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**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 continued 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 continue till Saturday.

"In fact, we are giving away two trips to the Bahamas," Quality said. "Students can register when they vote for homecoming king and queen at the Student Union Monday through Thursday, 10-5 p.m."

During the carnival, several bands will be playing including Black-Eyed Pea 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.

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By STACEY COPELAND
Staff Writer

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Back-up QB uses faith as his strongest offense

By JAMES COMBS
Staff Writer

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

Thorpe finished the game with 179 yards passing.

In the middle of his sophomore season in 1996, Thorpe overtook senior Kevin Reid as the second-string quarterback.

The 6-foot, 185 pound Thorpe barely got any reps in practice and couldn't showcase his talent to the coaches.

In 1995, Thorpe was a walk-on for the college ball team as a redshirt freshman.

As a result, he finished spring football listed ninth on the depth chart.

In the fall of 1996, Thorpe said, "I was through my love of God that I was never going to quit."

"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.

Thorpe ended up being the 1996-97 team's top quarterback. Thorpe said, "It was through my love of God that I was able to accomplish what I did in such a short time."

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, 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 that the Lord had called me to come out here and play on the team, and I had determined in my heart that if that 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 Dave Mackovic 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 with very 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.

Thorpe said that pass it was a real confidence booster, "he said. "From that point on it was easier to throw the ball in the end zone and that sealed the victory for Georgia Tech."

"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.

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"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 knew 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 my one 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 Krzyzewski shares Wilson's sentiments.

"Jason has been a spiritual leader for this team every year he has been here," Krzyzewski 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 (FCA) 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 earn a master's degree to become an ordained minister after college.

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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.

Jennifer 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 SVA member. "It reaffirmed the fact that 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 fame at the Battle of Monmouth, N.J. on June 28, 1778.

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.

"There 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 medical 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 Air Transport Service, which 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 ski.

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 Gcheese will be there. The 1998 Spirit Cup will be given away to one loud, spirited organization. Once again, free 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, drinks 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 8 p.m., with the Homecoming king and queen presentation at halftime.
The quest for perfection

By LINDA RAMOS
Staff Writer

The "American Heritage Dictionary" (2nd College 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, adequately entitled "No One Can Be Perfect," defines a perfectionist as a person who, at first glance, seems to achieve it all yet beneath the surface has low self-esteem, bouts of frustration, and high levels of anxiety.

Perfectionism is a self-defeating process. It leads to overestimation (giving more than 100 percent effort), anxiety (having to redo work or activities until they are "just right" which in the 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 family figures who set unrealistic expectations for an individual's accomplishments. For example, 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 believing himself to be a failure. This 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, reexamine 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 of the time; likewise, no one can fail all of 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 odious," 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 what I was going to do next. She said she couldn't imagine me just sitting around the house watching soap operas. Either 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 knew 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."
By SHELLEY 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-daily 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 poundage collected. The director of Lambda Chi Alpha’s Chapter Services, Andy Cangio, 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 Shutley, 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.”

Shutley said this year’s goal is to collect 100,000 pounds of food. The food must be non-perishable such as rice, canned foods, 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 high-ended the million pound goal. A collection of 1,127,845 pounds of food was collected.

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

Sign up for the new UCF ID cards will be held from Nov. 5-19 in Crowne Plaza Cafeteria in the Student Resource Center. All faculty, staff and students are required to get one. After the end of the fall term, the current ID cards will no longer work for any campus service.

If a new card is not obtained during the above dates, there will be a $10 fee and a $15 replacement fee. For more information contact (407) 317-7700.

All individuals with a meal plan must come to the Marlett Officers in the Student Resource Center before trying to use their new UCF Card. Otherwise, your new card will not work.

• The Student Accounts and Loans/Collection offices will be moved to Triangle 4521 beginning on Oct. 9. Telephone extensions will remain the same. Student Accounts should return to AD 111-112 by Nov. 30.

• Fall 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., a College of Arts and Sciences, 6 tickets per person
  11:30 a.m., Colleges of Education and Engineering, 8 tickets per person
  3 p.m., College of Health and Public Affairs, 9 tickets per person
  6:30 p.m., College of Business Administration, 8 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” services through Engagement Gallo at 823-2117 for an appointment.

