motion that he was tricked into confessing and demanded that his statement be stricken. McIntrye confessed to his mother, Molly, who was a Vero Beach police officer at the time yet who failed to give him a Miranda warning. McIntrye said the warning wasn't required because she was talking to him not as a cop but as his mother, and furthermore, she said that acting as his mother meant she was eligible for the $5,000 reward for turning him in.

In August, the former chief of police of Palmsnter, Ontario, Barry Moyle, received a suspended sentence on an assault charge. Moyle now works as an Elvis impersonator and has a stormy relationship with his victim, who is his sister and colleague, Shelley Moyle, who works as a Marilyn Monroe impersonator.

In June, Valerie Nordstrom, 39, was convicted of improper driving and fined $35 after a Virginia state trooper stopped her for putting on makeup while driving during heavy morning rush-hour traffic on a rain-slicked highway. The trooper said she followed him for a mile and a half while she was "stretched forward" so she could see at her face up close in the rear-view mirror.

Attachai Deesaraphan, 24, and two accomplices were arrested in June after robbing a restaurant in Bangkok in a incident that captured the city's fancy. The robbery was aimed in part at reducing domestic violence.

Thompson was serving two years' probation for a stabbing. Anderson told reporters in October 1992. And The Washington Post, in August, printed a one-month intensive course to be held in San José, Costa Rica, with three-day-weekend excursions to various surf spots and Pacific beaches. You will get 4, 8 or 12 college credits—transferable to universities/collages across the USA—for completing this 3-month course. You will stay with a local host family Sun.–Thurs. nights, and in beach hotels Fri. & Sat. nights. Surfing lessons are available as well!!! Ask about our Jan.–March, 1999 special! Call 800-497-3422, 407-725-4809, or fax 407-725-7956, or e-mail wsurf@cap.net for more information.
R.E.M. heads the right way

By STEPHEN UNGER
Staff Writer

You'd think that if a band loses its drummer within a year before an album is due, that R.E.M. would go into hibernation, or just decline in quality. Their new release is positive proof that they are a band that can endure the most hostile variables. They actually took drummer Bill Berry's departure as a motivation to add another beautiful record to their library.

Up is their eleventh album, and a whole new adventure for the band from Athens, Georgia. R.E.M. and its Warner Brothers label hopes Up will have the same success as Automatic for the People (1992) which sold 14 million copies. The last two releases Monster (1994) and New Adventures in Hi-Fi (1996) may have been successful by artistic standards, but did not fair well on the charts; each album only lasting on the charts for several weeks. Up is probably the most orchestral record, and creates the same beautiful sound combinations, and rich acoustic arrangements as Automatic for the People accomplished in 1992.

The difference this time is that R.E.M. has a tendency to be straightforward lyrically, which causes this album to be more of an experimental collection. It steps away from the traditional pop/radio elements and adds a touch of terrain not walked on before. Everything that they have done before - the instruments, the lyrics, the style - has been thrown out the window. All the pleasant sounds remain, but everything about what R.E.M. is continues as being unique and refreshing. "Lotus" is a down to earth rock track in which singer Michael Stipe is mixed with an evil effect, that gives it a nice dark feel. Songs like "Hope" and the Beach Boys, influenced track "At Your Most Beautiful" is delicately colored with electronic sounds, and drum machines. On the other hand there are tracks like "Walk Unafraid" which reflects the early song writing that once thrived in the band's earliest albums, like Murmur (1983) and Fables of the Reconstruction (1985). "Diminished" is the best representation of the album's mood, which is soft and beautiful.

What it really comes down to is that even after 15 years, R.E.M. is still evolving. Time hasn't stopped them from making good records, good songs and they are definitely pleasing their fans. The only thing uncertain is which direction their success in the current rock market will go. Up, or down?
High hopes surround women

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

UCF women's basketball coach Lynn Bria keeps a book of inspirational quotes and phrases compiled and said by basketball coaching great John Wooden. Each week, she makes each player memorize the same quote to help form UCF's goals and "make the players think."

But based on the team's progress and Bria's success, you have to wonder how much motivation the team needs from Wooden's quotes. This season, UCF returns four starters from last season's team that finished 17-11 and lost to Georgia State in the TAAC Championship semifinals.

