Leadership UCF
gets students out of the classroom

TAYLOR SIKES
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

"The most valuable experience Leadership UCF has provided to me is the exposure to differing points of view," said E. Kay Nowak, a 42-year-old UCF student and member of LUCF. "In all of my educational and personal experiences, I am with people who share my experiential background. LUCF is a vehicle through which I have met individuals with a wide variety of backgrounds.

Leadership UCF is a two semester course worth three credits. It is designed to get students out of the classroom and into the Central Florida community. Participants in the program have the opportunity to meet with local businesses, government and cultural leaders.

The class is different from other UCF courses because learning revolves around field trips into the community and discussions held from those experiences. Students maintain journals, prepare reports and participate in group discussions and problem solving.

"As we talk about the shared experiences of our field trips, the perspectives are incredibly diverse," Nowak said. "The questions that are raised, for example, are motivated by our individual experiences. I hear after every session questions that I would not have thought of even after days of information processing."

It (the program) takes students behind the scenes.

- Susan Foley

The class is divided up into different topics, including art, computer science, government, and business. Field trips are planned around each topic. Recent field trips taken by LUCF have been to places like Channel 2 News, a homeless shelter and Orlando International Airport.

It takes students behind the scenes," said Susan Foley, administration.

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College of Engineering receives $480,000 grant

JAMES COMBS
STAFF WRITER

UCF’s College of Engineering was one of nine universities to receive a grant from Lockheed Martin Corporation. The grant is given to institutions that demonstrate excellence in their engineering and computer science programs.

The $480,000 grant will go toward several areas of development.

• undergraduate academic and research awards
• graduate student fellowships in engineering and optical science

Leadership UCF students participate in a ropes course as part of group building while on retreat.

Graduate student makes keeping peace her life

TAYLOR SIKES
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Marlene Nilsson said she remembers watching television with her father when she was 8 years old and seeing images of people dying of starvation in Africa. Then she saw a news story about American farmers who had produced too much grain. Nilsson remembers being confused and asking her father, "Why don’t they send the grain to Africa?"

It was the first time Nilsson looked at two different groups of people and thought about how to arrange a resolution between the two parties. Now the 24-year-old Swedish graduate student at UCF said she is trying to make peace-keeping and conflict resolution her way of life. She is working on her master’s degree in political science and hopes to one day work for the United Nations or for the Swedish State Department.

"I have always wanted to make a difference," Nilsson said.

Nilsson was active in the United Nations club at UCF. She joined the club as a way to learn more about the UN; and she served as president for the 1995-96 school year. The club sponsored speakers, and its members discussed world politics and attended conferences. "I wanted members to learn something, either to be more diplomatic toward each other, learn more about the world, or to learn more about different sets of cultures," Nilsson said.

This past summer she interned for the United Nations in New York, working in the Peacekeeping Department and researching how the UN might increase the number of women in its peacekeeping division. "It was important to me first of all because I am a woman," she said. "It is supposed to be an organization that is equal for men and women. If this organization is supposed to represent the world, they can’t leave half of the world out of it."

Nilsson said working at the UN was hard and stressful because of the amount of work to be done and because she saw no immediate results. She said tensions were high because conflicts were constantly breaking out that the Peacekeeping

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Learning Center will cost $200,000

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Jack Selter, director of External Resources, said the synthetic Environment Learning Center will cost $200,000, and the university will pay $100,000 of that. He expects the center, which will be built at the Research Park Pavilion, to be completed by the end of summer.

When the center is complete, both graduate and undergraduate engineering students will study how to apply simulation to real-life concepts. Members of the engineering school are currently assembling a group of faculty and professionals to help them define the scope and value of the center.

"This will be a way to bring different applications of simulation into one focus area, and then enhance it and migrate it back out to a larger population," Selter said.

The synthetic environment, a concept originated by the military, involves an expanded and interactive simulation.

"This differs from a simulation in that the environment changes in reaction to the participant's choices," Wanelista said. "If you are in a driving simulation, for instance, and you run over a box, in the usual simulation nothing would happen beyond that occurrence. But in a synthetic environment, the action would change the environment. The box could have been knocked into another lane and caused another car to hit it. This kind of simulation is a lot more like real-world situations."

Selter said the goal of the program is to find out how students and faculty can work in the areas of simulation and virtual reality, and solve the engineering problems of corporations.

"We want to create simulation environments for corporations to develop a product, put the product in motion, and have it ready to go in the shortest time possible," Selter said. "It's an innovative way of cutting down the time that manufacturing companies have to deal with in terms of parts and inventions."

He also hopes his students will make simulations useful for training.

"There are many pilot simulations that were invented to help pilots fly better," he said. "Because of costs, you just can't get on an F-16 and fly around all day. But you can get in a simulator and practice on one. The better quality of the simulation, the better prepared a pilot will be when he's really flying."

The bridge program includes high school graduates working at Lockheed Martin during the summer while taking engineering classes during the fall. The program is a vehicle for encouraging students to enter the field.

"They can continue working with Lockheed Martin while studying at UCF," Wanelista said.

Vance Coffman, Lockheed Martin Corp. chair and CEO, said, "We are naturally dependent upon the quality of education in our schools of engineering and computer science to provide a competitive work force for our ongoing business concerns. We believe we can help ensure a steady stream of potential candidates for employment in the high-tech industry through our support for these institutions."

Lockheed Martin employs more engineering graduates from UCF than any other institution in the country.

The corporation will distribute $3.5 million to the nine universities. UCF will receive its grant over a four-year period.

Grants to be given to recent education grads

Nicole King
News Editor

UCF's Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC) will award four $250 grants to recent education graduates of UCF. The grants are to be used for classroom supplies.

The SCEC sold College of Education T-shirts last semester to raise the money. The grants will be awarded to teachers who have graduated from UCF within the past three years and are teaching in schools in low socio-economic areas.

SCEC co-president Donica Steffen said the council will send out letters to schools within the next two weeks asking for applicants. Teachers from the tri-county area, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties, are eligible to apply.

"A lot of beginning teachers don't get very much money for their classes," Steffen said. "This is to help them out."

SCEC co-president Janel Tweed said it will be up to the teachers how they apply.

"They can either write a letter, have their kids write a letter, do some video or audio. We're going to leave it up to them," she said.

Tweed said council members will visit the classrooms of the finalists and observe them with their classes when they are making their final decision.
Students strive to see both sides of a conflict at school and home.

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Division had to respond to. Nilsson said she appreciated the sometimes tense atmosphere and found it encouraging because the people there seemed to care about what they were doing and they still had hope.

Today, Nilsson said she uses her diplomatic skills as a graduate assistant in the Office of Support and Information Services (OASIS), an office that advises undergraduates in the College of Arts and Sciences.

"People come in angry at us," she said. "I try not to take it personally and to see the other person's side. I try to take in account that somebody might have had a bad day or have been over campus. I try to help them while taking that into account.