A holiday toy drive will be sponsored by the UCF Police Department and the Student Union. 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 Activities 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 Emer 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 your major and college are stated, a copy of your most recent grade report, a minimum of 6 hours of credit, 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 Mentoring 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 encourages all faculty and staff to attend and sponsor an African-American student at $10 per person. Checks can be made payable to Black Faculty 6 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 218 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.

You’re invited to the UCF Downtown Academic Center Open House
Saturday November 14, 1998 9:00 a.m. - Noon
36 W. Pine Street
One block north of Church Street Station, across from the Lynx Bus Terminal.

Before you attend the University’s Homecoming Parade, stop by the UCF Downtown Academic Center for refreshments and fun. Find out more about the upper-division and graduate level courses offered at the downtown campus. See the state-of-the-art facilities located in this historic building, including a 130-seat auditorium, computer lab, and student study lounge. Meeting space is available for use by your organization. Stop by for a tour and for more information.

Representatives from the following areas will be available to answer your questions:
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Financial Aid
Multicultural Student Services
College of Arts and Sciences
College of Business Administration
College of Education
College of Engineering
College of Health and Public Affairs

University of Central Florida

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) 317-7700.
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 political 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.

The UNA has about 25 active UCF members, the majority being political science majors.

The club is open to any person on campus, with no restrictions to sign up. The club allows students the opportunity to learn valuable skills in negotiation, public speaking, and critical thinking.

"The UNA makes a difference in student's lives, to better understand other nations around the world that we will one day have to do business with," said psychology major Jennifer Wolk.

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

The South 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 SRMUN to 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. UCF representatives will sit with members from over 180 high schools, including Harvard and Yale.

On Halloween, UCF's United Nations Association held a banquet at Pappano's restaurant. There was a raffle held at the heenooch as a fundraising event in order to help with conference expenses. Dr. Robert Bledsoe, department chairman of UCF's Political Science Department, has worked with the CIA and the Defense Intelligence Agency. Bledsoe spoke on Asian economics at the banquet.

The UNA is excited about the future for UCF's UNA? They are attempting to host a high school Model United Nations conference in February. UCF would like to see the area's high schools get more involved. This could lay down a good organization for future UNA members to build on campus, and promote the United Nations in general.

"Our main goal is fundraising because it is tough to attend conferences without the appropriate funds," said Miller. Miller is the first former SRMUN student to be on staff at a Model United Nations conference.

"Our long term goal is to help UCF students open doors to the UN and the world we live in," said UNA President Neil Do.

The academic based UNA runs a computer lab, bookstore, and restaurant. Downtown Academic Center and you can enjoy free viewings offered monthly from the observatory.

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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 the comet Hale-Bopp and meteor showers often draw crowds to the observatory.

But what makes the observatory unique 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 from 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 noted that some of the people who attend the viewings often come away speechless. She said "Jupiter and Saturn are visible in the evening skies right now and they are absolutely beautiful. A few people even think that someone must be at the end of the telescope capturing those beautiful photos or posters of the planets. They just can't believe their eyes."

She said she enjoys seeing everyone even slightly interested in astronomy or science should stop by one of the sessions or register for one of the classes offered by the observatory each month.

For more information on the Robinson Observatory or the Astronomy program
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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 understand what 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 look to a solid foundation as part of their plan 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 it from a public relations standpoint, making speeches and travelling around and visiting with people," Sloan said. "But, it became very 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. Some of these things were pleasantly surprising to us believing that he had never been a football coach before," 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, I have been impressed with the way 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 the respect for his leadership among coaches and players."

Of course, Kruczek's star pupil, Daunte Culpepper, wasn't 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 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 ORT 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 were so close to the biggest victory in UCF history that I could taste it, literally. But alas, we must set-able to hang out at a post-game den -ation. Shortly after the game my fashion and yet were very good, however, I was greatly surprised about the loss that we decided to won. I wouldn't of 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 pulse 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 Darrin Callipper 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.

By JOHN MEJIA
Sports Editor

UCF fans were saying to themselves in the waning moments of football was ruined in the span of a few seconds. But first I must mention 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 guys on the field. The louder we 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 good 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 pulse 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.

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LETTERS 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 lady 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 our own rowing equipment. 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 entire new 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 sure that I will never see rugby 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 flake, sleigh rides and fuzzy sweaters - if you’re trapped in bed, unable to enjoy them?

