Crowning Mr. UCF: millennium style

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SPORT WRITER

People packed the UCF Student Resource Center Auditorium Nov. 9 to watch 10 UCF students strut their stuff in the hopes of winning the title of "Mr. UCF, 2000." Kirk Speraw said.

Kirk Speraw served as the 11th candidate. For the first time ever, beachwear was one of the categories in the show. Most candidates just wore a tank top with shorts. After the candidates did the catwalk in their beach gear, they each displayed their own individualism in talent. Some of that talent included Joe Hilton singing Garth Brooks' "It's Your Song" and Matt DiPietro playing the piano while singing "N Sync's "God Must've Spent A Little More Time On You." and Brett Algood singing "Twist N' Shout." The formal wear competition, combined with the interview portion, was last. There were two questions asked to each candidate: what would they change about UCF, and what would they say about UCF to someone who knows nothing about the university. Finally, after all of the competition, the five judges cast their votes. The beach wear counted 15 percent of the total score, the talent portion counted 50, the formal wear counted 15, and the interview counted 40.

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John Santo is greeted on stage by Kristin Cimock, Miss Orlando 1999, after being named the "Man of the Millennium." Eleven candidates competed for the title at the Mr. UCF pageant on Nov. 9.

High profile home games tip off UCF basketball season

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An extra student section has been cleared off in preparation for Friday night's UCF basketball doubleheader and the 1999-2000 season.

Take the hint.
The Golden Knights will welcome a pair of high profile rivals to open the season, with the women encountering South Florida and the men facing No. 24 Miami, setting the stage for an even more exciting evening of hoops provided a solid fan base shows up to enjoy it.

"We desperately need the students out here. I think the element missing to make the Dungeon a really difficult place to play is that we need to bounce around and set the tone," Men's basketball coach Kirk Speraw said. "We need them to come out and scream and yell and start developing a scene of school spirit." UCF will have its work cut out for it in planning to upset two of the country's larger programs.

How to avoid becoming a statistic

NICOLE KING
NEWS EDITOR

According to the FBI's annual Uniform Crime Report, a robbery occurs every 59 seconds, a violent crime, every 19 seconds and a property crime, every 3 seconds.

There are very few people who have not been the victim of some type of crime. However, there are tips, if followed, that will prevent you from becoming a victim.

During the holiday season, extra precautions should be taken when visiting malls and shopping centers. Sgt. Tom Gorbas, director of UCF's Crime Prevention Unit, recommends using the buddy system. "Go shopping only during daylight hours and only with friends," Gorbas said. "Try to be more aware of your environment and don't flaunt jewelry or money. I also recommend taking the least amount of cash as you can.

Gorbas said shoppers are at their most vulnerable when they are returning to their cars. He recommends putting packages in the trunk, out of view. "Just throwing a blanket over the bags doesn't quite hide it," Gorbas said. "Criminals know there is something valuable underneath it and they are always looking for cars full of packages."

Gorbas said if you are approached by a thief, "Whatever the criminal wants, give it to him. Your life is not worth a few pennies, so spend your money elsewhere."

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Safety while Partyng

If you are going to a club, Gorbas said one of the most important tips is to be careful where you park. "Of course, you will probably go out at night," he said. "But be aware of the surroundings and go in a group that way you can keep an eye on each other throughout the night." Gorbas also made sure to talk about the group's designated driver.

Kim Williams, victim advocate for UCF's Victim Services Unit, advises that once inside the party or club, to never leave a drink unattended. "Watch the bartender make the drink or buy it yourself."

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Journalism department replaces grammar test with new requirements

Adam Shiver
Staff Writer

Soon to be journalism majors may have a new reason to be excited. The grammar proficiency test that has been required of journalism students is a thing of the past.

Students will now be able to meet this prerequisite by passing their Composition I and II classes with a grade of B or above.

The new requirements are effective immediately for journalism majors.

A school committee recently came to the decision to change the requirement.

"I wish they would have done that a long time ago," Journalism major Amy Nordquist said. "I missed it [the grammar test] by like two points and had to take the special English course."

"I haven't taken the grammar test yet," Nicole Doucette, a public relations major and journalism minor, said. "I'm so happy. It saves me from paying the $15."

"I am all in favor of the new requirement," O'Keefe said. "We haven't been happy with it and have been searching for a way around it. Other schools have gone back to this way of doing things already and we thought it was a good idea."

Those needing to take the test due to inadequate grades in their Composition classes can make an appointment with the Testing and Counseling Center at 823-5109.

The exams are given twice a week: Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Those who fail the test have an option of taking the specialized English course.

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Members of Campus Crusade hand out Freshman Survival Kits outside of the Student Union. The club gave out kits containing a yo-yo, CD, video and Bible to more than 600 freshman on Nov. 5.

"It was crazy, we couldn't give them away fast enough," Jorge Pagan said. "People seemed to enjoy them a lot, we were happy to give them away. What was inside the bags was real and relevant for UCF students." Those who received the kits and wish to receive more information may contact the organization at crusade@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu or visit their website at www.waymore.org.
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UCF Auditions Postponed

The Miss UCF auditions scheduled for Nov. 17 have been postponed. The time and place for the auditions have not yet been decided.

Registration


By telephone using Touch Tone at 407-823-2527 or toll free at 877-823-2527. For assistance, call the Registrar’s Office at 407-823-3333.

Business Fraternity to Honor College of Business at Breakfast

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Alpha Kappa Psi, professional business fraternity, Nu Chi Chapter, will hold its third Faculty Breakfast from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Nov. 22 and Nov. 23.

