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 ran 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

Get spaced-out at UCF’s Robinson Observatory

By STACEY COPELAND
Staff Writer

When the Robinson Observatory opened here at UCF in April 1996, the residents of Orlando got something new to brag about. The city of Orlando now plays host to the second largest telescope in the state of Florida.

The telescope, which has a 26-inch mirror and is worth more than $1 million, is also the largest telescope in Florida routinely open for public usage (the University of Florida’s 30-inch telescope is used mainly for research purposes).

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

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

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

Homecoming events continue till Saturday

By SARAH SEKULA
Staff Writer

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

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

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

“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.

The spirit banner will be on and off the arena, with tattoos, sports bottles, etc.

“The theme this year,” Mike Bowman, member of the CAB Concerts Committee, said. “We wanted bands that would appeal to an array of people.”

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

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Faith with a football
QB Jason Thorpe’s strong beliefs have helped him on and off the field.

Peaceful relations
UCF’s United Nations Association stresses cooperation among students.

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Back-up QB uses faith as his strongest offense

By JAMES COMBS
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thorpe is currently a senior and the backup quarterback to Danne 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 ever make the traveling team," he said. "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 I wasn't going to be a scout player for three or four years that it was the Lord's will."

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

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

"This was different than the East Carolina game, but now I was going to have to rally this team to victory or 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 neatley. Thorpe threw the ball to Stuart Stipe, who caught it for a first down.

"I wasn't too disappointed that it was a real confidence booster," he said. "From that point on it really went from there. I could lead this team."

It ended up being a 79-yard touchdown drive. On UCF's last offensive series of the game, they trailed 27-20. Thorpe had them on the move and led them inside the 30-yard line. However, a UCF player fumbled the ball in the end zone and that sealed the victory for Georgia Tech.

Thorpe finished the game with 179 yards passing.

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

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

Since Thorpe plays behind a potential All-American quarterback like Culpepper, it is not surprising that he has been limited in 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 the first day and hopefully when I leave my teammates and coaches will look back and think that I accomplished it."

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

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

UCF head coach Mike Kruczek shares Wilson's sentiments.

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

Thorpe has read verses from the Bible to his teammates. Thorpe and Culpepper also conduct a Bible study on the weekends for football players to attend.

But Thorpe doesn't limit sharing his love of God to football players. The former Fellowship of Christian Athletes/PCA 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 become involved in the ministry. In January, he will work at the New Life Church of God as a college minister. He wants to eventually earn a master's degree to become an ordained minister.

But for right now, Thorpe is content on finishing up his football career at UCF.

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

By DANIEL F. MCCULLAN
Staff Writer

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

Joanne 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 my feeling that they performed 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 Army physician who served during the Civil War, was the first and only woman awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for contributions in treating patients.

More than 35,000 women served as nurses, telephone operators, clerks or cooks during World War II. It was the first war in which American women saw action overseas. These 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 Service Pilots-who ferried aircraft from base to base," said Hoffman.

Some get a '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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This year is "A Knight at the Movies" and will feature several organizations competing to win the best skit.

On Friday, the Spirit/Splash Pep Rally tradition will continue. Show off your Black and Gold spirit at this event. It's your chance to jump into the reflecting pond with fellow students. While you are splashing around, live music will fill the air. UCF's marching band will perform, the cheerleaders will cheer and Knightro and Gatorine will be there. The 1996 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 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 Hail State Cardinals will be at 3 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 never happens, 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 friends, family members, professors, or 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 friends, family members, professors, or self-esteem, bouts of frustration, and high levels of anxiety.

Perfectionists have a fear of being vulnerable or weak. By displaying no faults or weaknesses, no one will be able to hurt them. Furthermore, perfectionists tend to overemphasize discrepancies and under-emphasize efforts. 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 ignoring the greater 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, reframe 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 stupid," 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 figured 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 he 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."
New ID cards to be issued through 19th

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

Sign up for the new UCF ID cards will be held from Nov. 5-19 in the Crossroads 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 services.

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 http://pegasus.ucf.edu/~ucfcard
All individuals with a meal plan must come to the Maritin Offices 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 Tralee 4541 beginning on Oct. 9. Telephone extensions will remain the same. Student Accounts should return to AD 111-112 by Nov. 30.