While a flu shot won’t guarantee that you won’t get 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:

• Get your rest. 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.

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 40,000 Americans die each year from influenza or resulting forms of pneumonia - making the flu the sixth leading cause of death in the United States.

Campuses across the country are offering to students flu shots as cheap rates. At Ohio University, for example, a vaccination costs only $6. 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," Gravelle said. "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," 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, telephones 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.

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• Persistently seek medical treatment if your symptoms get worse.

The Premier Shopper Club Kicks Off Fall at Oviedo Marketplace.

HERE'S SOMETHING FOR STUDENTS TO CHEER ABOUT! Because we're a fan of yours, we want you to join the Premier Shopper Club and stretch your budget by getting incredible deals on everything from the latest fashions to the finest furnishings. Every store at Oviedo Marketplace — from University Surf & Sport to Gadzooks, Pacific Sunwear to Bugle Boy — is suited up for the season. Also check out our newest recruits — Ann Taylor Loft, Living Quarters, Chamberlin's Market & Cafe and Barnes & Noble Book Sellers. Oviedo Marketplace is ready and set for fall. So rush in, and see what's in store.
By CORBETT TRUBEY
Entertainment Editor

Adam who?

After this week's fireside chat with director Peter Berg, we're probably sure he'll probably be the last thing you hear about Adam Sandler's latest comedy, The Waterboy. The film does some damage to the box office. After the success of SNL alumni (one of the few who is successful and alive), it has taken one of his characters to the big screen and scores, well, almost.

Sandler plays Bobby Boucher, a 31-year-old man that was "born on the bayou" and raised by the untamed and road-end-cooking Mama (Kathy Bates). After losing his position as the waterboy for a college team, he lands his new job at a losing team run by the mentally unstable Coach Klein (Henry Winkler). After a sudden release of repressed anger causes him to sack a player, Klein sees him as the new waterboy for the team. Quincy Martin (Morgan Freeman) is the new coach who convinces him to play for the team.

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 take his jokes to more x-rated grounds). Bobby ability to perform an efficient job as waterboy is accented by the orderly arrangement of cups and his obsession with keeping the water as drinkable as possible. The college he lands his new position in is a losing team that would rather beat the crowd out of him than drink his purified H2O. Bobby becomes the new waterboy for a losing team run by the mentally unstable Coach Klein (Henry Winkler). After a sudden release of repressed anger, he's sack- ing a player, and Klein sees potential in the soft-spoken waterboy and convinces him to play for the team.

What follows is pretty predictable, but 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 take his jokes to more x-rated grounds). Bobby ability to perform an efficient job as waterboy is accented by the orderly arrangement of cups and his obsession with keeping the water as drinkable as possible. The college he lands his new position in is a losing team that would rather beat the crowd out of him than drink his purified H2O. Bobby becomes the new waterboy for a losing team run by the mentally unstable Coach Klein (Henry Winkler). After a sudden release of repressed anger, he's sacking a player, and Klein sees potential in the soft-spoken waterboy and convinces him to play for the team.

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 harmony 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 cheering (whichever comes first). The Waterboy, but if you're a fan of Sandler, you might leave the theater with your thirst a little less quenched.

Sandler kicks a field goal

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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 heartthrob vampires struggling to find their inner goodness, and likewise, there are no hipster generation 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 slayer picks 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 common man is bad ass. The main key to enjoying this movie, is to have the right mindset. It is not a deep feeling drama that shows you the character from an emotional standpoint, it's an action flick. If you want to see good action and lots of killing then this film really delivers. You may be disappointed if you are expecting different.

COMING SOON...

As a free service to the UCF Community, the Central Florida Future proudly asks you to CHECK YOUR HEAD every week with Dr. Daphne. Spill your guts online and let our local problem solver whip some common sense into your head. No question too big or too small, and names will be withheld. Let it all out and send it to DrDaphne@hotmail.com and hang in there... the Doc'll be in soon.
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Fan Fair starts at 1pm and goes until kick-off!

Brought to you by...
Juliana Hatfield
Bed
(Zoe Records)

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 in the lyrics, but it isn't enough to deserve the description of the hip hop MC's presented here. It is the sensuous cover art depicting soul brothas by Ola Kiulu. More than worthy of your attention, if only for the respect Pete Rock has earned from the hop hop MC's presented here.