Under Bria, UCF has progressed each season, winning four more games last season than it did in 1996, when it finished 13-15. TAAC coaches and media voted UCF second in the conference in a pre-season poll, something Bria thinks the team can live up to.

"When you have those players returning, the standard is much higher. That's just a given," Bria said. "My expectations are the same... their absolute and complete best and I think they've all improved and may look impressive, but Bria expects Davis to cut down on her team-high 10.5 turnovers last season.

"I think I want her to be a great leader, she's never done that for us before," Bria said. "I want her to do a better job defensively for us. Is she going to score? Is she going to penetrate and dish? Yes, she does that naturally, but we need her to play on the defensive end of the floor. We always need her to rebound, that's a bonus for us."

"I think I want her to take care of the basketball at the end of the game. Those are little things. That's who we're going to go to and if she doesn't take care of it, nobody else is going to."

Bria said her summer-long defensive improvement of Davis has improved Davis' defensive intelligence. Davis has

they all want to take it to another level this year. They're going to do better, there's no doubt in my mind."

Much of the team's high expectations in 1998-99 fall on the shoulders of senior guard Kate Fetzek. The statistics

improved her man-to-man defense, but Bria has seen Davis' major strides away from the ball.

"She wants to be a complete player, she wants to be able to do it all on both ends," Bria said. "We've had to break some habits [defensively]. That has been hard. Chariya just always goes to the ball, whether her man has it or not. She would always be out of position and when she was supposed to help, she didn't, and when she wasn't supposed to help she did. So, yeah, we've had to break some habits, but she has responded very well."
Men's season ends in overtime disappointment

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

UCF's record breaking season came to an end with a 3-2 loss in overtime against Jacksonville in the Trans America Athletic Conference title game on Saturday. The Knights ended the season with the most Division I wins in school history (13), and finished tied for first in the TAAC with a 6-1 mark, but couldn't get to an NCAA play-in game, losing to the tournament-host Dolphins.

"It was an outstanding year," Coach Bob Winch said. "Obviously it was disappointing at the end, but that doesn't diminish anything that we accomplished this year. We accomplished all of our goals, except winning the conference championship."

For the Knights, not all was lost. All-American forward Heikki Ritvanen tied his own school-record with 24 goals, while breaking his old record of 51 points as he totaled 52 this season. Forward Ari Nurmi played through a knee injury that hampered him all last season to add 17 goals alongside Ritvanen.

"I was pleased with all of our new players and our core players," Winch said. "Heikki had another solid year, and Ari Nurmi had a great year. Antti Laittinen was great in goal."

Ritvanen and Laittinen both were named to the All-TAAC First Team along with team captain Rami Vehmas and defender Sarni Teittinen. Arno Nurmisto was named to the second team, while Nurmi and freshman Antti Peltonen earned third-team honors.

UCF finished the season 8-2 in their final 10 games after a 5-5 start. The only player the Knights are losing for next season is midfielder Travis Bender, who was the lone senior on the team. Meanwhile, seven different freshmen broke into the starting lineup, and should add stability to next year's team with more experience.

"We'll start again January 10, but the spring season is a matter of training," Winch said. "I was real happy with how we finished, and we started five or six freshmen every game."

The only disappointment for Winch was the fact that UCF was unable to claim victory over any nationally recognized teams. Indiana, Butler, UNC-Charlotte, Florida International, and South Florida were all dominant teams UCF faced this season, but the Knights fell short in each of those games.

However, UCF has found a new rival in Jacksonville, which is something the team needed following FIU's defection to the Sun Belt.

"It's a good rivalry. They are a very good team, and they are only losing two players," Winch said. "Obviously they're doing something right. I hope it (the rivalry) continues."

Photo by Kevin Colber

Heikki Ritvanen (center) tied his school record for goals in a season and broke his mark for points by a single tally.

Team effort wins TAAC title

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victory over Campbell. Wilsey scored her first goal of the season and assisted on Auffant's third score of the season.