• Fall 1999 commencement will be held Dec. 19 at the UCF Arena. Each candidate who participates in the event will receive guest tickets based on the amount of seats available and the number of participants. Commencement times are:
  8 a.m. College of 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 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 Registrar's Office at (407) 823-6069 for tickets.

• The Student Union has begun offering “notary public” ser ve rs. Contact Chuck Gallo at 823-2117 for an appointment.

• A holiday toy drive will be sponsored by the UCF Police Department and the Student Alumni Association. Unwrapped toys will be collected from Nov. 2 to Dec. 11 and will be donated to the XL106.7

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Baby DJ Fund.
The drop-off locations are:
The UCF Police Department
The Student Alumni Association
Office (Administration Building Room 340)
The UCF Bookstore (box near the information desk)

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

The UCF Bookstore is offering 15 book scholarships for Spring 1999 and Summer 1999. Undergraduate students enrolled for a minimum of 6 hours and graduate students with a minimum of 6 hours. A minimum GPA of 2.0 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:
  1. A letter of application in which your major and college are stated, a copy of your most recent grade report, a current resume and one from 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 encourage all faculty and staff to attend and sponsor an African-American student at $10 per person. Checks can be made payable to Black Faculty 5 Staff Assembly(BFSA). For further information call 823-2981.

• On Nov. 16 at 6 p.m., volunteer UCF will host 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.

Fraternity to help in national food drive

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-day philanthropy ever supported by a fraternity.

Each Lambda Chi chapter donates the food they receive to a local food bank. Lambda Chi’s International Headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind., determines the total poundage collected.

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

“One of the goals of the North American Food Drive is that all Lambda Chi’s across the United States will work together to confront a serious problem while displaying the positive impact fraternities can have on their local communities. The Lambda Chi alumna Scholarship Program also helps Lambda Chi’s to help their local food banks,” Leoing said when speaking about Lambda Chi’s involvement with the drive.

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

“All donations are given in the name and recognition of Lambda Chi. This creates a very positive image for the organization,” Shurley said this year’s goal is to collect 100,000 pounds of food.

“The food must be non-perishable such as rice, canned foods, cereal. Donations for UCF’s chapter will be at the 2nd Harvest Food Bank located at the intersection of Princeton and John Young Parkway.

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

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:
Admissions
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

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

For more information, call (407) 385-7100.
United Nations Association promotes peace on campus

By TODD MCFELIKER  Staff Writer

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

The academic based UNA encourages participation in the United Nations and other regional 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 Corncorn.

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Free viewings offered monthly

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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 the observatory offers is 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 free feed 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. He 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 and has photos or posters of the planets. They just can't believe their eyes."

She said that she, like everyone even slightly interested in astronomy should see by simple one of the sessions or register for one of the annual events that are offered by the university.

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

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apparent that Kruczek is going nowhere soon.

"Needless to say, I'm very excited at this time. That's an understatement. We all 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 for 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 from a public relations standpoint, making speeches and travelling around and visiting with people," Sloan said. "But, it became pretty apparent during the spring that he was an excellent speaker, he had good work ethic, his organizational skills were very good, his leadership was excellent within the team structure, his control of the team was good. So, some of these things were pleasantly surprising to us being that he had never been a head 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 respect for his leadership among coaches and players."

Of course, Kruczek's star pupil, Daunte Culpepper, wanted no part of the credit, taking his usual humble approach.

"I have nothing to do with this. This is all him and his great work. He's such a great coach. He really deserves it and he's the best man for the job," Culpepper said.

The best man for the job has won out and UCF is a better place for it. As for Kruczek, he'll continue to coach with the same vigor he had when he was an interim coach, except there's an added air of accomplishment.

"I have had a lot of great things happen in my life, playing professional football and being involved with a lot of great people," Kruczek said. "This is the single greatest accomplishment in my life. It wasn't playing professional football, wasn't playing a handful of games because I wasn't a great football player, and it wasn't winning Super Bowls because that's a team deal. This is a great accomplishment as far as I'm concerned. I honestly believe that I can be a determining factor in this thing getting to where it needs to get to and I want to be a part of it."
Prayers go unanswered as Golden Knights fall

By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

"Please God. Please, please, please pleasease 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 j-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 football. 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 settle for another moral victory.