-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 George's fertile imagination. A team would be a hard task to do justice to the Gershwin's classics, but Red Hot Records 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 spooky 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 lore) add their singular style to "A Foggy Day in London Town." The overall effect is bizarre yet undeniably romantic. To put it in a few words, compilations don't get much better than this.

-Marcel Spindae

Wagon Christ
Tally Ho! (Astralwerks)

Although Wagon Christ, aka Luke Vibert, aka Plug, hails from drum and bass monarchy of England, the name of his second W.C. album is a hommage to the local party sounds emanating from the Alafaya neighborhood of Fox Hunt Lanes, Tallahassee Avenue. Tally Ho Avenue is known for its after hours bedroom chillout sessions and the morning-after tumble weeds of trash crawling the streets as its residents make their way to Bama Monday morning classes. Wagon Christ, looking for an aural equivalent to the moods and sights of Tallahassee neighborhood, has taken the gradual route on his second major label album. Making no false moves, insuring that the hi fi remain steady and consistent, the highlights of the album pace like a middle distance runner. Titles here are highly indicative of the hip hop meets drum and bass sound on the inner realms of the tracks, "Fly Swat" begins with a children's chant of the alphabet and enters the last perfunctory moments of a fly's life, conveying the sensibilities and sounds of the ensuing buzz and burst. Ever the sympathetic synthesizes, Vibert's trajectory endeavors to convey the interstellar staganning which the Tallyho crew are known around campus for. Smooth breaks and more with a significant and handy use of Martin Donny ecclesia loops throughout the album (especi­ally on "Piano Playa Hatta," "Rendlesshock," "Lovely," and "My Organ in your face"). As the night begins to reach morning break, Tally Ho! enters its most magical stage, concluding tracks 7-13 are as charming and comical as your Fox Hunt hosts. Enter the sonically demented realm of Luke Vibert as a diversion to the played out party drones.

-Jonathan Price
Lead Stories

**Questionable Judgment:** In September, a Tennessee appeals court rejected a woman's challenge to a child custody ruling that she said endangered her 12-year-old son. Write the court, "Record does not support finding
that unsupervised visitation with husband put child in danger." If there is not one whisper of anything interperative (in the father's relationship)," the judge noted in her, "except for butt-facing incidents (one participant is held down and another participant pulls down his pants and squats down with his bare bottom on other's face)."

**According to a Times of London report in October, 45 people (celebrities and prominent executives) have had low-power microchips surgically implanted in their bodies in order to make it easier for police to track them by global satellite in the event they are kidnaped. The Eye-Sky chip, made by the Gem-Esco company, consists of organic and synthetic fibers that are powered by the body's own neurophysiological energy.**

**In October, ninth-grade/Wiccan Jamie Schoonover was suspended for a day from Southwestern High in Baltimore when a classmate said Schoonover 'wore a Wiccan name on a wall, and since Schoonover dresses witches' clothes, her school said she needed preventive treatment.**

**Most Dangerous Politicians**

Albuquerque, N.M., county auditor David Kirk Anderson told reporters in September that he would serve out his 1998 term rather than resign. He had just been declared eligible for a nursing home, which was the sixth domestic-abuse charge filed against him since 1992. And The Washington Post reported in October that D.C. city council candidate Mark Thompson was serving two years' worth of domestic violence, having been arrested by his wife in 1996 court papers of beating her during 10 months of pregnancy and blocking her lip three weeks after he was arrested in the 1996 Million Man March, which was aimed in part at reducing domestic violence.

**Most Visible Politicians**

In September, lawyer Paula Sage, 39, running for judge in Putnamrville County, Okla., offered a $50,000 reward for evidence on who had distributed photos of her hauling her breast at a 1990 party. And in August, Counselwoman Marlene Crow, 68, of Eleanor, W.Va., was accused by two police officers of sexually harassing them when she pulled up her sweater to flash them. Crow said the officers were retaliating against her for public criticism of their job performance.