"It's critical, and we talked to the team about it and said that we can't rely on just Alyssa or just Kim or just Danya," Richter said. "We need everybody else to step up, and they all have a whole season under their belt. We were looking for other people to step up, and Margaret and Wendy were prime choices since they'll be seniors next year."

As for O'Brien, the captain, she expresses the sentiment felt by the rest of her teammates concerning the NCAA Tournament.

"Everyone's gonna go into the game with nothing to lose. This is the first time that this team has accomplished this, all the way down the line from the freshmen to the seniors," O'Brien said. "We're not gonna be satisfied just to be there. We're gonna be coming away with a victory to extend our season. I don't think anyone wants to stop playing now."

Thanks to a TAAC championship, for now, they won't have to.

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Weather could factor in Tournament game at Wisconsin

By TRAVIS BELL
Staff Writer

It's a little known fact that UCF lost in the 1982 NCAA championship game, 2-0, against North Carolina. The Knights are now making their sixth trip to the NCAA Tournament, UCF's first since 1991. To regain the glory of 1982 will be an incredible feat, but the Knights are up to the challenge. The Wisconsin Badgers are the first team in the way of the ultimate goal.

"I'm excited because it's something different. It's a place that we've never played, and it's a team we've never played," Coach Karen Richter said. "That's what the NCAA's are about. They're (ranked No.) 22 in the nation, so we'll see right away early in the NCAA where we are and how we can fit in it."

On paper, the Knights match up well with the Badgers. Wisconsin finished its season 10-7-2, while UCF went 12-7. Also, UCF scored more goals, 38-30, and held its opponents to one fewer goal (25-24). Both schools also played one common opponent, Wisconsin-Milwaukee. UCF lost 1-4, while Wisconsin played them to a scoreless tie.

"The old adage of defense wins championships will be critical for us this weekend," Richter said. "It's gonna be critical that we set the tone from the beginning of the game. We need to dey Wisconsin any viable attack, and (the defense) has to continue to step up and carry the team."

The Badgers lost their No. 22 ranking after a 1-0 loss in the first round of the Big 10 Tournament, but their 6-2 finish in the Big 10 earned Wisconsin an at-large bid. Now the Badgers will want redemption for their loss against Ohio State, so Richter is ready for a pumped-up opponent.

"They ended their season on a losing note, so hopefully they may be down," Richter said. "On the other side of it, they're gonna want to come back and prove themselves. They've also been resting ever since that loss, where we played this weekend. So that's a bit of an advantage for them."

Brigit Schwarting leads the Badgers in scoring with 18 points, while Monica DeGiovanni is the team's leading scorer with 18 points. Lindsay Hoelter added 16 points (three goals, 10 assists). Their leading scorer only has seven goals, which means that their scoring is spread out," Richter said. "It's almost how we approached Jacksonville, where everybody can be a threat. We have to defend as a team and make adjustments."

UCF may have a second opponent on the field Wednesday night—the weather. The Knights have only traveled this far north twice since 1994, but both occasions were in the early part of each season. This time, there is a prediction of snow and the temperature will drop considerably with the game scheduled for 7 p.m.

"The big thing is to get the girls prepared and acclimated to the climate and prepared to play in that kind of environment," Richter said. "The one thing is that it's supposed to snow, and if it snows then we'll have to change our game plan."

If the bad weather misses the Knights, the usual game plan will exist. UCF's defenders will try to control the game with the help of keeper Alyssa O'Brien. It's attack would consist of midfielders Wendy Withey, Cally Howell, and Monica Holzhauser setting up the scorers up front (Dani Harris and Kim Shrum).

However, if the weather is a problem, Richter has a back-up plan.

"We're just gonna have to bang it up and let our forwards and midfielders fight for it," Richter said. "Motivation is gonna be a big factor, and the girls first time in the tournament, they'll be fired up to play."

Now is when UCF hopes that its strength of schedule has prepared it for the NCAA Tournament. The Knights played against four teams that are competing in the tournament, but only came away with one victory. However, Richter hopes the losses benefit the team and have them ready.

"We play a strong schedule because we want to be the best team in the country. And if you want to be the best, you have to play the best," Richter said. "We played those games early, and the girls learned a lot from them and hopefully it shows us that we can play with anybody. We've come a long way since those first three games, and we're a much better team. So we hope that experience will show up on Wednesday."