Well, you know what? I refuse to settle for another "moral victory"! I hate "moral victories." UCF has so many "moral victories" they practically equal our real victories, you know, the ones where we end up with more points than the opposing team, thus resulting in a win. I am in absolute, complete denial. Shortly after the game my friends and I were so depressed about the loss that we decided to create our own reality. Our reality is: KNIGHTS WIN! KNIGHTS WIN! That's right. Don't talk to me about the most heartbreaking loss in Central Florida history, as far as I am concerned, we won 6-3. So maybe it wasn't an offensive shoot-out, I don't care, we won! For the sake of the column, I will return to the real world. And in the real world our hopes of defeating one of the most respected programs in the history of college 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 leader 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 wondered 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 pride of a father whose son had just accomplished something grand. And yet at the same time I was greatly disappointed for our players. It was as if the gods did everything in their power to keep us from winning. We were so close, so many times to sealing the win, but it always escaped by the narrowest of margins.

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

I've been wondering... If you bash in somebody you love, should you get off easier?

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 ourselves out to the rowing event. For the sake of the column, I will agree that we should have 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 recognition 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 fear - 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:

- "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, toilets and phone receivers. If you must fuss with your face, clean hands are better than dirty ones.
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Influenza, contracted each year by 20 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 at 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.

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Sandler kicks a field goal

By CORBETT TRUBEY
Entertainment Editor

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

Sandler plays Bobby Boucher, a 31-old fellow that was 'born on the bayou' and raised by his over controlling and roadkill cooking Mama (Kathy Bates). After losing his position as the waterboy for a college team that would rather beat the egg out of him than drink his purified H20, 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 has Bobby sucking a player, 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 takes his jokes to more x-rated grounds). Bobby's ability to perform an efficient job as waterboy is accentuated by the orderly arrangement of cups and his obsession with keeping the water drinkable as possible. The college he lands his new job at is peppered with dumb southern football players slurring every other word and cheerleaders who spend their time on the sideline playing drinking games. And even though the jokes are directed at the football players, the jokes never cross the boundaries of stereotypes...But they all aren't necessarily funny, either.

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

Adam Sandler has already proven himself to be a gifted comedian and actor, and The Waterboy will make it official. Bobby Boucher experiences the full spectrum of emotions from start to finish that are all conveyed by Sandler with a charm that can't be denied. But he's not alone. Henry Winkler's turn as Coach Klein almost steals the show, and Kathy Bates' turn as Mama, although usually forced to carry most of the lame jokes, keep the energy level high. Even Fairuza Balk gets props as Bobby's criminal girlfriend Vicki. You won't find one normal or badly acted character in the whole thing.

It's best not to give away too much of the script because some moments will surely leave you laughing out loud or cheering (whichever comes first). The crowds will be definitely going wild over this one. The Waterboy, but if you're a fan of Sandler, you might leave the theater with your thirst a little less quenched.

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Bloodsucking 101

By FOREST CRUMPLER
Staff Writer

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

This movie is not too hard to figure out, it’s a vampire movie plain and simple. There are no romantic European heartthrobs vampires struggling to find their inner goodness, and likewise, no hipster generation vampires, and it doesn’t waste time with all that pesky character development or story background. Unfortunately it really doesn’t require much of it.

After disposing of a nest of vampires in New Mexico, the team of slayers is massacred by the master vampire leaving only Jack Crow and his teammate Tony Montoya (Daniel Baldwin) alive. Jack discovers that this vampire, Valek(Thomas Ian Griffith), is the oldest of his kind, and the originator of the “disease.”

While running from Valek, the slayers pick up a hooker who was bitten by the master and becomes psychically linked to him. After recouping losses with the addition of father Adam (Tim Guinee), the group attempts to destroy the most powerful vampire. Vampires is set in the wastelands of the southwest and takes on a very ‘old west’ flavor which adds to the film and definitely sets the Wild Bunch feel. Also adding to the movie is James Woods, who is a very versatile actor, and pulls off the 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.