**Police Blotter**

Police in New York City arrested seven people in October whom they believe are the heart of a gang of burglars that has been plaguing the area for at least 15 years, with their total number of crimes believed to be in the thousands. However, the gang appeared to be nearing retirement age. Four of the seven are in their 50s, and one was arrested in his nursing home. (10 October in Venice Beach, Fla., accused murdered

Patrick McIntyre, 26, claimed in a court motion that he was tricked into confessing and demanded that his statement be stricken. McIntyre confessed to his mother, Molly, who was a Venice Beach police officer at the time yet who failed to give him a Miranda warning. Molly said the warning wasn't required because she was talking to him as part of 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 Palmerton, 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, 40, was convicted of improper driving and fined $35 after a Virginia state trooper stopped her for putting on makeup while driving, causing her heavy mud to block 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 look at her face up close in the rearview mirror.**

**Attatchi Desanapalan, 24, and two accomplices were arrested in June after robbing a restaurant in Bangkok in a incident that captured the city's fancy.**

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**Least Competent Criminals**

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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?

Despite the absence of drummer Bill Berry, R.E.M.’s 11th album Up explores more experimental territory with success.
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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 reach its 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 famous 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 semi-finals.

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 do an 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 retraining of Davis has improved Davis's defensive intelligence. Davis has returned four starters from last season's sea­son, including point guard Chariya Davis, the team's post scoring threat and a defensive presence.

Despite being UCF's second shortest player, the 5'7 center Stacey De Veaux. The statistics credite her with 3.2 rebounds and a mere 1.6 assists. While Ely's 42 percent three-point accuracy was 22nd in the nation, her passing must improve, as evidenced by a 1.4 assist-to-turnover ratio.

The loss of DeVeaux hurts UCF's pivot play, leaving them with no TAAC-tested center. Kristy White has shown flashes of brilliance in the team's two preseason games, including a team-high 15 points. Her rebound performance in her first game as a Golden Knight against the Mississippi All Stars.

"I've got to talk about Kristy White. She's played for a year and I really think she could be a post player for us that we can build an offense around, and I didn't know that we had that before," Bria said. "We had to teach her some things, but she's scoring in there. It's not always pretty, but somehow she makes the baskets. She's always had that.

Bria stresses improved conditioning, footwork and added muscle to White have paid off in her quick start this season. Oklahoma Walters Community College transfer Paula Nesbit, a forward, has impressed Bria with her rebounding skills while freshman Leslie Deaton also will see steady playing time this year.

"Lesie Deaton has really, really come along," Bria said. "Defensively she hurts us right now, if we can get her on the defensive end to where she's not hurting us, then she will play a lot of minutes."

Paula Nesbit has gotten on the boards and hustles. Paula's one of those people where it's nothing flashy, and you might even barely notice her, but the next thing you know, she's got eight rebounds on you and six points."

As for the 1999 schedule, non-conference road games at South Carolina, Florida and Texas will provide a more than worthy challenge for UCF. White did lose to both Florida and Texas, a combined score of 213-132, McDowell looks at the games as a pathway to the future.

"Playing teams like Texas, particularly playing a team like Florida who's in our home state, that helps recruiting. If you don't play those teams, you never have an opportunity to knock one of them off," she said. "I think playing at the Texas is one of the greatest atmospheres that our players will ever be exposed to...it's a great

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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 Ritvannen 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 Ritvannen.

“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 Lahtinen was great in goal.”

Ritvannen and Lahtinen both were named to the All-TAAC First Team along with team captain Rami Velman and defender Sanni Tietela. Ari Nurmi was named to the second team, while Ritvannen and freshman Antti Peltonen earned third-team honors.

UCF finished the season 8-2 in their final 10 games after a 3-5 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.”

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Team effort wins TAAC title

From PAGE 28 victory over Campbell. Wilsey scored her first goal of the season and assisted on Auffant’s third goal of the season. Richter said, “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.”

“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 NCA 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 them line from the freshmen to the seniors.”