UCF's first opponent Friday night will be Dartmouth, the eighth seed in the tournament. But Richter understands that you have to take the NCAA Tournament one game at a time.

"I haven't even thought past (Wisconsin), but I think it (a game against Dartmouth) would be a similar situation," Richter said. "It's the NCAs, so you just have to look to survive and then advance. So right now, our main focus is on Wisconsin."

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UCF's defense played its most complete game of the season, allowing Auburn only 240 yards of total offense and causing two turnovers.

I felt we shut down Auburn pretty well. All they had was one big play, but that was enough," Dempa said. "This loss is going to hurt for now, but soon it will be out of our minds, because we have to keep looking forward."

This week's game will bring increased expectations for a defense now ranked 20th in the country. Because of the way UCF held down Auburn, it will be expected to do the same against Ball State, a team ranked next to last in the nation in scoring offense. Although the defense will be focused once the game against the Cardinals comes around, some players thoughts will still wander back to Auburn.

"We should have won the game. This comes back to luck, I guess. We just don't have anything going in that department. We get against big-name Division I-A teams and somehow we get beat," senior linebacker Mike Palmer said. "It was just a fluke. We weren't scared out there. We were having fun out there, shutting them down, until the very end."

The very end wasn't fun for anyone associated with UCF, but the defensive effort may be the beginning of something great.
Bowl hopes still alive, but situation complicated

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

So, UCF’s encounter with Auburn didn’t turn out the way it hoped. There is still hope, all be it a slim one. The Knights need help to make it to the first bowl game in school history, but must take care of things on their end in their final two home games against Ball State and New Mexico.

However, supposing that UCF does win both games, which it will be favored to do, the Knights do have realistic hopes of gaining a bowl invitation. The bowl scenario shape up under the following guidelines:

Conferences reserve spots for their teams through certain bowl ties. For instance, the Florida Citrus Bowl will match the SEC’s #2 team against the #2 team from the Big Ten. The only stipulation for these conference affiliations is that its teams must be bowl eligible, meaning that teams filling these slots must have a winning record. Simple. However, bowls which the Golden Knights have hopes to play in either have an invitation for at-large teams, meaning any team from any conference can be invited. Or, from bowls who have allocated spots for conferences that can’t fill the requirements, which is a happening that rarely occurs, but luckily, to UCF’s benefit, it is happening this year.

The Big Ten Conference, promised a spot in the Dec. 29 game to be played in Iowa, will match the #2 team from the Big Ten and any team from any conference can be invited.

Should Purdue lose at Michigan in its final two home games against Ball State and New Mexico, that makes this weekend’s game against the #2 team from the Big Ten pivotal to UCF’s hopes. Should Purdue pull the road upset, all UCF would need is for Michigan State to lose at Penn State in its season finale. "It’s funny, All of a sudden, we’re Purdue fans," joked Coach Mike Kruczek.

"I’m going to call (Purdue Coach) Joe Tiller and tell us he owes us one," Kruczek says it’s frustrating to not be in control of the situation, knowing that a win over Auburn would probably solidify a bid. Still, 9-2 is a great record, and the fact that UCF fans traveled so well to Auburn and would be enthusiastic in their support of the school’s first bowl bid can only help.

"Getting there is in the back of our heads. We don’t know what this loss is going to do for us. We don’t know what the bowl committee is going to say, but we just got to continue to get ready for our remaining games," senior Matt Richardson said.

Take care of home. Then, hope the chips fall into place.
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Knights will make up for loss of Jones

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

For the fourth consecutive season, the University of Central Florida men’s basketball team will start the season without its leading scorer from the previous season. Replacing Ochiel Swaby was Harry Kennedy. After Kennedy came Mark Jones. Now that Jones is playing in the CBA, the Golden Knights will look to Brad Traina to continue the tradition.

Traina, a 6’5 forward, is UCF’s leading returning scorer and was a Second-Team All- TAAC honoree last season. This year, he’s a pre- season All-TAAC First-Team selection and has been named UCF’s co- captain.