James Woods leads a crew of hunters out for to whip some ghoulish butt in John Carpenter’s Vampires.
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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 blithely undemanding, 45-minute album. There isn’t much substance to the ten selections in Bed. There is some evidence of anger la Alain’s Morrisette, and it is true that Hatfield does predate Alain’s entry into the pop world. But Bed just lingers there—distant and unappealing. It can only be described as “passively pissed.”

Throughout the album, I kept expecting something to happen, something that would lift Bed out of the aural muck that it was slogging through. I gave up hope by the halfway point. I wish that I could single out a selection that stood out among the uniform selections. Unfortunately, there wasn’t one to be found. If you want to find a better sample in the ‘angry young woman’ genre, find a copy of Jagged Little Pill. If you already have a copy of Jagged Little Pill, you want to find a better copy of Jagged Little Pill. You want to find a better copy of Jagged Little Pill...

- Marcel Spinia

Horace Silver Trio ’57-58
(Blue Note)

Horace Silver doesn’t have the iconic significance of Duke Ellington or Charlie Parker. Maybe he should. I can’t entertain the thought in this context; music criticism is impressionistic. My seminal effort for this paper, an inane collaboration with Marcel on the Voodoo Glow Skulls (produced in mutual drunken stupors), attempted to parody this state of affairs. I offer a more congenial way of selling out, cash-value impressionism: If you want to impress a young receptive victim, try playing her a little Horace Silver while feeding her some trash from the liner notes and humming along to “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 locs) add their singular style to “A Foggy Day in London Town.” The overall effect is bizarre yet undeniable. Romantic. To put it in a few words, compilations don’t get much better than this.

- B.W. Earl

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

George Gershwin made one of the greatest impacts in the American musical scene of the early 20th century. With his brother Ira, George created some of the most memorable music of the era, whether the medium be the Broadway stage, the silver screen, or over the airwaves. “Rhapsody in Blue,” “Summertime,” “Someone to Watch Over Me,” “Nice Work If You Can Get It,” “Let’s Do It,” “Piano Playa Hata,” and “The Piano Playa Hata’s Version of ‘Piano Playa Hata’” are among the most memorable Gershwin compositions. The album is a homage to the local party sounds emanating from the Alafaya neighborhood of Orlando. The Tally Ho Avenue is known for its after hours bedroom chillout sessions and the morning-after tumble weeds of trash crowding the streets as its residents make their way to Baam Monday morning classes. Wagon Christ, looking for an aural equivalent to the moods and sights of Tally Ho Avenue, has taken the gradual route on his second major label album. Making no false turns, insuring that the hi-fi remains 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 synthesist, Wagon’s trajectories endeavor to convey the interstellar stagings which the Tallyho crew are known around campus for. Smooth breaks and just as smooth placid and handy use of Martin Donny extremo loops throughout the album (especially on “Piano Playa Hata,” “Rendleshack,” “Lovely,” and “My Organ In Your face”). As the night begins to reach morning break, Tally Ho enters its 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 drosses.

- Marcel Spinia

Pete Rock
Soul Survivor (Loud/RCA)
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Pete Rock was once the DJ half of Pete Rock and C.L. Smooth. As an authoritative hip hop voice makes clear before track 9, “Pete Rock put the music in the forefront.” Not the first or the only early DJ to fuse rhythms of James Brown and Herbie Hancock with the lyrical MC, but certainly one of the more radio friendly. His prolific and stylish beats are on fine display. Every track features a different hip hop star, running the gamut from hardcore punk gogands (Noreaga) to the horror funk of various Wu Tang luminaries (Method Man, Rakewon, Ghostface Killah). The first single, to be released soon, features Method Man at his respectable best, listing “suckups” and claiming “the power of the media shower” in perfect harmony with Pete Rock’s looped harp sample in “Panic.” Two tracks later the Wu Tang Clan represents once again with the most memorable lyric of the entire album, “Prolific get my whole block pickin’ plastic.”