"I am interested in both sides of a conflict and trying to see both sides. If there is a conflict, then there are two sides to the story. If I start hitting you, that is not a conflict, but if you start hitting me back, then you have a conflict.

"If you can look at each side and understand the issues, then you can work toward a resolution. I think we often fail to see each other's side and where each other is coming from. Instead, we see each other as potential threats," Nilsson remembers a recent student who needed...
Their resumes become their thesis and their grade point average, their ability to apply what they’ve learned, their degree, and it will be that way until they have three to five years of experience in a particular field."

At a minimum, the education section should include your degree, when it was earned or is expected, and what college or university you attended or are attending. Clark said that many students include their grade point average. He said that he likes to see a GPA listed, for a few reasons. First, it tells the scanner it’s not there. Second, Clark prefers higher GPAs, but he has interviewed students who have a 2.2 or 2.3 because they had other attributes. He said, "I prefer higher GPAs, but I’ve interviewed students who have a 2.2 or 2.3 because they had other attributes," he said.

If students have taken courses that relate to the work they are seeking, they should include a section on relevant course work, listing those courses. Debbie Osborne, a 1997 University of Florida graduate and now a merchandising analyst for Sears, said she listed a concentration under the education heading, after her Bachelor of Commerce degree in finance and her GPA. "I listed creative and critical thinking, writing, psychology, Spanish and foreign cultures—things that would help me make me more marketable," she said.

But don’t fold the resume because scanners often have a 2.2 or 2.3 because they had other attributes, he said. "I prefer higher GPAs, but I’ve interviewed students who have a 2.2 or 2.3 because they had other attributes," he said.

JAMES COMBS  
STAFF WRITER

Don’t forget Activities, Awards, etc.

List on the resume is a listing of activities, awards, and other achievements. They can be listed together or individually.

"The biggest thing I look for is how the students did in school and when students include special skills, such as fluency in a language, at the bottom of the resume."

"Such expertise is especially important to mention because scanning systems will pick it up, and the resume will have a greater chance of being picked for a job involving that skill," he said.

Writing a Resume can be a Time-Wasting Process

The following is a list of tips that Beverly Harvey compiled from the advice of employers, career counselors and recent graduates whose resumes helped them land meaningful employment.

1. Use careful attention to spelling, punctuation, grammar and style.
2. Proofread carefully, using a dictionary and a style book, and have other people proofread it as well.
3. Organize information in a logical fashion. Keep descriptions short and to the point.
4. Conclude your information on one page.
5. Use a simple, easy-to-read font.
6. Include good-quality or near-quality bond paper. Include as much work experience as possible, even if it doesn’t obviously relate to the job you’re seeking.
7. Tailor your information to the job you’re seeking.

Seven ways to help prepare your paper for the scanner

1. Use popular, nondecorative type-face.
2. Use a font size of 10 to 14 points.
3. Use color-white (where it is best) standard stock
4. Be sure to include a signature.
5. Capitalized words and boldface are OK.
6. Avoid visual clutter; avoid adding icons and spaces and other ornamentation should be kept to a minimum, and advised against using open-faced bullets that can be read as the letter "o" by a scanner.

Don’t get too Fancy

Ripley said that students should heed that advice even if their resumes are not likely to be scanned.

Clark added, "If you’re personally interested in someone’s resume because you know him or her, make sure that you’re not going to spend time wondering what it is someone wants to do," he said. "If a student doesn’t list an objective, then I don’t even think he’s worth interviewing; Sometimes students aren’t exactly clear on what they’re looking for, and that makes it pretty hard to write about it. But if someone is fairly specific, then their objective becomes their thesis and the rest of the resume becomes their proof."
Elections gear up for student body president

SHELLEY WILSON  STAFF WRITER

The declaration of candidacy for student body president and vice president ends tomorrow. Four tickets with a president and vice president are expected to run.

The issue of what exactly was going to be on the ticket was something discussed at the Senate meeting two weeks ago. The amendments voted on by the students during the Senate elections in the fall regarded two additions to the Student Government staff, another elected vice president, and a treasurer. This would make a four-man ticket instead of the traditional two-man ticket of president and vice president.

The four-man ticket would have been voted on in these elections, but the required changes to the statutes to make the ticket legal never occurred last semester.

SGA Attorney General Joseph Smith stated his disappointment over the failed revisions in a recent Senate meeting.

"I'm sorely disappointed that in the course of two-and-a-half months, the statutory revisions necessary were not taken care of to ensure them by the spring election, which is quickly approaching," Smith said.

"After careful consideration, I've chosen not to issue a letter of non-compliance at this time. But I do offer my sincere disappointment that these amendments have not been taken care of. I strongly advise and encourage giving immediate attention to this issue," he continued.

According to Senate President Pro-Tempore Jaime Halscott, the timing of the amendments would have been bad for the elections.

The amendment revisions going through would go way past the declaration of candidacy. It would not be done in time for these elections," Halscott said.

Halscott said he believes the four-man ticket will not happen for these elections and that the tickets will remain just two candidates.

Chief Election Commissioner Cheryl Fox said she believes the elections will be different from the Senate elections held in the fall.

"These elections will definitely be more organized, and handling the elections will be easier since there is no transition of chief commissioners like the last elections," Fox said.

The commissioners are another difference between elections according to Fox. "There will be 15 commissioners that will be trained, and have gone through a scheduled retreat for them, so that they can handle the elections and be well informed," she said.

The chief commissioner is required to hold three information meetings for candidates and students in order to answer questions about the elections. The first meeting was Jan. 14. The second meeting is scheduled for Feb. 11. The second and the third meetings will be held at noon in the St. Joseph's Point Room (208H) in the Student Union.

Where students vote for the presidential elections also came under debate at the Senate meeting.

In the current election statutes, voting takes place in front of the Health & Physics Building, the Education Building, and the College of Business and Engineering Buildings. Bill 31-10 was to add the Communications Building as a polling place for students and delete the Health & Physics Building.

"I would like to give more power to the students and give those students on that side of campus a closer place to vote," Sen. Rob Williams said.

Sen. David Siegel spoke out against the bill. "I do not like changing the statutes so close to the elections."

The bill stalled in the Senate with a split vote of 15-15. The elections for the main campus are scheduled to take place on Feb. 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For the branch campuses, the elections will be held Feb. 15 through the 17.

There will also be a candidate forum on Feb. 4 at 2 p.m., in front of the Student Union for students to ask the candidates questions. Candidates will begin active campaigning the following Monday after the forum at 9 a.m.

If there is a run-off election between any tickets, it will occur on Feb. 23 and 24 on the main campus and Feb. 22 through the 24 on the branch campuses.
Q: Is add/drop long enough?

A: 'We know it felt short to a lot of students this semester and we tried to accommodate students through the petition process and next-day drop. It is something that we are looking into.'