“Brad had an outstanding spring and summer. I think he is ready to take over the leadership role and really be the go-to guy this year,” said Kirk Speraw, who is entering his sixth season as UCF’s head coach. “He’s probably the hardest worker on the team on and off the court. He’s shooting better than ever. We look for him to lead by example.”

Traina may fill much of the void left by Jones, but Speraw knows he has his hands full taking the burden by himself. Therefore, the Knights need many of their upperclassmen to step up if they are to make the NCAA tournament for the third- time in Speraw’s tenure.

“I think there’s an adjustment period any time you lose someone as caliber of Mark,” Speraw said. “We’re going to have to have a lot of people step up and take over his scoring, especially his scoring in critical parts of the game. One person won’t take over the ‘Mark Jones’ role.”

The one player that does inherit Jones’ spot is junior D’Quarius Stewart, who averaged double figures in scoring off the bench last season and should claim the starting guard slot vacated by Jones. Stewart, who will also see time backcourt up at the point, was named a co- captain along with Traina. Fans will fondly remember the final shot he saw at the UCF Arena last season, a Stewart 30-footer that sunk Florida International at the buzzer. If the off-season is any indication, fans can expect more heroics from Stewart this year.

Stewart’s backcourt mate will be Cory Perry, a junior who returns for his second full year as the starting point guard. Perry is the TAAC’s returning assist leader and has improved his perimeter game to go along with his deft passing skills. His play at the point will be pivotal this season, as a murderous schedule will see him matched up with Michigan State’s pre-season All- America point guard Mateen Cleaves, as well as Auburn’s Doc Robinson and Ohio University’s LaDrell Whitehead.

“It’s a challenging schedule,” Speraw said. Speraw is playing teams like Michigan State, Miami, Auburn, South Florida and Ohio will be tough. It’s certainly going to prepare us for conference play.”

The TAAC itself will be a much tougher test than it has in past years. For starters, the two teams who have normally been at the top of the conference stand- ings are gone, with the College of Charleston and Florida International defecting to the Sun Belt. From a national perspective, their leaving hurt the confer- ence’s reputation, with most experts ranking the TAAC among the nation’s worst, but insiders like Speraw know that’s a misconception.

In fact, the TAAC may be a more difficult league this year. “I don’t think that the conference is going to miss a beat this year,” Speraw said. “I think it’s going to be every bit as good and maybe even better to bottom than what it’s been. Georgia State has a lot of new people. They probably have the deepest team in the conference, and are going to be every bit as good as Charleston has been in the past. Jacksonville is going to be a quality team as well. They recruited six or seven junior college players, so imme- diately they’ve got an opportunity team. Samford has everybody back after being part of the con- ference race last year. Sisson and Florida Atlantic are going to be much better too. You can talk about any other program across the board and play ‘em like being much better than they were a year ago.”

UCF will get a boost from Seton Hall transfer Roy Keenan, who is making a play beginning. Keenan will become eligi- ble following the first semester meaning he will have time to get a couple of games under his belt before conference play commences. A junior out of the New York’s River Vale, Leath, 6’3, 225 lbs. will become a fixture in the UCF lineup while adding flexibility and a presence in the paint. After playing in most of the Big East, Leath chose to come play closer to home with for- mer high school teammate Bucky Hodge, who transferred in last season from Georgia Tech.

“Roy Leath is going to fit in really well. We’re looking for him to make a big contribution,” Speraw said. “He can play three different positions, which gives us a very versatile player. He can play with his back to the basket or facing the hoop.”

Leath will solidify an already strong frontcourt which features versatile forward Mark Lovett, sophomore Benjamon Simms, athlet- ically freshman Ikoki Nnukwe, surprisingly solid rebound新鲜man Alex Trontin, Traina, and centers Daven Granberry and Hodge. The depth will allow UCF to cause the opposition match-up problems and play aggressive basketball, with foul trouble in the middle being less of a concern, especially since Hodge looks to be in shape and more mobile, which can only be a plus.