The breakfast is held to recognize the College of Business’ faculty and staff for their hard work and dedication. A faculty member will be honored for demonstrating exemplary skills in teaching, research and/or involvement in the university. Alpha Kappa Psi will also be collecting toys for “Toys for Tots.”

“We hope that this joint event will not only let the faculty and staff know that they are appreciated, but that all of them, as well as members of the UCF community, know that we also give back to the Orlando community,” Public Relations Chair Sebrina Vreuls, said.

Dr. William Callarman, Nu Chi faculty advisor, said the upcoming Faculty Breakfast is one way the fraternity is giving back to the University.

“It’s a way to show their appreciation for what the University is doing for them,” Callarman said.

Alpha Kappa Psi is the nation’s oldest professional business fraternity. Nu Chi chapter is made up of a diverse group of students ages 17-45.
Work at a software start-up.
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Awareness of surroundings a major part of crime prevention

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it in a bottle," she said. "And never accept an open drink from someone you don’t trust.

"Keep your eye on it whether the drink is alcoholic or not. There is always a danger of someone slipping a drug into it," Williams said the most common drugs used are Gamma Hydroxybutyrate (GHB), a depressant of the central nervous system, and Rohypnol, a prescription sleeping medication that is illegal in the United States. "But any other sedative, like Valium, works the same way," she said.

Williams and Gorbas both advised to never drink out of an open punch bowl.

Gorbas said, "When there are a lot of people coming in and out, anyone could drop something into the punch bowl. Even snacks are at risk. I heard of a case once where someone put LSD on potato chips. It could have killed anyone at that party.

Williams said the best defense is a good offense.

"Stick to the original plan," she said. "Figure out before hand who is going home with whom and stay with that plan. Also, watch your friends and look out for warning signs that someone has been drugged."

Williams said the signs include:

• Disproportionately "drunk," a person has only had one beer but acts like they have downs a whole keg.
• Unexplained drowsiness.
• Unconsciousness.
• Poor motor coordination.
• Impaired judgment.
• Loss of inhibition.
• Dizziness.
• Confusion.
• Impaired memory.
• Uncharacteristic behavior.

If someone has been drugged, seek medical help as soon as possible.

Safety while Driving

Many people have a false sense of security that they and their cars will be protected. "What they don’t realize is that thieves don’t just go after your car, they go after you too," Gorbas said.

"There aren’t any special tricks to protect yourself while you are driving" he said. "The only thing you can really do is be aware of your surroundings and don’t drive alone, especially through typically dangerous areas."

Williams said she has been advised to leave enough room between her car and the car in front of her in case she sees someone approaching from behind or from the side, "I would have enough room to jump a curb and drive off. I always think about keeping an open route of escape."

Gorbas said if you feel like you are being followed, never head home. Drive to a brightly lit area and try to seek help. Write down the tag number of the suspicious car and report the incident immediately to the police. He also advises keeping a cell phone in your car if only for emergency purposes.

If your car does break down, Gorbas said to stay in the car unless you are in a heavy traffic area. "That is a personal decision, if you feel safer out of the car, go out," he said. "Otherwise, get out to pop the hood and then get back in. And don’t forget to put your flashers on to alert someone."

Gorbas said if someone approaches the car, roll down the window about an inch and tell them to call the police, but don’t get out.

Safety while on Campus

Most major college campuses offer some type of student escort service. At UCF, the Student Escort Patrol Service (SEPS) operates Sunday through Thursday from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Four to five escorts a night accompany students to their vehicles or to their residences on campus either by walking them or with a golf cart.

"A lot of people use the service as a shuttle service just to avoid the weather, and that’s fine," Gorbas said. "But even if it’s a walking escort, it is still a safe escort."

Gorbas said that UCF’s Chief of Police, Richard Tarkiewicz, mandates that anyone who feels unsafe during any time can request an escort by a UCF officer. SEPS can be reached at 823-2424 and the UCF Police Department at 823-5555.

Gorbas said one of the most common problems at UCF is theft. He said students often leave backpacks and purses unattended. "Don’t ever leave your possessions alone," he said. "Take your wallet out of your bag and take it with you. Also, engrave your bike with your driver’s license number and lock it up by both the wheels and the frame."

Gorbas said the key to all crime prevention is staying aware of your surroundings and using common sense. "Make yourself as small of a target as possible," he said. "Thieves are looking for easy targets. If you know the skills to staying safe, you can prevent becoming the

Suspicious activities that should be noted:
• A car continually driving through the parking lot.
• Loitering.
• A broken window or door to your residence or place of business.
• A scream.
• Offers of merchandise at unusually low prices.
• Fights.
• Someone with weapons.
• An injured person.

If there are suspicious individuals, make a mental note of the person(s) description, like their weight, height, clothing, age and race.

Safety while walking and jogging:
• Don’t walk or jog alone.
• Stay on well-traveled and well-lit paths. Stay out of isolated areas.
• Walk confidently and always have a destination.
• Don’t walk or jog with headphones on as this reduces your hearing ability and observation skills.
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Cold sores can be prevented by using sunscreen on lips

Q: Is there anything I can do to prevent cold sores? Sometimes I get them on my lips.

A: Cold sores (or fever blisters) are caused by the herpes simplex virus that is carried by many people. An outbreak can be induced by stress and sun exposure. Using sunscreen on your face and a lip balm with SPF 15 or higher can help prevent a sun-triggered flare-up.

Prescription antibiotics (Valtrex or Zovirax) can prevent blisters from forming if you start treatment at the first sign of a cold sore and continue the medicine for a week.

Q: Are breast implants safe?