-Paige Borden, assistant registrar

'I don’t think it’s long enough to tell whether the class is right for you.'

-Mike Burch, 21, add major

'It doesn’t bother me. I’m usually ready ahead of time. I don’t believe in changing classes just because the professor says it’s hard.'

-Jennifer Neehaus, 18, elementary education major

'I don’t think it’s enough time to know what your classes are like. It should be at least a week to allow students to choose. You can’t tell the first day because you don’t really do anything.'

-Heather Aplgood, 20, biology major

'They should make it like a week longer to let people settle in and see if the course is appropriate for what they are learning.'

-Jim Norconk, 27, political science major

'You really don’t have time to think about if you like the class or not. You better know or you’re stuck in the class.'

-Dracheka Campbell, 20, legal studies major

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CRAMPED ROOMS LINKED TO PSYCHOTIC BEHAVIOR

Scientists have discovered that living in cramped spaces may cause serious side effects, ranging from slightly paranoid to dangerously psychotic behavior. In a recent experiment, lab rats were forced to live in small, rat-like containers for several semesters, only coming out to eat in crowded rat cafeterias or share a bathroom with dozens of other rodents. The majority of rats suffered from an acute case of irritability, while several showed signs of agressive behavior.

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Xperts have coined "over-cramping" syndrome, or OCS. However, Dr. Schinkenmeir also adds that "people have been subjected to worse conditions in the past, like the ‘70s for instance.” While researchers concede that rats do not necessarily mimic the same effects as humans, most scientists believe that when given the choice, most people would opt...
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Boogie nights in the White House

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Union address.

I stumbled upon HBO, which was showing the controversial, award-winning movie "Boogie Nights," starring Mark Wahlberg as Dirk Diggler, a rising porn star of the late 1970s and early 1980s. The movie follows Diggler from the start of his career as a 17-year-old to his decline from the abuse of drugs and alcohol.

The movie is a startlingly powerful look at humanity through the lens of a tragic hero. And as I saw the most popular president in modern history of the United States, standing before the American people, I wondered if Clinton was also a tragic hero, not a star, but I do think he is a tragic hero, not unlike Hamlet, or Macbeth, or Dirk Diggler. He is another example of a lost man who will probably never be remembered for anything that he has done, but only for the scandals that have plagued his political career. As Macbeth, Diggler and Clinton are both victims of their obsessions. Sex and drugs for Diggler, sex and power for Clinton. Neither President Clinton, nor porn star Diggler go down easy—-that was proven by both on Tuesday night. "Boogie Night" is a story of surviving and seeking a second chance at his movie career. I guess we will have to wait and see what happens with our president.

As the 9 p.m. show time drew closer and as my impatience grew, I flipped through the channels and saw what was on. The movie follows Diggler from the start of his career as a 17-year-old to his decline from the abuse of drugs and alcohol. He is another example of a lost man who will probably never be remembered for anything that he has done, but only for the scandals that have plagued his political career. As Macbeth, Diggler and Clinton are both victims of their obsessions. Sex and drugs for Diggler, sex and power for Clinton. Neither President Clinton, nor porn star Diggler go down easy—-that was proven by both on Tuesday night. "Boogie Night" is a story of surviving and seeking a second chance at his movie career. I guess we will have to wait and see what happens with our president.

Diggler's final words in the movie are spoken to a mirror he is looking into while flexing, "I am a star. I am a star. I am a star. I am a star. I am a big, bright, shining star." Only God knows if Clinton might have said the same words while looking into a mirror andflexing before taking the oath of office and giving the most important speech of his career.

We do know that Clinton reached success and has every intention of staying in office. I can almost hear him saying, "Let's keep rockin' and rollin' man."
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UF student responds to mascot criticism

As a sophomore presently attending UCF, I am appalled to learn that some alumni are requesting a new mascot. The question of choosing a new mascot arose in a letter to the editor by a UCF graduate. The letter asked questions such as where the mascot, the Knight, came from and why doesn’t it fit in with Central Florida history. While I don’t know the answers to these questions I do have a strong opposition to changing the mascot.

First, regardless of a school’s mascot, isn’t one supposed to be proud of their school? Even though the Knight doesn’t identify with Florida or even the USA’s history, it is a mascot which demands respect. Being a knight involved courage, loyalty, and pride. Second, of course medieval knights were not without flaws, but don’t other college mascots have similar backgrounds? For example the Trojans of Troy State. The Trojans weren’t exactly the most upstanding of warriors. The history of such mascots should be of no importance. The mascot is chosen for its historical background, for obvious reasons.

Third, I cannot even conceive of being called a “cracker,” no matter of its historical background, for obvious reasons.

Finally, while manatees are indeed curious and wonderful creatures, what do most people have more respect for: a large sea-cow or a brave, noble knight?

The fact is different colleges have different mascots and that’s what it is all about. Obviously someone somewhere is not happy about being a part of the Fighting Irish at Notre Dame, nor is everyone happy with being a Duke Blue Devil, but it is a matter of standing behind your school and taking pride in every aspect of it. A student has to look at the good qualities of their mascot and not read too much into it.

Now on the subject of the colors black and gold, what is the big deal? When I think of Florida, as a state, I don’t automatically think orange and blue or garnet and gold. The idea that colors would represent a state is preposterous. Each school has its own personality, this is represented by its colors. Obviously black is too hot to wear on those scorching Florida days, but you don’t have to wear it, hence, the alternate color gold. UCF offers numerous shirts which are not black. This is really a simple solution to complaining about school colors. Choose a different shirt, duh.

Changing the mascot will affect the school as a whole. As UCF is a young school, it needs to stand by its growing traditions and qualities. I am proud to be a Knight and I don’t let the fact that medieval knights were a little barbaric get in the way. The fact is, we are alumni, students and staff represent knights of the 21st century and are not to be confused with the historical background of the mascot. More simply put, why change a good thing?

—Beth Shaw, Class of 2001

Grades received over computer upsets student

The fall semester is long over and by now we have all received our grades. Except in my case I haven’t received them, I had to access them. I accessed them on-line from the Polaris system. All I had to do was type in https://polaris.ucf.edu and I was on my way. You have to supply a student ID number and a pin number. The help page indicated that you could use your nine digit social security number or your sixteen digit student ID number. I used my nine digit social security number because it does not have sixteen digits. I had a little trouble with the pin number but after trying four or five different combinations I got through, and there it was, proof and validation of my scholastic endeavors of the recently passed semester.

But while staring at the computer screen I couldn’t help but think that something was missing. After some time it finally hit me. There had been no suspense. There was not the suspense like waiting for weeks for that dull, gray envelope to arrive. No rushing inside to tear open the envelope and carefully unfold the final verdict on the semester. It was just there in black and white on the computer screen. It had not even been a week since the final exam. Sixteen weeks of the habit forming ritual of going to class had not faded, and yet the final judgment had been rendered.