O’Brien said, “We’re not gonna be satisfied just to be there. We’re gonna be gunning to come 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 NCAAs are about. They're (ranked No.) 22 in the nation, so we have to know what we're up against, and it's a team we've never faced before." On paper, the Knights match up well with the Badgers. Wisconsin finished its season 10-7-2, while UCF went 12-7-3. Also, UCF scored more goals, 38-30, and held its opponents to one fewer goal (25-26). Both schools also played one common opponent, Wisconsin-Milwaukee. UCF lost 1-0, 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 deny 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 Ten Tournament, but their 6-2 finish in the Big Ten 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 rest- ing ever since that loss, whereas we have to prepare for every game." If the bad weather misses the Knights, the usual game plan will exist. UCF's defenses will try to control the game with the help of keeper Alyssa O'Brien. It's a mix of midfielders Wendy Withey, Cally Howell, and Monica Holzhauser setting up the scorers up front (Danya 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 front 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." If the Knights are able to return to Orlando victorious over Wisconsin, they will then have a second round clash with 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 NCAAs, so you just have to focus and then advance. So right now, our main focus is on Wisconsin."
UCF defense dominates Auburn

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

Although UCF had a win taken away in the final minute, one aspect of its game at Auburn that won't be forgotten soon is the play of the defense, which matched the efforts of a Tiger unit ranked first in the SEC, and ninth in the nation.

"They flew to the football all day. It was unbelievable," Coach Mike Kruczek said. "The defense nearly salvaged the game for us. They had so much intensity. I don't remember a game for us. They had so much intensity. I don't remember a game for us. They had so much intensity."

Kruczek's sentiment was shared by many around the UCF program. The consensus was that the defensive effort was the silver lining in the Knights last-minute loss. However, players could take no solace in their accomplishment immediately following the defeat.

"We played okky on defense, but we didn't make enough plays," senior safety Reggie Doster said. "No matter how it falls into history, it doesn't really matter. We still lost. It just seems like everytime we've got a big team we blow it. It hurts."

With the offense sputtering to only six points and five turnovers, the defense was pivotal in keeping the Knights in the game. Because of the offensive prowess, the defense normally gets overshadowed. Saturday's loss was their chance to shine and help UCF overcome the offense's lack of production.

"We're a team. All season it's been like a rocky boat. The offense sometimes scores more points to help us out, and what we were talking about all game was that it was all up to us with the defense not scoring," Doster said. "We wanted to be out there. The defense wanted to win this game instead of the offense. We wanted to pick it up."

Following inconsistent efforts against Youngstown State, Bowling Green, and Toledo, the fact that the defense dominated us they did was surprising. One of the key reasons was the scheme and game plan drawn up by first-year coordinator Gene Chizik.

"The defense knew what it had to do. Coach Chizik prepared us to do what we had to do. That's what we practiced to do and come game time we played like we needed to," senior Paul Miranda said. "One big play is often all it takes to lose, which is what happened."

UCF's defense forced a pair of Auburn turnovers and held the Tigers under 200 yards of total offense heading into the game's final drive. Sophomore safety Damien Demps was particularly impressive, intercepting quarterback Gabe Gross, recovering a fumble, and leading the Knights with ten tackles.

"I felt we shut down Auburn pretty well. All they had was one big play, but that was enough," Demps 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 thought they 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."

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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 nearly occurs, but luckily, to UCF's benefit, is happening this year.

The Big Ten Conference, promised a spot in the Micron PC Bowl, formerly known as the Sunshine Football Classic may not have the six bowl eligible teams it needs to fill its spot in the Dec 29 game to be played in Miami's Pro Player Stadium. Currently, the Big Ten has Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio State, and Penn State bowl eligible. From there, the situation is cloudy. Purdue, currently fourth in the conference, ahead of Penn State, must win seven games to qualify due to the fact they have played an extra game. With six wins, including one over UCF, all the Boilermakers must do is win one of their two remaining games against Michigan State and Indiana and they would be bowl eligible. Michigan State, meanwhile, fresh off its upset of top-ranked Ohio State only has five wins and is in the same predicament. The Spartans must win two of their last three games against Purdue, Illinois, and Penn State to be eligible. Illinois is considered easy prey for Michigan State, while a road game against the Nittany Lions will be tough to win. That makes this weekend's game between the Boilermakers and Spartans 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." Minnesota also has a possibility to claim the spot, but must beat the two remaining teams on its schedule, at Indiana and home against Iowa to have a shot at the bid. Should two members of the Michigan State, Purdue, Minnesota trio fail to claim a bid, UCF would be considered a front-runner for the game which will most likely also feature North Carolina State or possibly Virginia. Other bowls that UCF could land include the Liberty, Motor City, Music City, and Independence. All have slots available for at-large teams, meaning Knight fans must root for high profile teams still on the bubble to lose. Situations featuring North Carolina and Duke of the ACC, Rutgers of the Big East, Arizona State, Washington, and California of the Pac-10, and everything happening in the WAC now affect what becomes of Central Florida. Players know the situation is out of their hands.