A: The number of women who have undergone breast augmentation has risen almost 300 percent since 1992. Breast implants now rank second in popularity only to liposuction. In addition, today’s implants are filled with sterile saline, which in case of leakage can be safely absorbed by your body. Unfortunately, since saline lacks the density of silicone gel, it’s more likely to fail to the bottom of the implant which causes visible rippling, and has a less natural feel to it.

One of the risks that implants impose are that they block X-rays, making it more difficult to spot breast tumors during mammograms. The implant itself reduces the accuracy of breast self-exam as well. Some women develop “capsular contractures,” a tightening of scar tissue around the implant that distorts the breast and can require surgery. There is also a risk of permanent loss of sensation in the nipple or areola.

Finally, saline implants have a five to 10 year life span before needing to be replaced. The costs for implants vary between $3,000 to $6,000, depending on where it is inserted—under breast tissue or under the chest-wall muscle.

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Etiquette dinner to help the ‘formally’ challenged

Lisa Cericola
Staff Writer

So you’re out for a night of fine dining with your significant other...and his or her parents.

Between keeping the conversation flowing and not spilling food in your lap, you have other things to worry about, like which fork to use when your first course arrives.

The Consultants for Effective Leaders organization will try to take the stress out of formal dinner settings at its annual Etiquette Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 19.

The four-course dinner will be held at Disney’s Boardwalk Hotel and the cost is $15 for students, and $38 for non-students. Semi-formal dress is required for participants.

“It’s a really great deal,” said CEL Student Director Dawn Meyers. “It’s a beautifully executed event, and very inexpensive because Student Government covers a lot of the expenses.”

Etiquette expert Gayle Beatty will lead the meal and explain proper dining behavior and conversation skills.

Dinner will be followed by a ballroom dancing lesson. Seating is limited. Those interested can RSVP in the Student Union, Room 208.

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You got this far. Now go farther.
Bush orders end of race in admission to Florida universities

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Gov. Jeb Bush issued an executive order Tuesday that will take the first steps in eliminating racial preference in college admissions.

Bush’s “One Florida Initiative” also includes programs designed to bolster Florida’s K-12 education system and increase the number of minorities enrolled at public universities.

“We can increase opportunities and diversity in the state’s universities and in state contracting without using policies that discriminate or that pit one racial group against another,” Bush said Tuesday.

The plan calls for the elimination of race as a factor in admissions decisions. Race is one of many factors currently used in “alternative admissions” in the State University System. Other factors include athletic ability, income level and geographical location.

Last year, more than 3,200 students, or 11 percent of the incoming freshman class, were alternatively admitted to SUS institutions.

By continuing to use those other factors and not race, Bush said diversity can be achieved. He also called for an additional $50 million in need-based scholarship aid.

The initiative comes as California Regent Ward Connerly is pushing an anti-affirmative action campaign similar to the Proposition 209 campaign he waged in California.

Kevin Nguyen, a spokesman for the American Civil Rights Coalition, said his group is still considering whether it would propose an anti-affirmative action in 2000.

“From a political standpoint, we have to determine whether we feel it is worth the investment to continue with our initiative,” Nguyen said.

State Rep. Chris Smith, D-Fort Lauderdale, said he expects Connerly and the ACR to pull out of Florida after Bush’s announcement.

“Connerly is looking for a way to save face,” Smith said, adding Bush’s plan is a “step in the right direction.”

Bush’s plan also includes a provision called the “Talented 20 Percent.” That proposal will guarantee admission to one of the 10 SUS universities for anyone in the top 20 percent of each graduating high school class. That top 20 percent also would be admitted without regard to scores on the ACT or SAT standardized tests, which the governor’s office says are biased against minorities.

“By casting this broad net, students attending low-performing schools or schools with heavy minority enrollment will see their chances for admission improve,” Bush says in the plan.

Student Body President Brent Gordon said the Talented 20 Percent plan was “premature” as it allows entrance to the SUS to some who may not be prepared for the level of work.

“We have more universities are more closely aligned in performance than high schools. If you don’t have a balanced K-12 system, it spills over to the universities,” Gordon said. “You’re setting yourself up for disaster with some of these criteria.”

According to Bush’s plan, 1,600 of the 22,000 students in the top 20 percent of their high school classes likely do not meet the current SUS admissions criteria.” Of those, 75 percent are minorities and half attend low-performing schools.

Kevin Mayeux, Florida Student Association executive director, said improving the K-12 education system is critical if the Talented 20 program is to succeed.

“We have to give people access to public higher education. They may not get into the University of Florida, but there’s nine other great universities in the system,” Mayeux said. “Bush is trying to work with the K-12 program to make sure they’re prepared for college when they hit college.”

Smith, however, said he is unsure about how the program will work in practice.

Bush’s proposals to improve grade school education revolve around the A+ Plan for Education that he and Lt. Gov. Frank Brogan introduced earlier this year. The A+ plan grades schools on an “A to F” scale.

Much of the One Florida Initiative deals with improving the level of education at schools that received a D or F rating.

Paying for every high school sophomore to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Exam, at a cost of $1.6 million, increasing the availability of Advanced Placement classes at low-performing schools and the development of the Florida Online High School are key propositions in the overall initiative.

Four times as many students in A and B rated schools take the PSAT than at D and F rated schools, the initiative says. High school juniors usually take the PSAT as practice for the Scholastic Aptitude Test.
College bookstores sue Varsitybooks.com

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In another lawsuit against Internet retailers, the National Association of College Stores is suing Varsitybooks.com, accusing the on-line bookstore of false and misleading advertising concerning textbook discounts.

The association, which represents about 3,000 stores around the country, including the Dartmouth Bookstore and Wheelock Books, is claiming that while Varsitybooks.com advertises textbooks at a markup price of 40 percent off of "suggested list prices," only a small percentage of their books come at that price.