The interminably long three or four week waiting period to receive grades had become like a rite of passage; a time to reflect on the recent past and pass judgment on oneself, professors, and peers. Having to endure that wait built character and tearing open that envelope was a privilege, no, a right of which I have been deprived. I have also been deprived of an official record of my progress. A record that most of the time was filed in my desk, sometimes was displayed prominently on my refrigerator door, and occasionally thrown in the trash, or, more emphatically, burned. There is only cyber-proof now, and it’s just not the same.

Technology can be a wonderful thing and we are blessed with many gifts in a result. We have CDs that don’t have to be turned over to pay the other side, big screen TV’s with surround sound, and cars that talk, and are smarter than some people who operate them. None of these though are as significant as the continuing advancement of the computer and the World Wide Web. The computer has opened a world that is limited only by the imagination.

As I was staring at my grades on the screen, it occurred to me that I really hadn’t received my grades, I had only imagined it. There had been no pleasure in accessing them via computer, no anxious waiting period, and my character was no stronger than last week, the final week of the semester. There was only an emptiness, a hole that had previously been filled by the ritual of waiting for grades to arrive. And so as technology moves on, society has struggled to maintain pace with an almost blind obedience, an experience that at times leaves us not ahead, but further behind. Imagine that.

—Mark D. James

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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Traveling (aka going on vacation, taking off, or getting the hell out of wherever you’re at, just to name a few) has a countless number of benefits, especially for students. Whether it be your general class burn-out, unexplained restless urges, or a general curiosity to go somewhere different, a temporary change of environment is usually the most satisfying cure. But for anyone operating on just dollars a day, most of which you have to scrimp from Mom and Dad or blow on partying (or both), getting away isn’t always a possibility. Unless you screw around on the Internet for a while.

For those of you that actually remembered to save your pennies in a jar, backpacking through Europe is a great way to do some major travelling at a decent price without being too withdrawn from the modern world. Eurotrip (www.eurotrip.com) is the best source on everything you need to know about going there, from what to pack down to which bars to check out. This site contains a tremendous amount of info written by people who have already been there, plus you can join a mailing list and receive their newsletters.

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When it comes time to book your flight, always keep an eye out for bargains. Airtech (www.airtech.com) has some pretty good deals (definitely cheaper than STA Travel), but if dirt cheap is more your style, then the Air Courier Association has got you covered. For a small membership fee, you become an international package carrier, delivering documents to a wide choice of destinations while saving 20 to 80% on your ticket. How does to $250 round trip to London sound? It’s simpler than you think, too. You can see samples of their prices and inquire about getting an application at www.aircourier.org.

Keep in mind, though, that only a certain number of people can join countries to work in, including France, Ireland, and even Australia. Both organizations provide plenty of orientation, but require that you enter the

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If you’re still a student, two organizations can help you out. BUNAC (www.BUNAC.org) offers students the chance to work in Britain from three to six months. After issuing you a special work visa, you can roam the countryside, find a flat to crash in, find whatever kind of work suits you, and them come back when your time is up. CIEE, the Council on International Educational Exchange (www.ciee.org), also provides the same opportunity but allows a wider choice of

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AT THEATRES THIS FEBRUARY
At times a juvenile drama, a high school comedy along the lines of a National Lampoon flick, and a scathing indictment of the religion of football fanaticism, varsity Blues is a surprisingly successful picture, and the most intriguing work to date by MTV Productions, which has been plagued by the sophisticated Joe's Apartment) and the disappointing (Boris and the half for a career-ending injury, thus making Van der Beek's rise to fame without consequences that the audience could care about. But the most realistic twists are put in the fathers of the two quarterbacks: Both were on West Canaan teams of the past, and both relish taking a second stab at adolescence by living through their sons. The film's most cathartic moment comes when the star QB is injured. The first question that comes to both coach and father is: "Will he be back for the post season?" In the heat of the football season, the player's well-being can become secondary. Above all, varsity Blues is a crowd pleaser, and a serviceable one at that. It stays true to its subject rather than play down to them, unlike the other recent football themed film The Waterboy. When the players finally stand up to the tyrannical coach in The Big Game, there were shouts of approval from the audience. When the game winning catch is made (if you find the fact that West Canaan wins at the end surprising, I can only say that you haven't seen enough movies). there was applause in the crowd, something that is harder and harder to come by these days. You can say that this sports-flavored story has been done before. I wouldn't disagree with you on that. varsity Blues is certainly not the most original film to come down the pipe. And while it may not approach the quality of the finest in the genre (Rocky, Slap Shot, etc.), it packs enough punch to make for a worthwhile two hours.
Aspiring actress lands in Dawson's Creek

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Meredith Monroe was psyched. The 22-year-old actress had just gotten word that she’d won the coveted role of Andie McPhee opposite Michelle Williams, James Van Der Beek, Joshua Jackson and Katie Holmes on the red-hot WB series “Dawson’s Creek.” Then, reality set in.

“I was thrilled, in disbelief and I couldn’t believe it,” she says. “Then, as the day came that I was to get on a plane to go out to Wilmington, North Carolina, I started panicking. I was like, ‘Oh, I hope (the star quartet) like me.’ They’d worked together for a year already. They knew each other and I was going to be the new kid on the block. But everybody was so welcoming and friendly. I was also lucky because I wasn’t the only newcomer. Monica Keena was still pretty new and Kerr Smith, who plays my brother Jack, was as new as I was. So, Monica, Jack and I were in the same boat, but the other four couldn’t have been nicer. That first night everyone had dinner together and all my fears vanished.”

Andie’s arrival surely rocked “Dawson’s” boat, as she started to date Pacey (Jackson) and alienate Capeside’s local terror, Abby (Keena). Monroe describes Andie as a young woman who’s just not quite as perky-cute as she appears to be. “I’m like, ‘OK, what is THAT?’ and get my dictionary out. But it’s good. It’s a learning experience.”

Actually, it’s all still a learning experience for Monroe, who was born in Houston and raised in Orlando, Dallas and just outside Chicago. An agent who lived next door to her family suggested Monroe try acting and she did just that, moving to New York City after graduating from high school. A role on the short-lived series “Dangerous Minds” came her way, which brought her to Los Angeles, where she subsequently landed roles on “The Magnificent Seven,” “Promised Land,” and in the upcoming CBS TV movie “Beyond the Prayer: The True Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder.”

Monroe reports that she’s signed for the season and expects to be back next year as well. “Dawson’s” dialogue, a bizarre blend of SAT words and teenspeak, is still a bit of a dream, Monroe says. “I’m not as stable as I seem. And my mother is a nutcase and my brother Jack is oblivious to it all.”