"I'm still hoping that that's in the hunt for us, regardless of the outcome of the Auburn game," senior Paul Miranda said. "I don't know what is happening around the country, We have to take care of our two games and hope." There are 22 bowls scheduled this year, meaning 44 spots must be filled. The lower the amount of bowl eligible teams from large conferences, the better for the Independent-Knights. If only five teams from the Pac-10 are bowl eligible, no other teams from the conference will be available to fill an at-large vacancy. However, with four teams already qualified and Arizona State, Washington, and Cal only one win away with two games remaining, the situation out west looks bleak.

"I don't see it happening. The next two games should be great. We'll finally be at home and we'll try to get two more wins, but it's hard to say what will happen from there," Mike Palmer said.

Kruczek says it's frustrating to not be in control of the situation, knowing that a win over Auburn would probably have solidified 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 business. Then, hope the chips fall into place.

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Central Florida—(11:15)—Fred Waczewski 23 yard FIELD GOAL

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Auburn—(14:03)—Robert Bironas EXTRA POINT.

**FOURTH QUARTER**
Auburn—(14:03)—Robert Bironas 44 yard FIELD GOAL

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Central Florida: 22
Auburn: 12

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Central Florida: 11-51
Auburn: 6-15

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Knights will make up for loss of Jones

By TONY MEJIA
Sport 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 TAAC First-Team selection and has been named UCF's co-captain.

"Brad had an outstanding spring and summer," Mark Speraw, who is entering his sixth season as UCF's head coach, said. "He's probably the hardest worker on the team 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'll have to handle 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'Quarri 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 backing up at the point, was named a co-captain along with Traina. Fans will fondly remember the final shot they 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 Headway.

"It's a challenging schedule," Speraw said. "Just looking at the conference is going to be tough. It's certainly going to prepare us for conference play." The TAAC itself will present a different look than it has in past years. For starters, the two teams who have normally been at the top of the conference standings are gone, with the College of Charleston off to the Sun Belt. From a national perspective, their leaving hurt the conference'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 top 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 immediately they're an opportunism team. Samford has everybody back after being part of the conference race last year. Seton and Florida Atlantic are going to be much better too. You can talk about any other program across the board and play 'em all to be much better than they were a year ago.'

UCF will get a boost from Seton Hall transfer Roy Keigher when TAAC play begins. Keigher will start the season without his former college teammate, Buckey Hodge, who transferred in last season from Georgia Tech.

"Roy Keigher is going to fit in really well. We're looking for him to make a big contribution," Speraw said. "He can play these 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 Benjami Bemuth, athletic freshman Ikechi Nnakwe, surprisingly solid redshirt freshman Jovan Thornton, Traina, and centers Davin 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 mobile, which can only be real.

Stevens said, "I think that's going to keep other bodies in the lineup. We can go with a lot of different looks, nine or ten guys deep, which will give us 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 in the last year's 45-41 loss to LSU on Nov. 1 that he had a game with multiple interceptions. "I think full responsibility for the interceptions," Culpepper said. "Their defense was really tough. They had some of the best athletes I've ever seen all season.

"I threw 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 Louisville Tech's Tim Rattay, the nation's new leader in total offense.

"That's a credit to their defense," Coach Mike Kruczek said. "Coach (Bill) Oliver had great scheme's and their pressure was excellent."

Fan support excellent in road contest
The vast majority of the 30,743 in attendance at Jordan-Hare Stadium have been Auburn fans, but 3,000 vocal supporters were there supporting the Knights. Their enthusiasm has not gone unnoticed.

"We have some of the best fans in the world. Their attendance meant a lot," Kruczek said. "We could hear them on the field over the 77,000 Auburn fans sometimes. They were loud and excited and we appreciated them."

UCF fans bought out each of the 3,000 tickets allotted to UCF. Some boosters made the trip on the team plane while others travelled by car. Regardless of their method of transportation, their attendance was a huge boost.

Waczeski, return game shine
Fred Waczeski's field goals from 23 and 24 yards out accounted for the only points in the loss. With 24 completions and 182 passing yards, he now holds the single season mark for both categories with 245 passes completed (Shane Williams, 399, 1986) and 3,100 passing yards (Culpepper, 3,086, 1997).