According to the association, in the textbook industry, where publishers sell their books to college stores and offer only a suggested student price, there is no such thing as a universal retail price. Instead, college stores sell textbooks at a markup price of their choosing.

The association "has brought the case to lower the playing field," said Reed Freeman, an attorney at the Arent Fox law firm in Washington D.C., which is representing the National Association in its case.

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The birchcake liner

Homecoming comes across as Greek only

**BETH SHAW**
Staff Writer

On Sunday morning as I awoke bright and early for work, I reflected on the week gone by—Homecoming week, 1999. For the most part, I had a great time. I got to know my sorority sisters better and I felt the excitement of being a part of UCF. Unfortunately, a few things scarred the weekend and left me feeling a bit wretched.

Let me start by saying that I enjoy being a part of the Greek system. However, I will be the first to point out many flaws. Before I went through sorority recruitment my sophomore year, I often laughed at Greek events and thought of them as their week. Homecoming, not ABC/XYZ Homecoming. Homecoming week should be a time when all UCF students get together and show pride in our school. Spirit splash, the movie, carnival, concert and game are open to everyone as are the Greek events. For some of these events, but hey, there is always next year.

Now you can say that I write all of this because my chapter won—well we didn’t. Or you can say I write this because my chapter is young and doesn’t really care—but we do.

However, I can seriously say that I would feel this way regardless of my affiliation. These are some of the reasons why the Greek system gets a bad name. Unless Greeks can learn to take things a little less seriously, stupid fights and corruption will continue to plague our campus.

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Fit your way to success with the opposite sex

**ANDY LURIG**
Staff Writer

This is part two of a two-part series on flirting

STAGE 3: Body Language

A smile goes farther than you think. Same with humor. If you’re smiling, and she’s smiling, it’s much harder to mess up. Unless you really wish to emanate a hard core individual (which may be who you are, so go with it), smiles are chicken soup for the soul.

Aggressive contact with her on your first meeting is a BAD THING. You are invading her personal bubble, and since most women do not trust men when they first meet them anyway, (unless they are incredibly attractive, charismatic or gay—which usually includes the first two, to the frustrations of many women) it is important not to invade their space. Minor contact within the context of conversation is fine, but remember what you were taught in kindergarten, “Always stay between the lines.”

With future meetings, if you manage to succeed in not getting slapped, ignored, laughed at, kned or anything more painful —a hug may be the key. I am personally a fan of hugs, and women generally too. It’s a good sign that she is comfortable with you, and with you being that close — Bam, you’ve got a foot in the door.

STAGE 4: Progress

For the rest of your flirting experience, remember a few important facts: Jealousy can be dangerous and hurtful. If you plan to pursue more than one individual in an attempt to find the best mate (for lack of a better term) for yourself, I suggest that this not to be done within range of the other person.

Learn about her. Find out what she likes, what her friends are like, and her favorite thing to do in her free time. The more you know, the better. Knowledge is really power.

If you find yourself uncomfortable with the person you are flirting with, and she turns you on not to be what you expect — get out. Encouraging an unhealthy relationship is just plain stupid. It’s going to end anyway, so why waste your time? Be picky. It’s your life, and in some cases, your principles are at stake.

STAGE 3.14: For Women

I figured I might as well provide some insight on flirting with gentlemen, crush some myths and encourage some realities.

All men are not dogs, don’t only want sex, only care what you look like, will never call you back, are lying to you or are stupid. Hope that covers at least some of the myths out there.

Something else to remember: “All the good men” that are constantly referred to as “always taken” are NOT. In most cases, the guy that you are complaining to about this dilemma is a good guy, and finds every criterion you’d want in a man, so do not be blind to it.

Now that I’m done venting, as far as approaching a gentleman and flirting, your job is much easier.

Women have sex appeal, which can be played off very well. Women who master body language have the easiest time flirting.

But be forewarned, there is a line to be drawn, and this line is the difference, between “She’s hot,” and “She’s a bitch.” Make this distinction early; else you will be marked for a long time.

One final bit of advice for women who wish to flirt: Gentlemen tend to sing compliments with embarrassing frequency.

The women who say, “Thank you” are the ones that guys remember. Take heed.

I hope this helps those in need, or at least offers some insight into the art of flirting. I could not include everything, nor could I explore every aspect, or even detail, archetype or situation out there.

It’s a limited view, which hopefully can give the stepping stone to developing your own style in dealing with the opposite sex.
Letter to the editor

Office of Student Support not supportive of students

Dear Editor,

This letter expresses my deep concern for the lack of adequate support services provided by the College of Business' Office of Student Support.

During the last few weeks, I have unfortunately been a part of one of the most frustrating and troubling experiences of my college career.

It began with receiving my degree audit. After carefully reviewing the documents, I realized that it was at this time I read the section on my degree audit that states, "This report is to assist the student in course planning. Final confirmation of degree requirements is subject to approval by the dean of a college. It is the responsibility of the student to meet graduation requirements."

"For advising come to the Office of Student Support!"

After reading this, I felt it reasonable to assume that the Office of Student Support would be the appropriate department that could help me answer my questions and assist me in the planning of the final portion of my college career.

I wanted to be sure that my calculations, assumptions and plans were accurate and would reflect the "responsibility of the student to meet graduation requirements." I proceeded to seek out guidance and "support" from the Office of Student Support.

On my first visit, I was greeted by an office secretary who, upon learning of my request for assistance, turned me away with a rude response of, "Our office doesn’t do that." This was the "supportive" response I received for a simple request of 10 minutes of someone’s time to review my schedule and to discuss any options I might have had. Realizing that timing and speaking to the right individual is often times the key to successfully resolving an issue or problem, I chose to leave and return at another time.