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Tally Ho!
(Astralwerks)

Although Wagon Christ, aka Luke Vibert, aka Plug, hails from drum and bass lineage of England, the name of his second W.C. album is a homage to the local party sounds emanating from the Alafaya neighborhood of Orlando. Tally Ho Avenue is known for its after hours bedroom chillout sessions and the morning-after tumble weeds of trash crowding the streets as its residents make their way to Baam Monday morning classes. Wagon Christ, looking for an aural equivalent to the moods and sights of Tally Ho Avenue, has taken the gradual route on his second major label album. Making no false turns, insuring that the hi-fi remains 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 synthesist, Wagon’s trajectories endeavor to convey the interstellar stagings which the Tallyho crew are known around campus for. Smooth breaks and just as smooth placid and handy use of Martin Donny extremo loops throughout the album (especially on “Piano Playa Hata,” “Rendleshack,” “Lovely,” and “My Organ In Your face”). As the night begins to reach morning break, Tally Ho enters its 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 drosses.

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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). “Reduced” is the best representation of the album’s mood, which is soft and beautiful.

What it really comes down to is that 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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High hopes surround women

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

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

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

“They have these players returning, the standard is much higher. That’s just a given,” Bria said. “My expectations are the same...their absolute and complete beat and I think they’ve all improved and 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’ defensive intelligence. Davis has

While Davis will occupy the starting point guard spot, fellow seniors Kate Fetzek and Chastity McClendon and sophomore Kelly Ely will round out the returning players. Bria is counting on the improved performance of each starter to take pressure off Davis.

“The whole team can’t rest on Charyia. We have to have people step up and give us some points and give us some rebounds.”

Bria said. “They’ll all have to do better than they did last season. They’ve worked hard on their game as individuals, but there’s no doubt the expectations are much higher. Fetzek, a guard, will move to the wing this season and look to improve on last season’s 6.3 points and 2.5 assists a game average in 1998. McClendon returns as UCF’s leading rebounder and third leading scorer (6.6, 11.6), and will provide most of the bulk up front. Playing in only nine games last season may catch up with McClendon as the season progresses, though.

Ely returns after setting UCF’s all-time record for career and single-season three pointers (62). In her 18 appearances last season, Ely averaged 10.5 points, 2.5 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 4.4 assist-to-turnover ratio.

The loss of DeVeaux hurts UCF’s pivot play, leaving them with no TAAC-tested center. FIU transfer Kristy White has shown flashes of brilliance in the team’s two preseason games, including a triumphant 15-point, 9-rebound performance in her first game as a Golden Knight against the Mississippi All Stars.

“I 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 we had that before,” Bria said.

“We had to teach her some things, but she scores 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. Okaloosa Walton Community College transfer Paula Nesbitt, a forward, has impressed Bria with her rebounding skills while freshman Leslie Deaton will also 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 Nesbitt 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’s improvements at point guard should help her play like Florida’s Kristy White, 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 bask...kerball atmosphere. Florida is an SEC school that is just a great team. They play against the toughest competition every day, so we’re going to play them.”

The regular TAAC schedule will provide an added challenge for UCF, although conference power Florida International has left the conference. FIU, which spent most of 1998 ranked in the Top 25, brought added recognition and credibility to the TAAC, something Bria hopes to build on.

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Photo by Kevin Coffey

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Kristy White, a 6-4 transfer from Florida State will be counted on to provide a low-post scoring threat and a defensive presence in the middle.

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Much of the team’s high expectations in 1998-99 fall on the shoulders of senior point guard Chariya Davis, the team’s leading scorer last season. Davis did all for UCF in 1998, averaging 15.8 points a game, 4.5 assists and 2.9 steals a game, all team highs.

Despite being UCF’s second shortest player in 1999 at 5-foot-7, Davis finished third in rebounding (5.7 a game) to graduated center Stacey DeVeaux. The statistics improved her man-to-man defense, but Bria has seen Davis’ major strides away from the ball.

“She wants to be a complete player, she wants to be able to do it all on both ends,” Bria said. “We’ve had to break some habits [defensively]. That has been hard. Charyia just always go to the ball whether her man has it or not. She would always be out of position and when she was supposed to help, she didn’t, and when she wasn’t supposed to help she did.

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By KEVIN COFFEY

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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 Ritvanen tied his own school-record with 24 goals, while breaking his old record of 51 points as he totaled 52 this season. Forward Ari Nurmi played through a knee injury that hampered him all last season to add 17 goals alongside Ritvanen.