Monroe, laughing, “There are days when I say, ‘I have marbles in my mouth today!’ because NOTHING comes out right. When I read a script I usually know what the words are, what they mean. I might not use them in a conversation. I might not string the words in that order or use as many of them in a sentence, but I know the vocabulary and if I don’t, I’m learning something new. There are times I get a word, go ‘OK, what is THAT?’ and get my dictionary out. But it’s good. It’s a learning experience.”

“I’m like, ‘You want MY autograph? But that doesn’t happen often.’”

— Meredith Monroe

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Lead Stories

• Empowered by a November referendum in which 73 percent of the country voted against legalizing drugs, Swiss prosecutors announced they would file challenges to current law on marijuana, which bans its sale only as a "narcotic." Over the last three years, several hemp shops have opened, selling dried mari­juana as an herbal room freshener (with names like "Juicy Fruit" and "Lemon Skunk") and labeled "not for consumption."

• A December Wall Street Journal report described the problems of auto manufacturers to crush testing their cars using mannequins not only of govern­ment-decided sizes and weight but wearing clothing prescribed in minute detail by regulation. Included are requirements that the dummies wear shoes of a precise weight and a black-leather style, that "adults" wear matched sets of shirts and caps and form-fitting shoes, that a "child" must wear "thermal knit, waffle-weave polyester and canvas underwear or equivalent," with size 7M sneakers, with "rubber toe caps, uppers of Dacron and cotton or nylon and a total mass of 453 g." Only recently did the national drop their requirement that all adult clothes be of the color "tea rose" and that all shoes be gray suede.

• Tale of Two Towns: According to a December New York Times report, residents of the unincorporated community called Brookville, Ala., are gathered to make petitions to the state to create an official town based on the Bible and - the Ten Commandments, bringing together church and state, which are supposedly constitutionally separate. Sinners would be welcome but expected to observe public behavior codes and might have to attend church services to have their votes counted because many of the town's decisions would be made there. At the other end of the spectrum, El Paso (Texas) County officials in November got a court order decree­ing the town of Buford, calling it a sham set up solely to protect virtually its only "residents:" a dozen adult bookstores and strip clubs that have, in the 36 years of Buford's existence, been exempt from coun­try regulation.

• According to Kenya's largest newspaper, the Daily Nation, the government in October formed a committee to study potential problems with the country's computers complying with the Jan. 1, 2000, date changeover. The final report and recommendations of the committee were ordered published within 18 months, which would be April 18, 2000.

Least Competent Criminals

• Oditon Cabral, 18, and a 14-year-old companion were arrested in October in San Diego and charged with shoplifting items from an AMPM Mini Mart. A clerk who said he witnessed the shoplifting chased them out of the store and returned to call 911. While the clerk was on the phone, the suspects returned to the store to ask another clerk for a bug to put their stuff in. Their return trip to the store delayed them enough that police spotted them as they were leaving.

Recurring Themes

• The "Classic Middle Name (continued): Challenging in September the competence of his lawyer in his conviction for murdering a preacher named Cates, by Jewett, Ind.; Gerald Wayne Riviere, Informants at his sentencing hearing (after being convicted of murder in Turlock, Calif., in December) that he regretted not killing all of them, too; David Wayne Arzadian, Executed in McKeesport, Okla., in December for the murder of his wife; John Wayne Dood, Captured after a brief jailbreak in Nashville, Tenn., in December; accused murderer Michael Wayne Perry. Named the prime suspect is the disappearance of a 14-year-old girl in Roseburg, Ore.; in December, Dale Wayne Hill, Dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after critically wounding his ex-girlfriend in Brooklyn, N.Y., in July; Robert Wayne Riley.

Government in Action

• An inadvertent pitch in the recent earthquake-proof construction at Barnstable (Mass.) High School: The building is so solidly soundproof that "I'll bet you I've been asked 100 times...why we just didn't make our lakes bigger."

Solutions on Page 10!
A fellow writer for the Future recently let me in on a little secret, Playing By Heart was supposed to have a very witty and intriguing title, Talking About Love is Like Dancing About Architecture. But as most ‘could have been’ anecdotes go, it didn’t come into being because, well, Hollywood marketing departments aren’t concerned with challenging the literary imagination, they would rather forgo the risk by using simplistic but memorable titles aimed at boosting sale figures, not consciousness. How unfortunate because Playing By Heart shines brightest when screenwriter Willard Carroll is left to his own clever and somewhat sublime devices.

Carroll’s screenplay attracted an ensemble of eminent names and reputable talents, some of whom put on their best performances to date. Included among the quality supernovas are Gena Rowlands (back in the form John Cassavettes, Faces et al., once captured her in several decades ago), Jay Mohr (whose wise cracking smirk, circa Jerry Macquire, is profoundly absent in the poignant depiction of a homosexual with AIDS) and stellar newcomer Angelina Jolie (who’s last work in Gia was as haunting and disturbing a depiction of a supermodel ever brought to celluloid). The vague narrative structure allows for some creative cinematic moments which come off like a pebble adorned with a camera, intimately disturbing a naked puddle. A large and daunting cast appears to have underwritten writer/director Willard Carroll who has allowed the chaotic and indeterminate flight of personalities to shine brightest within their own microcosmic bubbles. In spite of the films densely interwoven narrative on the nature of love in its various forms, its structure is virtually silent, the puddle invisible, and the psychological depth which is so frequently absent in character driven films splashes out with an inventive tenacity.

All of this leads to a rather insistent question, does the film suffer from a lack of grounding? The answer is surprising. On one hand, Playing By Heart is funny where many directors would have been tragic, and Carroll never appears cynical. That’s not to say he does not include clever and cynical ways of approaching the romantic conflicts which propel the film to its rather expectant conclusions, but the viewer never feels tied down to a character by yanking an worn out heart strings. And then there is the other side of things, Carroll deftly unites all romantic episodes into a single film without the storyline suffering any loss of integrity simply by the use of one charming phrase: “angerball.”

Of course if this seems at all too complex and dynamic for a mainstream Hollywood film about love, you can rest assured that Miramax has enlisted the talents of James Bond alumnus, composer John Barry, to mold a memorable and hypnotic jazz score (for those who prefer the hummable glossola of plaintive melody to enveloping rhythm, rat tat tat). And like the pebble in the puddle, the drops of water never lose their way or dissolve, they all eventually wind up back in the same pool and life (and death) is left undisturbed. Ultimately, Playing By Heart rewards and frustrates as much as any verbal dance about architecture could and this seems reason enough to proffer a recommendation.

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Knights rebound nicely after first TAAC loss

Tony Mejia
SPORTS EDITOR

UCF had lost its first conference game at Jacksonville State. Despite the best TAAC start in school history, you can bet Coach Lynn Bria was not pleased. Why? Because Bria wasn’t pleased with a perfect 4-0 mark prior to the loss.

“We still have a whole conference season in front of us and there are a lot of things we can be doing better,” Bria said. “I never want to be satisfied. At least not until after the season.”