In the five additional visits I made to the Office of Student Support during the next week, I was exposed to a level of arrogance, rudeness, unprofessionalism and disrespect unmatched in my dealings with any department within UCF. On each visit to the Office of Student Support, I politely and appropriately indicated that I was willing and able to schedule an appointment with an adviser at their convenience. These requests were met with responses such as, "We don’t do that now." "I’m leaving here at 6 p.m., so you better make it quick!" "To be honest with you, we’ve a little understaffed." "Where were you two weeks ago?"

The following statement can be found in the UCF undergraduates’ catalog:

"The College of Business Administration seeks to provide its students with the highest quality academic advising. The intent of the advising system is to assist prospective and current business majors in the development of an educational plan covering their final 60 hours of undergraduate enrollment."

1. Students should seek advising that is consistent with their interests and abilities and is consistent with their educational goals and career aspirations.

2. Assistance will be provided in the selection and sequencing of specific courses within the student’s chosen program.

3. The advisement system provides a mechanism for ensuring that the students meet academic requirements for graduation in a timely fashion.

4. It is the intent of the college to ensure that timely and accurate information and advice are always available to every student that students are made aware of advising services. All students are strongly encouraged to build advising relationships within the college. It is, however, the student’s responsibility to pursue the available advising options.

From reading the bold face emphasized parts of the statements, it is clear that I have simply tried to take advantage of the mission of the College of Business Administration and seek out the “highest quality academic advising.” I had hoped that in noting the office's statement that “assistance will be provided in the selection and sequencing of specific courses,” or that I might find some type of “support and guidance.”

Needless to say, I was and I am still greatly disappointed and frustrated. I find it hard to believe that the Office of Student Support within the College of Business Administration, which has as its motto, “dedicated to excellence,” cannot answer the simplest of questions or provide for a basic level of service.

Additionally, when this poor level of performance is demonstrated with unparalleled rudeness and unprofessionalism, it leaves much for which UCF should be ashamed. Such incidents have unfortunately been reported by my fellow business students as the norm and not the exception in their dealings with the Office of Student Support.

I sincerely hope that someone will respond to this letter in an effort to provide me with the level of support that supposedly, the College of Business Administration seeks to provide its students. At this time, I still find myself with the same questions and concerns that I had several weeks ago regarding my audit and schedule. I am still in need of a few minutes of someone’s time to help me with these issues.

Sincerely,

Eric Keall

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It’s a big universe. Where do you fit in?
Racism behind the wheel

Chris Timmerman
The Student Life

Friday was the first day of Operation Refusal in New York City, a sting operation by under­
cover police officers and repre­
sentatives of the Taxi and
Limousine Commission to pun­
ish taxi drivers who refuse to
pick up minority passengers, particularly African-American

Minority officers dressed in
plain clothes will stand along­
side white plain clothes officers and
try to hail cabs throughout
New York City.

Those drivers who stop for the
white passenger instead of the
minority passenger will be fined
upwards of $200 and, if they are
called again, will have their
license revoked.

Giuliano’s decision to begin
this operation comes close on
the heels of complaints by actor
Danny Glover, who is African-
American, that several cab dri­
vers have passed him by when
he was attempting to hail a cab.

Key African-American offici­
als in New York City applaud the mayor’s deci­
dion, including a State Senator from Harlem who claims he has been
forced out of cab more than 100 times after telling the
driver his destination was Harlem, which is predominately
African-American.

Other prominent African-
American officials in New York,
including former mayor David
Dinkins, have also complained
in the past that they have been
denied service, presumably
because of their race.

Meanwhile, cab drivers through­
out New York are defending the
buses they employ when they pick up pas­
engers.

Drivers cite fear of being robbed, mugged, or even mur­
dered in the course of their
day’s work as reason enough for
their pick-up practices.

It is not uncommon for cab
drivers to be molested in their
cars while they work, they say;
refusing to drive to predomi­
nantly African-American areas
or refusing to pick up teenagers
is a measure of protection
against possible violence.

Glover’s lawyer in fact dis­
agrees with the operation, and
says instead that the Tax and
Limousine Commission should
increase funding for diversity
education aimed at combating
stereotypes cab drivers (many of
whom are recent immigrants) have
of African-Americans, teenagers, and other groups
when they arrive in this country.

Americans, but especially African-Americans, are per­
ceived as violent criminals by the media coverage that airs in
their native countries.

It is true that in a city like
New York, where instances of
violence against taxi drivers do
teach, taxi drivers have every
right to be concerned about
their well-being while at work.

Suspending the license of a cab
driver for simply being worried
about his or her own safety is an
extremely inappropriate asser­
tion for those cab drivers who
have been attacked while at work.

Not picking up someone who looks, for whatever
reason, like they would be unable to
use the cab fare is, on a basic
level, valid grounds to refuse a
person service.

Taxi drivers are business­
people trying to make a decent
living like anyone else, and
while the judgment for who
gets a ride is definitely ques­
tionable, the intentions behind it
be safe, and that the passenger will
gets a ride is definitely ques­
tionable, the intentions behind it
be safe, and that the passenger will
be able to pay for that ride.

Taxi drivers have nothing
else to operate on other than
their knowledge, or lack there­
of, of the groups a potential pas­
enger fits into, judging by their
external appearance.

Therein lies the sticky situ­
ation obviously if hundreds of African-Americans are com­
plaining about being passed
over in favor of white passen­
gers, the judgments being made
from inside the cab when pulling over for passengers are
flawed by a certain amount of
ignorance.