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 Nassmeier of Idaho for 7th on the NCAA career total yardage list. He would need 361 yards of total offense to pass Nassmeier (12,054). Culpepper has 7,739 career yards. His 727 completion percentage remains ahead of BYU's Steve Young's current NCAA record. With 3,433 yards of total offense this year, Culpepper trails his own school mark (3,524) by 91 yards, making it a mark that should be passed against Ball State.

Culpepper remains three touchdowns passes behind the UC record of 26 held by Darin Slack and Darin Hindman. Siaha Burley had four receptions against Auburn, bringing him to 70 catches on the year, which is the fifth highest mark in school history. Burley is also second on the all-time list (77 catches last year's 77-catch runner-up David Rhodes set the record with 78 in 1993. He caught a pass in his 20th consecutive game against Auburn.

Bumps and Bruises
Senior drop linebacker Dee 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 it's going to be," Kruczek said. "Dee probably won't practice much this week, and his status for the Ball State game is questionable."

If Porter is unavailable, redshirt freshman Tony Hardman probably will take his place.

Record Watch
Despite his lackluster performance, Culpepper did break a few more school records in the loss. With 24 conversions and 182 passing yards, he now holds the single season mark for both categories with 245 passes completed (Shane Williams, 399, 1986) and 3,100 passing yards (Culpepper, 3,086, 1997).

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Red-zone problem costs Knights

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ing the ball over in the red zone more times than it actually scored. All the Knights could muster in their five scoring opportunities was six points scored on a pair of Fred Waczeszki field goals. Culpepper was picked off twice at the goal line and a fumble 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 Lorenti's snap was low and Culpepper had to bend down and try to sal­

ivement it. The ball took a bad hop, and from there a mad scrambled 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 80,000 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 recover."

UCF looks to erase pain of Auburn against Ball State

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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,

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."

Although special teams isn't his forte, Kruczek has designed a full-proof defense against Moore.

"I told [special teams coach Danny] Crossman 'you don't have to worry about Adrian.' He said 'why?' I go, 'we ain't punting the ball anyway.'"

If the UCF offense is that potent, both the 1996 meeting against Ball State and last week's crushing defeat to Auburn will be ancient history.

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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 everything that we've ever worked for. I've been here six years, and I was here the last time we made it in 1991," Richter said. "It's been a long wait, particularly for the seniors. They won two conference championships when there was no automatic bid. We kept working and finally last year we had the play-in, but we lost (in the TAAC final). It was devastating to them, but to come back is every-thing we've worked for."

Danya Harris was the deciding factor in the TAAC title game, but almost didn't play after sitting out the semifinal victory over Campbell. She set up Michelle Anderson for the game-winning goal against Jacksonville, earning All-Tournament honors for her one-game performance.

"Danya was huge. I know she only played one game out of the three days, but she deserved all-tournament because she made a difference for us," Richter said. "She could barely walk (on Friday), and she just played great (against Jacksonville). She obviously made the difference because the ball she served was perfect on the assist."

Alyssa O'Brien earned Tournament MVP, despite only fac- ing three shots in two games. Meanwhile, Anderson, Wendy Wiltesy, Margrette Auffant, and Kim Shinum joined O'Brien and Harris on the All-Tournament team. The Knights got some unexpected scoring help during the 4-0 win over a team that has not had a real winning season since 1991, when Coach Mike Krucek said.

"We've expected to do some things against this football team. They're playing, particularly perception-wise because they're 1-8 and they're not having a real good season," Krucek said. "I think a lot of factors allowed the score in Murcie; I don't think 31-10 was indicative of the talent level or the difference in talent level by any stretch of the imagination. We don't come up with catches, (Mark) Nomani drops a 90 yard TD pass down the sideline, they had a punt return, and the weather was horrible."

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 60 yards on 16 carries with four touchdowns. Moore's experience will be counted on to take pressure off sophomore quarterback Brian Conen, 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-I teams, allowing 424.7 yards per game (96th), including 217 rushing yards per game. But BSU's near victory against WMU has Krucek concerned.

"Western Michigan has beaten some good football teams, so (BSU) is playing good football," Krucek 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."
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