“I think that’s going to keep freshmen bodies in the lineup. We can go with a lot of different looks, nine or ten guys deep, which will give up flexibility and added energy in the lineup,” Speraw said. “Bucky worked harder to tone up and he looks

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Interceptions galore
Senior quarterback Daunte Culpepper threw four interceptions in Saturday's 10-6 loss to Auburn. It was the first four-interception game of his career and the first time since last year’s 45-41 loss to NLU on Nov. 1 that he had a game with multiple interceptions. "I take full responsibility for the interceptions," Culpepper said. "Their defense was really tough. They had some of the best athletes I’ve seen all season.”

Although there had only been three interceptions all year entering the game, but Auburn’s defense has a history of picking off highly-rated passers. They have intercepted Florida’s Doug Johnson, Ole Miss’ Romare Miller, and Arkansas’ Clint Stoerner twice this season, while enjoying a four-interception game against Louisiana Tech’s Tim Rattay, the nation’s new leader in total offense.

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Unfortunately, Culpepper did see his consecutive games with a touchdown pass streak stopped at 21. He now needs 110 rushing yards in his final two games to become only the third quarterback in NCAA history to throw for 10,000 yards and rush for 1,000 in a career. Culpepper has an opportunity to pass Doug Nussmeier of Idaho for 7th on the NCAA career total yardage list. He would need 316 yards of total offense to pass Nussmeier (12,054). Culpepper has 11,739 career yards.

His .727 completion percentage remains the only points behind the team’s confidence again," Kruczek said. "For a while, it looked as if the injury would continue to negatively affect his performance, but he really came through when we needed him. It would have been nice to see him line up and attempt a few more passes today.

Meanwhile, Siha Burton and Paul Miranda both enjoyed great returns during the game. Burton had his longest punt return of the year, with the best part being that there were no penalties called on his run back. Miranda constantly offered UCF solid field position and returned Auburn’s kickoff with 57 seconds left in the game near the 35-yard line before a clipping penalty nullified the gain and led the Knights to start their own 9-yard line.

The punting game wasn’t as effective, however. Freshman Xavier Beurling’s two punts were both shanked, netting him a 24.5 punting average, but Chad Downey did do a good job in his return to punt punting, pinning Auburn inside their own 2-yard line on his only punt.

Bumps and Bruises
Senior drop linebacker Deon Porter dislocated his shoulder in the second half and was not in the game when Auburn scored its game-winning touchdown. The shoulder did pop back in place, but Kruczek is wary about the effects rushing Porter back into the lineup may have on it. "The more the shoulder pops out, the more sore it’s going to be," Kruczek said. "Deon probably won’t practice much this week, and his status for the Ball State game is questionable.

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"We talked about turnovers killing this game like that, they want to come back and reconcile the situation by playing a lot better," Kruczek said. "That’s the make up of this team and the pride they play with. Plus, coming home for homecoming, they don’t want to get embarrassed in any way, even remote­ly give the other team a chance."

However, Kruczek said there is a factor that could make Saturday’s game closer than many fans may expect: BSU’s Adrian Reese. Reese, a wide receiver and punt returner, ranks third in the nation in return average with 15.35 yards a run back. Although Reese has not returned a punt for a touchdown this season,

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**Red-zone problem costs Knights**

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"Although we are very fortunate to hold them to six points scored on a pair of Fred Waczeck field goals, Culpepper was picked off twice at the goal line and a fum­bled snap denied UCF of a third score, giv­ing the ball back to Auburn with 1:43 to go.

"They deserved to win the football game, and we were very fortunate to hold them to six points," Auburn interim head coach Bill Oliver said. "We were very fortunate to get the fumble. If he [Culpepper] doesn’t drop it, the game is over. That was just big, big, big right there."

Chris Lorent’s snap was low and Culpepper had to bend down and try to sal­vage it. The ball took a bad hop, and from there a mad scramble ensued. Auburn recovered, setting up its final drive.

"We talked about turnovers killing this football team against great opponents, which of course, Auburn is. I never in my wildest dreams thought it would be this close with that many turnovers," Coach Mike Kruczek said. "It’s where the turnovers took place that hurt the most. We’ll have to go back and re-examine some things to make sure this doesn’t happen again."

The void will be felt all week by UCF players, with the best thing for them probably being to get back out onto the field in practice and in Saturday’s Homecoming game against Ball State. Until then, the memory of 38,000 screaming fans clad in orange and blue cheering wildly as Bailey ran down the sideline will be ever present in the minds of the Knights.