Revoking the licenses (take­
away the livelihoods) of the
cab drivers instead of demon­
strating to them that indeed not
all African-Americans or teenage drivers are violent criminals, which is something that at
the very least a diversity education program could do, would not be an
effective way to end the
complaints of the African-American community, nor will it
diminish the fears that honest
taxi drivers have about on-the-
job security.

Instead, not knowing any
better, taxi drivers will have to
pull over for everyone who hails them, because they will fear
punishment by the police.

New York City officials are
now researching whether or
not it would be legal to charge
taxi drivers who refuse passengers service with a criminal misde­
emeanor, which simply illust­
rates the lack of understanding
that Giuliano and other officials seem to have with regards to the
profession of a taxi driver.

A taxi is an environment in
which a driver and a passenger,
very likely two complete
strangers, have to put trust each
other for the duration of the
ride; that the taxi driver will
deliver the passenger to the cor­
rect destination in a timely
manner, and that the passenger will
be able to pay for that ride.

Giving the taxi driver a
more informed understanding
of a specific part of the popula­
tion he serves would make
that short ride together less
threatening and would help end
the complaints that New York City taxi drivers have about on-the-job
violence.

The results of which a num­
ber of whom are members of ethnic
minorities themselves, are
natives who don’t deserve to be
on the road.
Laura Flyer
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"Anywhere But Here" is anything but good. And it's not because, up front, it presents typical mother-daughter adolescence crises that irrevocably shove it into the "chick flick" category, risking infection from the horrid disease films of this genre often contract, known as "vap." No, actual­ly, all it takes is Natalie Portman's walking character to feel the strain of my eyes consist­ently rolling to the back of my head every five seconds.

Susan Sarandon is Adele August, mother of Ann (Portman) and kidnapper of her daughter's soul (how underly deep), which belongs to the small town they once lived in Wisconsin. Now that they have moved to the posh city of Beverly Hills, Ann, cannot (or, rather), refuses to allow herself to adjust to her new surroundings. She misses her small-town home life, her best friend Mary (Thora Birch), her cousin Benny (Shawn Hatosy) and the supposed platonic relationship she had with each of them (though some scenes quite patheti­cally and pointlessly suggested more-than­friendly desires).

Her biggest issue is in learning to cope with her near-neurotic mother who is deluded by the wealthy image of Hollywood, and who drives herself crazy trying to achieve upward mobility without actually working too hard for it. She also wants Ann to be a Hollywood movie star. Ann more than protests her mother's idio­syncrasies - she sulks, whines, moans, cries and glares. The sarcasm that is also funny.

Perhaps he should have looked closer at recent film with a similar take, "The Slums of Beverly Hills." Though the focus here is much more light-hearted, it made the progression of a father-daughter rela­tionship much more realistic and insightful than "Anywhere But Here." And Wang wasn't looking for all seriousness either. He tries to lighten up a bit, as in one exchange between Ann and Adele. Ann fears the first day at her new high school, when she sulkingly com­ments about the tan and barely-clothed girls milling around outside. Her mother replies, "The smart ones are inside." This is about as funny as it gets, folks.

Wang forces message before showing us the action. And he should know something about how this works, due to his successful presentation of familial conflicts, such as the one between mother and daughter in the movie "The Joy Luck Club," and a decade earlier with the father-son relationship in "Eat a Bowl of Tea. " "Smoke," another intelligent film of his, also touched upon family relation­ships.

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Basiclly, the entire movie consti­tutes a series of bland and repetitious exchanges between daughter and mother. Adele flaunts her inse­curities and displays such cheeriness that it goes beyond her realm of personality. The same goes for Ann who mopes to the extreme.

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X-Files reaches last season

Mindy Steichen
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The truth is out there. And I waited all summer for it. It looks like I’ll have to wait one more week.

Last Sunday, I planned my entire day around a one hour time slot that would end the anxiously, I’ve felt since The X-Files season finale in May.

The viewing of this year’s premiere was bittersweet for me, though, because it could be the show’s last season.

Although it’s based on the idea of paranormal activities and every episode has a paranormal aspect, quite often the episode could be technically, unable to do another.

Agents get a bizarre case.

Mulder suspects it’s UFO-related.

Scully dismisses Mulder’s theory of the day and provides a scientific explanation. They investigate. At the end, it appears one of them was more on track than the other. But there is never, ever a definite answer.

And therein lies all the fun. It doesn’t spell anything out for you; if you run to the fridge or take a call during the show, you’ll be lost when you get back.

So, what did I think of the season opener? Seeing as it was part two in a three-part series, I must admit that it was not one of the best episodes ever. I was put on hold for another week.

As occasional viewer would have been confused by it because it was centered around the seven-year-old mythological storyline about the existence of life on other planets and a government conspiracy to cover it up.

For a faithful viewer like myself, it was entertaining to see my two favorite agents back in action, a kick-arse Safari Scully in Africa investigating what appears to be proof of not only extraterrestrial life, but of an alien genius through human life.

Meanwhile, Mulder is catatonic in a Georgetown hospital, put in a trance by what is believed to be alien artifact. It’s far-fetched, but I have no problem with it. I cannot, however, deal with a Scully who actually believes.

I also had a hard time with an entire episode of a delirious Mulder. Duchovny looks good in anything, even a hospital gown, but I would’ve liked to have seen the Action Mulder that I missed all summer.

What’s in store for this season? Plenty, from what I’ve read. About half the episodes will revolve around the mythology series, the other half are just random X-Files. One episode is set to bring back the Donnie Pfister character that fans will remember. He was the quite non-alien Minneapolis serial killer who almost added Scully to his list of victims.