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

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

UCF finished the season 8-2 in their final 10 games after a 3-2 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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Weather could factor in Tournament game at Wisconsin

By TRAVIS BELL
Staff Writer

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

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

On paper, the Knights match up well with the Badgers. Wisconsin finished its season 10-7-2, while UCF went 12-7. Also, UCF scored more goals, 38-30, and held its opponents to one fewer goal (25-26). 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 display Wisconsin any viable attack, and (the defense) has to continue to step up and carry the team."

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

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

Brigit Schwarting leads the Badgers in net, posting a 1.19 goals-against average with 9.5 shutouts. All-Big 10 defender Shannon Brown and Emily Stevens anchor the Badgers defense. Meanwhile, Allison Wagner leads Wisconsin's balanced attack with seven goals, while Maria DeGiovanni is the team's leading scorer with 18 points. Lindsay Hoelter added 16 points (three goals, 10 assists). Their leading scorer only has seven goals, which means that their scoring is spread out," Richter said. "It's almost how we approached Jacksonville, where everybody can be a threat. We have to defend as a team and make adjustments."

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

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

If the bad weather misses the Knights, the usual game plan will exist. UCF's defenders will try to control the game with the help of keeper Alyssa O'Brien. It's a fact that would consist of midfielders Wendy Wilfey, Cally Howell, and Monica Holzhauser setting up the scorers up front (Danyas 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 whe [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 survive 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.

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

Although UCF gave up its highest points in the season, the defense stepped up when needed the most.

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

This week's game 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 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."

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

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

So, UCF’s encounter with Auburn didn’t turn out the way it hoped. There is still hope, all be it a slim one. The Knights need help to make it to its 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 scenarios shape up under the following guidelines:

1. 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 conferences is that its teams must be bowl eligible, meaning that teams filling these slots must have a winning record. Simple. However, bowls which the Golden Knights have hopes to play in either have an invitation for at-large teams, meaning any team from any conference can be invited, or from bowls who have allocated spots for conferences that can’t fill the requirements, which is a happening that rarely occurs, but luckily, to UCF’s benefit, is happening this year.

The Big 10 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 the 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 him we owe him 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, Emerald, 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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FIRST QUARTER
Central Florida—(7:04)—Fred Waczewski 24 yard FIELD GOAL

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

THIRD QUARTER
Auburn—(14:10)—Karsten Bailey 58 yard TD PASS from Gabe Gross

FOURTH QUARTER
Auburn—(14:03)—Robert Bironas EXTRA POINT

First Downs
Central Florida 22
Auburn 12

Rushing
Central Florida 9 6
Auburn

Passing
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Auburn

Penalty
Central Florida 2
Auburn

Third Down Eff.
Central Florida—6-16-38 3-13-23
Auburn—1-3-1

Fourth Down Eff.
Central Florida—2-3-67 1-1-100
Auburn—

Rushes-Net Yards
Central Florida 46-96
Auburn 25-88

Average Per Rush
Central Florida 2.1
Auburn 3.5

Yards Rushing
Central Florida 155
Auburn 96

Yards Lost Rushing
Central Florida -59
Auburn -8

Net Passing Yards
Central Florida 182
Auburn 152

Sacks-Yards Lost
Central Florida 7-44
Auburn 0-0

Average Per Pass Play
Central Florida 4.1
Auburn 4.1

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Central Florida 83-278
Auburn 55-245

Average Gain Per Play
Central Florida 3.3
Auburn 4.4

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Central Florida 70
Auburn 15

Int Ret-Yds
Central Florida 1-31
Auburn 4-15

Punt Ret-Yds
Central Florida 3-39
Auburn 0-0

Kick Ret-Yds
Central Florida 2-52
Auburn 2-59

Punts-Yards
Central Florida 3-81
Auburn 7-282

Average
Central Florida 27.0
Auburn 40.3

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Central Florida 2-1
Auburn 1-1

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Central Florida 4-23
Auburn 3-39

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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 All-TAAC First-Team selection and has been named UCF's co-captain.