With that attitude, UCF could be playing well into March. With the season considered a work in progress, the Knights shook off the effects of their first defeat and overwhelmed Samford, 76-59. Kate Fetzek and Chat McClendon each came off the bench to score 16 points and UCF shot 57 percent in the second half in the Saturday afternoon win at Samford Hall.

In the win, Chariya Davis added 12 points and 11 rebounds for UCF (9-7, 5-1), while T.J. Williams added 11 points and four assists. Davis, who is second in TAAC in scoring and assists (19.1 ppg, 5.2 apg), also recorded four steals to move past Marcie Swilley as UCF’s all-time leader.

The Knights return home for a pair of key conference games against Mercer and Troy State. UCF is tied with TAAC-leader Jacksonville State in the loss column, but the Gamecocks have played two more games and therefore are 7-1. Troy State, UCF’s Saturday night opponent, is right behind the Knights at 5-2 in TAAC play.

UCF enters a stretch in which it will play five of its next seven games at home. The stretch starts against the Bears (6-11, 2-5) on Thursday night. Despite its poor record, Mercer has given up the least amount of points of anyone in the TAAC this year. The Bears also take full advantage of the three-point line, shooting the best percentage while leading in three-point field goal defense. Chiseten Edwards leads Mercer with a 15.3 points-per-game average, while Jenny Sessor is third in the TAAC in three-pointers made.

Troy State (6-11, 5-2), led by junior forward LaKeisha Parrish, is coming off a costly one-point loss against Georgia State. Parrish is averaging 15 points and 7.5 rebounds per contest, and will be a tough challenge for Khaliah Guillory, Camille Howard, LaToya Graham, and McClendon.

UCF goes on the road next week to face Mercer and Troy State again, knowing the Knights will be very familiar with those two opponents by the time next week is over.

Davis provides quiet leadership

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Chariya Davis is one of UCF’s links to the Jerry Richardson era.

Chariya Davis is one of three Golden Knights remaining from the Richardson era. She started 24 games for UCF in ’95-’96, leading the team in assists and being pivotal in UCF’s run to the NCAA Tournament. Her final game under Richardson was at the Dance, and that’s where she wants to end her career this year. She was there for the tears, the pain, and the retribution, something she’ll take with her all her life.

Davis is a quiet leader. You will rarely see her rattled. Quietly, yet confidently, she handles the ball in key situations. When you are the TAAC Pre-Season Player-of-the-Year, rewriting school records, you don’t have to say much.

Chat McClendon and Kate Fetzek were also there for the difficulties starting over. Moving on has been their greatest obstacle. The rest of the Knights may not have been there when tragedy struck, but they were there for the period of adjustment, even today. Every day is an adjustment under Bria. Every day there is a lesson to be learned.

Bria has recruited tremendous talent from all over the country. LaDonna Larry, Paula Nesbitt, Kelly Ely, Camille Howard, Nancy Richter, LaToya Graham, Khaliah Guillory, Leslie Drake, and T.J. Williams all play a part in UCF’s possible return to the NCAA Tournament. Once there, the Knights would play to win, or look towards next year if they lose, trying to learn from the experience and put another piece of the puzzle together.

That’s looking to far ahead, however, as this team does things one task at a time. Welcome to the world of UCF women’s basketball, where you don’t dwell on the good or the bad. Rather, you learn from it and move on. A loss to Florida means as much as a tough win against Seton Hall. Every game serves a purpose, nothing is taken for granted, over-looked, or reviled in. Knowing this team’s history would you expect anything else?

More than anything, it’s still basketball. Now that you’ve been properly introduced, make time for it. I know I will.
Trio of games will show UCF where it stands early

FROM PAGE 24

been victorious in one of their previous seven Classic games, after going 3-0 in 1996.

This year's tournament field will provide the Knights with an early test to see where they stand as Duke, South Alabama, and Rice line up opposite UCF.

The Knights face Duke on Friday in the night-cap following the South Alabama-Rice game. Tallahassee Community College transfer David Rankin makes his debut on the mound for the Knights against a Duke team that finished last season one win shy of the school record for victories at 38-20.

The Blue Devils are led by two Louisville Slugger TPX Pre-Season All-America Third-Team selections, shortstop Vaughn Schill and pitcher Stephen Cowen. Schill led the team with a .367 average and added 14 home runs and 48 RBI's, while Cowen posted an 11-2 record with a 2.85 ERA and 111 strikeouts last year.

On Saturday, the Knights play South Alabama in the first game of the day, which will be followed by the Duke-Rice matchup. The Jaguars finished 42-19 last year, losing to national champion Southern Cal in the NCAA Regional final. UCF is 4-3 against USA, with the last match-up ending in a 6-5 victory for the Knights in the 1995 NCAA Atlantic Regional.

Freshman Justin Pope will start the game for the Knights against the Jaguars. Pope was drafted in the late rounds of the MLB Draft out of Wellington High School, but decided to honor his commitment to UCF.

The Knights toughest test will come when they face the Rice Owls on Sunday in the tournament finale following the Duke-South Alabama game. The Owls enter the game ranked sixth in the pre-season Baseball America poll. UCF has played Rice in two of the past three seasons, losing 6-5 in 1996 and winning 4-3 last year.

Troy Satterfield, the only regular starter returning for the Knights, will open against Rice. He posted a 5-3 record last year, while starting nine games. He had a 3.65 ERA while only walking 13 batters in 66.2 innings.

“We will get a chance to look at our entire pitching staff during the tournament because everyone will be on a pitch count,” Bergman said. “We will be pretty good in the bullpen, but our problem could be in the middle relief. We’re gonna move a lot of people around early in the season.”

Despite the mass of players lost to the professional ranks, UCF still has a few players that put up impressive numbers last season. Left fielder Matt Bowser and closer Jason Arnold both earned Freshman All-America honors. In addition, first baseman Dustin Brisson and second baseman Tim Boeth return to solidify the right side of the infield.

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**UCF picked to win fourth title in five years**

The 1999 Trans America Athletic Conference Baseball Preseason Poll has the University of Central Florida picked to win their fourth TAAC Championship in the last five years according to voting completed by each of the TAAC Head Coaches.

UCF, TAAC Champions in 1997, 1996 and 1995, is the preseason favorite to win both the TAAC Regular-Season and Championship titles in 1999. The Golden Knights (41-21 overall in 1998), receiving three first place votes to Troy State's four, finished atop the Trojans in the preseason poll due to six second-place votes to Troy State's one second-place vote.

Troy State University (37-21 overall), finishing second in last year's TAAC Championship, is picked to finish second in the regular-season standings while TAAC first-year member Jacksonville University (31-27 overall) is slated third in the preseason predictions.

Florida Atlantic University and Stetson University round out the top five preseason poll while Mercer University is tabbed sixth according to league coaches.

Jacksonville State University and Georgia State University are predicted to finish seventh and eighth, respectively, with Campbell University and Samford University finished ninth and tenth in the preseason poll.