Perhaps the most talked about event for the season is the millennium episode, set to air Nov. 29 where Mulder and Scully will finally lock lips, though fans remain skeptical after Carter’s past promises of romance.

The kiss in the X-Files movie was cut with their lips only millimeters away when Scully was stung by a alien-virus-carrying bee.

Last season, Mulder kissed Scully’s 1930’s alter-ego in the Bermuda Triangle and later a very drugged Mulder declared his love for Scully, but she dismissed it with an “Oh, brother.”

Some fans fear an affair between the two would take away from the show’s plots. I must admit I would love to see them together. As a matter of fact I’m a “shipper,” the term for a whole slew of Internet fans who want a romantic storyline between the two.

But now that it might actually happen, I feel uneasy about it. They currently have that whole Mulder-and-Scully-vs.-The-World thing going on, which allows them to be the most romantic couple on TV without ever consummating their relationship, just one more way the show is different from any other.

The preview for next week makes me wonder, though. It shows the Cigarette Smoking Man (the main conspirator behind the alien colonization bit) telling Mulder “I am your father.” Star Wars, anyone?

I am going to give Carter the benefit of the doubt and hope that he intends to be more creative than that in wrapping up the show.

So, in the end, what I am really awaiting is an explanation for the on-going debate of extraterrestrial life and its meaning for all of mankind. I also want to see Mulder and Scully put an end to what hasubbited by Internet fans as UST (Unresolved Sexual Tension).

In the end, I am dreading two things: a final answer about the existence of aliens and the consummation of Mulder and Scully’s relationship. It’s all I’ve waited for since the show’s beginning, but now that it’s here I’m not prepared for it.

I’m so used to that being “out there.” I don’t know what I’ll do with it when it is ‘here’.

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My girlfriend and I have been together for about a year. Everything started out good but about two months into our relationship she cheated on me. I forgave her but she did it again and once again I forgave her. Then last week she told me that she hooked up with some guy while she was away for the weekend. She says she loves me and I don’t want to break up with her. What should I do?

—Confused

Dear Confused,

What is there to be confused about? She cheated on you, she cheated on you, and she cheated on you. Why don’t you stick around just a little bit longer? Just long enough for her to give you a nice little present that goes by the name of STD. Then when you finally decide it’s time to leave, you won’t be alone. Or would you forgive her for that too?

She can tell you she loves you in 500 different languages, 80 times a day. But that difference does that make when she’s in someone else’s bed? Do you think she’s calling at your name? Wondering what you’re doing at home by yourself? Before you try to set up with an excuse for her—answer is no.

Don’t just sit there, let her ambition as an example and go get your own action. Of course dump her first, don’t lower yourself to her level. It’s not that easy you say? Yes it is! All you have to do is pretend you have some self respect and put one foot in front of the other.

Dear Nancy,

I’ve been in college for two years and my grades have always been really low. I think it’s because my parents never even graduated from high school. Education was never valued in my family, and I feel that it’s been a struggle for me. I used to think I could do better for myself but lately I feel like a failure. Any advice?

—Losing hope

Dear Losing hope,

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MATT WIEGLE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

From its multi-tiered title onward, it should be apparent that Pokémon: The First Movie, Mewtwo Strikes Back will collapse under its own overstuffed dumbness. Which is a shame, because for a while, the TV show that spawned this film carried its idocy with surprising charm. In the realm of imported Japanese TV cartoons, Pokémon is the closest that crap has gotten this decade to becoming a diamond. True, the show is based on the same hybrid of sales pitches and ham-handed moral homilies that has been the foundation of kids’ cartoons for decades. However, Pokémon’s universe of fighting pets has such ticklish appeal that one can’t help but forgive the occasional moral to get to the good stuff. Pikachu, the electric-squirrel that serves as the franchise’s official mascot, is the culmination of the evolution of kids’ cartoons for decades. From its multi-tiered title onward, it features endless lineup shots of adorable human characters Ash, Brock, and Misty exist only to lead us to some new creature, which then charms our pants off for a half-hour. The film places these three cyphers in the position of actually defending this universe instead of exploring it, which unbalances the film to begin with. Add to this the fact that the movie’s title character is probably the grimmest telekinetic humanoid cat ever genetically tobe-grown in a lab, and you have a film with serious tonal problems.

His voice emanating in Dolby Stereo from the back of the theater, Mewtwo blows up the scientists who created him, which include an awful late ‘80s sounding guitar ballad that plays during a climactic sequence in the realm of imported Japanese TV cartoons. The show hitherto maintained. It’s too bad for its britches, and despite the cameo efforts of the series’ three buffoonish stock villains, there are few enjoyable moments. The movie’s storytelling and design are as awkward as its storyline. Some of Pokémon’s settings are pulled straight from the slime, tentacles, and hair of its minibeast school of animation design. Other moments, such as the scene transitions in the “Pikachu’s Vacation” short which precedes the main feature, are curiously psychedelic. This short, incidentally, is equally bad; removed from their (however meager) relations to humans, Pokémon have nothing better to do than poorly imitate the opening cartoon from Who Framed Roger Rabbit? Featuring endless lineup shots of adorable cartoon creatures, the short goes as far astray in the marketing department as the feature does with grimness. But the film’s final bullet in its own foot is its mawkish background songs, which include an awful late ‘80s sounding guitar ballad that plays during a climactic battle sequence.

Pokémon: The First Movie is a tale told by idiots who can’t decide whether to entertain, terrify, or try to sell one more electric squirrel-thing.
LEAD STORIES

Police in North Platte, Neb., have been looking for a man who has appeared several times in public since early July wearing baby clothes and has taken to naming him (after his most prominent article of clothing) “The Big Bonnet.” He was last spotted on Oct. 29, hanging over a bench paddling himself.