"Brad had an outstanding spring and summer," Speraw said. "We're ready to take over the leadership role and really be the go-to guy his senior year," said Kirk Speraw, who is entering his sixth season as UCF's head coach. "He's probably the hardest worker on the team on and off the court. He's shooting better than ever. We look for him to lead by example." Speraw said he hopes most of the void left by Jones, but Speraw knows he can't 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 to the 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'Quan Stewart, who averaged double figures in scoring off the bench last season and should claim the shooting 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 3-pointer 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 dept 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 D.C. Robinson and Ohio University's LaDrell Whitehead. It's a challenging schedule," Speraw said. "Our guards are going to have to step up if they are an opportunity team. Samford has everybody back after being part of the conference race last year. Seton Hall and Florida Atlantic are going to be much better. You can talk about any other program across the board and play 'em to be much better than they were a year ago?"

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"Roy is going to be a quality team as well. We're looking for him to make a big contribution," Speraw said. "He'll 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 dept 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 D.C. Robinson and Ohio University's LaDrell Whitehead.

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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 NLU on Nov. 1 that he had a game with multiple interceptions.

“I take full responsibility for the interceptions,” Culpepper said. “Their defense was really tough. They had some of the best athletes I’ve seen all season.”

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

Fan support excellent in road contest
The vast majority of the 30,743 in attendance at Jordan-Hare Stadium may have been Auburn fans, but 3,000 vocal supporters were there supporting the Knights. Their enthusiasm went 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.

Waczewski, return game shine
Fred Waczewski’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 Willis, 1998) 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 Nussmeier of Idaho for 7th on the NCAA career total yardage list. He would need 716 yards of total offense to pass Nussmeier (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 of 3,524 by 91 yards, making it a mark that should be passed against Ball State.


Record Watch
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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 Waczewski 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 right there."

Chris Lorenti's snap was low and Culpepper had to bend down and try to salvage it. The ball took a bad hop, and from there a mad 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 close there. We just have to bounce back and recuperate."

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.
**SPORTS**

**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. We'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 waiting 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 everything 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 facing three shots in two games. Meanwhile, Anderson, Wendy Wilsey, Margrette Auffant, and Kim Slum joined O'Brien and Harris on the All-Tournament team.

The Knights got some unexpected scoring help during the 4-0

**Blown chances result in UCF’s missed opportunity**

By TONY MEJIA

Sports Editor

Kristen Bailey avoiding Damian Dempsey and Tyrell Rice to streak 58 yards down the sideline for an Auburn touchdown will forever be one of the most infamous moments in UCF history. Replays of Bailey's score were shown all over the news following Auburn's 10-6 victory against the Knights. Aside from those replays, UCF players got to review the play over and over again in their heads.

"It's something I'll never forget. We had them," senior safety Reginald Doster said. "Will I be able to sleep tonight? I don't know."

The sentiment of the Central Florida contingent was written all over their faces outside the visiting locker room at Jordan-Hare Stadium. With chants of "War Eagle," the Auburn battle cry, still audible from the raucous fans who had all but resigned themselves to a Homecoming defeat on Saturday, defeating Jacksonville, 1-0, it was devastating to fans that had expected to have a berth in the Las Vegas Bowl.

The Knights (7-2), coming off a disappointing 10-6 loss against Auburn, will look to rebound emphatically against BSU at Saturday's Homecoming game. A bowl berth is still very much a possibility for UCF, providing they can defeat both BSU and New Mexico by convincing margins. However, the biggest advantage for UCF is that it is the favorite against BSU, Coach Mike Kruczek said.

"We're expected to do some things against this football team that we're playing, particularly perception-wise because they're 1-8 and they're not having a real good season," Kruczek said. "I think a lot of factors allowed the score in Murfie: 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, [Murfreesboro] N.C., drops a 90-yard TD pass down the sideline, they had a punt return, and the weather was horrible."

For BSU, things pick up when they started to pick up 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 La'Andre Moore, who has gained 60 yards on 166 carries with four touchdowns. Moore's experience will be counted on to take pressure off sophomore quarterback Brian Coen, who is 19 for 50 with 208 yards and one TD and one interception.

Defensively, safety Petre Smith, a junior, leads the Cardinals in tackles (117) and pass breakups with two. BSU's defense ranks low among D-1 teams, allowing 424.7 yards per game (98th), including 217 rushing yards a game. But BSU's recent victory against WMU has Kruczek concerned.

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

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

"Motivation enough is to have played and lost the...
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**Thursday:**

**11/12 SKIT KNIGHT**

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

**Friday:**

**11/13 SPIRIT SPLASH**

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