Century College completes the preseason predictions at the eleventh spot.

The 1999 TAAC Baseball Season, beginning on March 5 and concluding on May 14-15, features non-divisional, single-round-robin play (30 TAAC contests per school) with the top six teams based on Conference winning percentage advancing to the TAAC Championship. The 1999 TAAC Championship, set for May 16-22 Wednesday-Sunday, is a six-team, double-elimination event being held for the second straight year at the Osceola County Stadium in Kissimmee, Florida.

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Tickets are now on sale for the 1999 UCF Baseball season which will be played at Tinker Field in downtown Orlando.

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All seating is general admission at Tinker Field.

For those hoping to catch the Golden Knights compete against Duke, South Alabama and Rice in the 11th Annual Olive Garden Baseball Classic at Osceola County Stadium Jan 29-31, tickets can be purchased through Ticket Master at (407) 839-3900. Ticket prices are as follows: $5.00 for adults and $3.00 for children 17 & under and senior citizens.

Three-day passes are also available.

**Knights pick up four more verbal**

This past weekend, UCF picked up four more verbal commitments, including Lakeeland Kathleen linebacker Antione Poe.

Joining Poe (6-0, 195) is Boyd Anderson CB Asante Samuel (5-11, 187), Walton DE/DT Doug Walker (6-4, 281) and South Plantation DT Jason Hollins (6-4, 245).

Poe was a highly-recruited prospect until he suffered a devastating knee injury in his team's first game this year. Schools including Florida, Florida State and Miami backed off while UCF continued to recruit him. Poe canceled a visit to Indiana to come to UCF this weekend. He had 4.6 speed before his injury.

UCF has 24 verbal commitments and will sign 24 players on national signing day. The Knights likely will sign over that amount in the event some won't academically qualify or some will enroll at UCF in January.

UCF also will sign some players who won't qualify and place them in junior college with the hopes of getting them back in two years.

—TONY MEJIA
UCF falls at Centenary

Centenary’s Ronnie Collum and Ed Dossen scored 24 points apiece to lead the Gents to an 87-80 win over a Brad Traina-less UCF team on Saturday afternoon. UCF was without leading scorer Traina, who could not play because of a stress fracture in his leg. Also out was backup center Davin Granberry (shoulder). In addition to those absences, five Knights were suffering from the flu, including starters D’Quarius Stewart, Marko Lovett and Cory Perry.

Stilt. UCF hung around, getting to within one point at 78-77 with under three minutes remaining. However, Centenary (9-8, 5-2) made all the plays down the stretch to put UCF (10-8, 6-2) the short-handed defeat.

“We had no life to us and in some ways I’m extremely disappointed we didn’t overcome that,” Coach Kirk Speraw said. “You have to put that out of your head and we can’t use that as an excuse. It’s a built-in excuse for failure.”

“On the other hand we battled back and got into a position to win the game but just didn’t hit the key shots.”

UCF stayed close primarily because of the efforts of reserve power forward Benoni Simms. Simms scored a career-high 27 points on 18-of-13 shooting. UCF shot 56 percent (31 of 55) for the game, but Centenary was better shooting 62 percent. Colunn needed seven free-throws to set the NCA record for consecutive makes (64), but missed his first attempt of the game to snap his streak of 58 straight successful free throws. He then made his next seven attempts to start a new streak.

Three other Knights scored in double figures, including Perry (14), Stewart (13) and Jason Thornton (11).

Haven’t got time for the pain

Melio, medio…UCF is playing tonight. That’s been the story for the Golden Knights this season, who at the very least could use a good herb doctor to cure their ills.

Speraw can only shake his head at what’s happened to his team this year. UCF may not have lost many players for games this season, but the number of players who played with pain is substantial.

“Every day it’s something else,” Speraw said. “It’s gotten to the point where it’s like who’s next, when will it happen, and what will it be. At the same time, we can’t use it as an excuse. To this point, we haven’t. I’ve been real proud of the way we’ve played through it.”

Traina and Granberry, who both missed the game at Centenary, were really starting to make their mark this season. Traina is third in the TAAC in scoring and is one of the league’s top three-point threats, while Granberry has increased his rebound totals and was starting to come into his own as a low-post scoring threat.

Both will have to recover for UCF to be deep and effective enough to make a run at the TAAC crown and the NCAA tournament.

TAAC race tightens up

Centenary’s victory over UCF and Samford’s subsequent domination of Georgia State opened the gap between the Bulldogs and the rest of the league, but closed the margin for those teams chasing the top dog.

Samford is 8-0 going into their game with the Knights, who are sitting in second place in the league at 6-2. Centenary is 5-2, Stetson is 5-2, while the pre-season favorite Panthers would currently fifth at 5-3. Surprise, surprise…Campbell is sixth, sporting a 4-4 TAAC mark, with two of those losses coming against the Golden Knights.

Quote of the Week

“I’m afraid of every team. We can’t afford to look past anybody,” Speraw said when asked if he was apprehensive about playing currently wireless Jacksonville State on the road, following a big game against Samford, with it being the fourth game UCF would play in ten days—prime characteristics of a possible upset.

—TONY MEJIA

UCF depth a key in upset bid

best penetrator and defender. He’s averaging 13.0 points per game. If Samford does have a weakness it’s rebounding, as the Bulldogs are last in the TAAC in that department. Another area to watch is how effective Samford is down the stretch if UCF plays them close. Rawlings, Salyers, Daniel, Lopez, and forward Boyd Kaiser play the majority of the team’s minutes, with only sophomore Corey Green seeing significant playing time off the bench. That lack of depth could hurt them against a deep UCF team.

Win or lose, UCF has one more road game to play following the Samford contest. The Knights will play their fourth straight away from home against Jacksonville State (5-12, 0-7), who is on the opposite end of the spectrum from the Bulldogs, having lost every conference game thus far. JSU is led by guard Marlon Gatley, who averages 15.1 points per game.

“Every team scares me,” Speraw said. “We can’t take any team for granted in this league. I don’t know why they haven’t won yet. I know (JSU coach) Mark Turgoon and he’s a good coach and a great competitor. We won’t take them lightly.”

Still the luster of this week for the Knights comes Thursday night, at Siebert Hall, against Samford-the TAAC’s new powerhouse.