"We prepared the whole week for this, and you let it come down to 10-6. That’s probably the worst thing," senior cornerback Paul Miranda said. "I’d rather be beaten by 100 points than by four points. It’s kind of hard on us. We just have to bounce back and recuperate."

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**UCF looks to erase pain of Auburn against Ball State**

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Kruczek is concerned about Reese’s big play possibilities.

"He’s good. He’s real good," Kruczek said. "First, you can’t tackle him because of his [quick] feet and when you do get there and knock him down, he doesn’t fall, he doesn’t get tackled real easy."

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Senior goalkeeper Alyssa O'Brien was named the TAAC Tournament MVP.

Knights claim TAAC title

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

The UCF women’s soccer team regained the Trans America Athletic Conference title on Saturday, defeating Jacksonville 1-0, in the championship game. It is the fifth conference title in the past six years for the Knights, who now prepare for their NCAA first-round match-up against Wisconsin.

The NCAA bid is the first for UCF since 1991, when Coach Karen Richter was an assistant. It’s also the first NCAA Tournament for the five UCF seniors, who missed a chance at last year’s NCAA Tournament by losing in the TAAC final against Georgia State.

“It’s exciting to be able to sleep tonight,” said senior safety Reginald Doster said. “I don’t think 31-10 was the score in Muncie. I don’t think the final was 31-10. They are a better team. We were trying to figure out what kind of team they were. We knew we played with them, we were their equal, if not better.”

Senior D onn Porter evokes the sentiment surrounding UCF’s performance against Arkansas.

Knights aim to right wrongs at homecoming

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

UCF traveled to Munice, Ind. in 1996 with hopes of defeating a slumping 0-3 Ball State team for its first Division I-A win in UCF’s first I-A season. But, 3-110 victory not only sent UCF to its third loss in four games, but also began BSU’s season-ending eight game win streak and helped it earn a berth in the Las Vegas Bowl. But, oh how times have changed for UCF.

The Knights (7-2), coming off a disappointing 10-6 season loss against Auburn, will look to rebound emphatically against BSU at Saturday’s Homecoming game. A bowl berth is still possible if the Knights win and Illinois State loses its homecoming game.

For UCF, things pick up when they started prior to the 1996 meeting. The Cardinals are struggling through a four-game losing streak, including last week’s 24-23 loss to Western Michigan in the game’s final four seconds.

Offensively, BSU is led by senior tailback LeAndre Moore, who has gained 620 yards on 166 carries with four touchdowns. Moore’s experience will be counted on to take pressure off sophomore quarterback Brian Coen, who is 19 for 50 with 208 yards and one TD and one interception.

Defensively, safety Pete Smith, a junior, leads the Cardinals in tackles (107) and pass breakups with two. BSU’s defense ranks low among D-1 teams, allowing 424.7 yards per game (96th), including 217 rushing yards per game. But, BSU’s near victory against WMU has Krueckl concerned.

“Western Michigan has beaten some good football teams, so [BSU] is playing good football,” Krueckl said. “They’re still trying to figure out what kind of scheme to run, they keep changing it. I’m sure [DEFensive coordinator Gene] Chizik will have to work on a lot of things defensively.”

UCF will look to not only gain ground in its slimming bowl game bids with a victory, but also to avenge last week’s last-minute loss to the Auburn. Krueckl said he expects little motivation will be needed to get UCF fired up to play BSU.

“Motivation enough is to have played and lost the
**Wednesday:**

**CARNIVAL**

11/11

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**Thursday:**

**SKIT KNIGHT**

11/12

Tradition continues with a series of ten minute skits performed by campus clubs & organizations. Best dance will be announced at the end of the evening. Make sure you support your club or organization at the UCF ARENA 8:00pm

**Friday:**

**SPIRIT SPLASH**

11/13

That's right, it's time, once again, for UCF to come together in & around the Reflecting Pond as D.J. Jake & Rog kick off UCF's pep rally at 2:00pm. Appearances by UCF basketball & football players, coaches and cheerleaders. Follow the UCF marching band to the Arena for the women's and men's basketball games.

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