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Speraw Quote of the Week

“Scared of every team.” —Kirk Speraw
January 27, 1999

The TAAC Leaderboard

MEN’S HOOPS

Team Standings

Team W-L Pct PF PA Overall W-L Pct PF PA

Jacksonville State
Central Florida
Stetson
Campbell
Mercer
Jacksonville
Florida Atlantic
Troy State
Jacksonville State

Conference
4-3 .667 67.9 72.9
5-2 .833 71.4 69.0
4-4 .500 69.3 75.4
5-2 .714 67.9 69.7
3-6 .333 67.9 72.9
2-5 .286 64.0 72.2
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Configuration
Conference

Scoring

Player-Team

1.Arnette, Damon-FAU
2.Law, Tim-CENT
3.Salley, Marc-SAM
4.Hampton, Joel-STET
5.Davis, Chariya-UCF
6.Lopez, Mario-SAM
7.Mehaffey, Colleen-SAM
8.Davis, Chariya-UCF
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37 115 376 22.1
43 72 255 15.9
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83 100 166 10.6
133 106 239 15.0
128 75 213 15.8
76 126 232 15.2
67 116 213 15.5
51 90 142 9.4
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70 117 187 11.8
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Player-Team

1.Perry, Cory-UCF
2.Law, Tim-CENT
3.Layton, Wes-CAM
4.Haynes, Mario-STET
5.Lopez, Mario-STET
6.Salby, Marc-SAM
7.Powell, Cedric-FAU
8.Wille, Rashard-JSU
9.Daniels, Nickolas-FAU
10.Davis, Garrett-STET

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Leaderboard

Rebounding

Player-Team

1.Adamson, Mark-MER
2.Singleyart, Sebastian-JSU
3.Arnott, Dannon-FAU
4.Hampton, Santos-CENT
5.Slaughter, Calvin-JSU
6.Simmons, Jamie-CAM
7.Lovett, Mario-UCF
8.Dosson, Ed-CENT
9.Christopher, Eugene-SAM
10.Fowler, Wes-JSU

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TRAVIS BELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Very few collegiate basketball players have the skills to play every position, but then again, very few people are like UCF forward Mario Lovett. Lovett is one of the limited number of players that has the confidence and skills to play every position. At least that’s what he says, which with Lovett doesn’t mean much, since he says a lot.

“You can’t believe a word Mario says,” jokes Coach Kirk Speraw. “He’s always running his mouth. It never stops, not in the locker room or in games. That’s just his personality.”

While Lovett talks a big game, the 6-foot-6, 225-pounder has what it takes to back up his running commentary. He’s proved to be effective at any position, and has especially taken a liking to point guard, a position all power forwards aspire to play, but few can pull off like Lovett can.

“I ran it (the point) in practice a couple of times,” Lovett said. “I ran it a little bit in the McNeese State game. It’s no thing. I can handle it out there. I think it’s fun.”

With Cory Perry and D’Quarius Stewart logging the minutes of majority running the team, the junior forward has the option to play small or a three-pointer, Lovett will find opportunities that many other big men can’t.

“We kind of run a pseudo point with him, and he’s pretty free to rebound the ball and bring it in transition,” Coach Kirk Speraw said. “You see him leading the break quite a bit. When you see someone his size handling the ball like he does it’s pretty impressive.”

Lovett had his best game of the season during a 15-point victory over Stetson on January 16. He connected on 7-of-10 field goals and all four of his free throws for a career-high 19 points, and he pulled down a team-high eight rebounds. However, Lovett was praised more for his defensive play. After helping hold Sebastian Singletary to just 5 points, on 2-of-7 shooting from the field.

“I just use my quickness in the post, and try not to let the postman catch me,” Lovett said. “I feel that if I get behind any post player, they’re gonna score on me, so I use my quickness to my advantage.”

His lockdown of Singletary came two days after Lovett held Miami’s Tim James to just 3 points.

Nevertheless, Lovett’s defense has been overlooked all season because he has rarely had a bad defensive effort. In his first major defensive test of the season, he held Auburn’s Chris Thomas to only two points on 1-of-4 shooting. Then just a few games later, he held Miami’s Tim James to just eight points, despite the fact that he is averaging nearly a double-double for the season. These are two of the country’s top power forwards combining for just 10 points.

“Mario has been playing very good defense all year long,” Speraw said. “He’s stepped out there, and he has been very consistent with his defensive effort. Mario is doing an awfully good job at the four spot.”

Not only has Lovett’s low-post play improved his own numbers, it has helped free up Brad Traina and D’Quarius Stewart to find the perimeter. Traina and Stewart have combined for over 30 points per game during the Knights 6-2 start in the Trans America Athletic Conference, and they have been able to rely on Lovett and the other low-post players to pick up the scoring inside.

“When they key on in DQ and Brad, I get open shots,” Lovett said. “Most of the big men will help out against them, so we can get an easy lay-up.”

No matter whether it’s a lay-up or a three-pointer, Lovett will find a way to score. Or if it means running the point or posting up a perimeter forward, Lovett will do whatever it takes for the team to win. The opposition can’t sleep on Lovett anymore, not that he would let them, since it difficult not to notice him, and impossible not to hear him.

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Knights prepare for showdown with Samford

**Toney Mejia**  SPORTS EDITOR

In what is probably the biggest game of the regular season to date, UCF limps in to Samford on Thursday night, literally.

The Golden Knights have been decimated by injuries and illness all season long, but have overcome the setbacks to post the TAAC's second-best record. However, Samford is picking up right where the departed College of Charleston left off, as the Bulldogs are undefeated and have dominated conference opponents, outscoring them by an average of nearly 18 points. They will not be sympathetic to UCF's woes.

Brad Trim a missed the contest against Centenary, an 87-80 UCF loss, because of problems with his foot, which has already been diagnosed as a stress fracture. Dave Granberry has missed the last two games because of a separated shoulder, and starters Cory Perry, Mario Lovett, and D'Quarius Stewart all were feeling the effects of the flu.

Samford leads the TAAC in scoring, least points allowed, field goal percentage, 3-point shooting, 3-pointers made, and assists. Junior forward Reed Rawlings has emerged as a candidate for Player-of-the-Year honors, leading the Bulldogs in scoring (18.1-5th in TAAC), rebounding (5.1-13th), steals (1.8-8th), and assists. Junior forward Reed Rawlings has emerged as a candidate for Player-of-the-Year honors, leading the Bulldogs in scoring (18.1-5th in TAAC), rebounding (5.1-13th), steals (1.8-8th), and assists.

The Golden Knights return home for two games with a 5-1 TAAC record.

Women's team embodies coaches perseverance

**Toney Mejia**  SPORTS EDITOR

I'll start this piece off with a bit of honesty: I don't watch a lot of women's basketball. It has nothing to do with the game (it's still basketball) or the fact that it's women playing (it's still basketball), it's just that I focus on the men's game so much it leaves me time for little else.

However, for UCF's women's basketball team, I may just have to make time.

I recently witnessed my first women's game of the year, a tightly contested win against Stetson. What impressed me the most about the whole game was how fast the team moved, how well they communicated, and how well they worked together.

I think the biggest thing that has helped the team this year is the addition of a new head coach, Lynn Bria. Although she is not a household name, she has been instrumental in helping the team reach its full potential.

UCF coach Lynn Bri has been instrumental in creating the success of the women's basketball program.

Women's hoops

**Tony Mejia**  SPORTS EDITOR

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