Stephanie England complained to school authorities in Joplin, Mo., in October after her son Preston’s fifth-grade teacher brought in a plastic bag of cat feces and taped it to Preston’s desk for an hour as an object lesson. The punishment went too far, England said, even though she acknowledged that Preston has a problem, at home and at school, in overcoming the phrase “Such a turd.” Said England, “We’ve gotten on to him about it.”

Questionable Judgments

In June, a Utah judicial commission reprimanded Judge Dee Allred for improperly sentencing stalkers Michael Pentrose in 1997 to take his victim Anita Perenti out to dinner to supposedly end the hostilities between them. And in July, a Massachusetts appeals court reversed Judge Robert Howard’s 1996 10-day contempt sentence against a woman who had merely made an obscene gesture to her abusive ex-boyfriend in court; Howard is the judge who in 1994 ordered another violent boyfriend to take martial-arts training on the belief that, rather than make him more violent, it would hurt, was discovered by X-ray to have a 6-inch needle in his back (The people I beat up) had it easier for buyers to skirt the city’s anti-gun laws. Many other police forces also sell their used guns, and have taken to naming them less likely than the men to demand bribes and have them less likely than the men to demand bribes. Inmate insisted must have been planted there by deputies since he had no recollection of it. After an investigation, state officials cleared the jailers, and Spurling admitted he owned a flashlight just like the one found.

In August, Detroit police chief Benny Napoleon acknowledged that the department has sold about 6,000 used guns in recent years to dealers, who put them back on the street, even though the city has filed a lawsuit accusing gun manufacturers of making it easy for buyers to skirt the city’s anti-gun law. Many other police forces also sell their used guns, and CBS News reported in August that the Irving, Texas, police department once sold used grenade launchers to a dealer for $3,500 each.

Leading Economic Indicators

Electrical contractor Akira Haraoyu, 36, whose company went bankrupt, has been working the streets of Tokyo this year trying to earn back the money by inviting passersby to put on boxing gloves and take swings at him for about $5 a minute. He promises not to hit back, but only to try to evade the blows, and suggests that his customers relieve their stresses verbally as they swing. He told the Los Angeles Times that he averages about $200 a night.

Least Competent People

Terrance O. Stafford, 49, was charged with reckless discharge of a firearm at a gun show in St. Paul, Minn., in August. He said he wanted to test a .22-caliber automatic but feared damaging the gun if he attempted to “dry fire” it without a round in the chamber, so he loaded it and tired at the floor of the RiverCentre. Bullet fragments hit four people, one of whom required hospitalization.

In July, during lifeguard tryouts in Huntington Beach, Calif., only 20 of the 129 applicants were deemed even minimally qualified, and six of the other 109 had to be rescued themselves, during the half-mile swim. And in June, the Pine Bluff (Ark.) Commercial, citing state medical board records, reported that the family of the late M.C. Mervynol Cam has alleged that surgeon Michael Joseph Rook frequently operated while alcohol-impaired and in fact mistook Ms. Cam’s heart for a lung instead.

Women in Blue

In August, Mexico City’s police chief replaced his 900-man traffic enforcement squad with women, hoping that their nature would make them less likely than the men to demand bribes from violators. And in August, an all-female police station opened in Mashhad, Iran, with the women nonetheless uniformed in traditional black robes (chadors). And Mobile, Ala., police officer Lack Huber was fired in August because she insisted on wearing a skirt instead of the police uniform, which according to her religious teaching is a man’s clothing. And in August, police officials in Bangkok prohibited female officers from wearing miniskirts and heavy makeup, causing some to resign because they feared diminished marriage prospects.

No Longer Weird

Adding to the list of stories that were formerly weird but which now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation: (37) People who just can’t seem to pick up the phone to make burial arrangements for recently expired loved ones, such the 73-year-old woman in Tucson, Ariz., whose body was still in his bed in September 1999, or the 50-year-old man in St. Paul, Minn., in August, in an all-female police station opened in Mashhad, Iran, with the women nonetheless uniformed in tradition- al black robes (chadors). And Mobile, Ala., police officer Lack Huber was fired in August because she insisted on wearing a skirt instead of the police uniform, which according to her religious teaching is a man’s clothing. And in August, police officials in Bangkok prohibited female officers from wearing miniskirts and heavy makeup, causing some to resign because they feared diminished marriage prospects.

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GET TO THE GOOD PART.
Ani DiFranco
To the Teeth

Through all my years in band, I've often heard the saying that music is what occurs in the spaces between notes. With Ani DiFranco's new sound on "To the Teeth," the best music often occurs in the spaces between the jam sessions.

This is not to say that the band work isn't good. In fact, it's exceptionally well done. But some of the best songs are also some of the less complex ones.

This is proven on the title track that begins the compact disc. It's a song about gun violence that uses DiFranco's voice and guitar work to carry most of the piece. She does an amazing job of shaping the entire piece, filling it with emotion. Though, when she sings lines such as "open fire on the NRK and all the lies they told unfolding the way," it doesn't sound angry. Instead, there's a straightforward honesty present, much the same as she created years ago on "Uncosable Face."

Actually, this and another sparsely instrumented political song are two of the strongest on the album.

The second, "Hello Birmingham," is a letter to Birmingham, telling the city that the woman who goes through with the bombing of abortion clinics because her hometown, Buffalo, N,Y, had a clinic doctor shot there.

However, like many songs on past albums, this one huts its peak when the ideas are personalized. When DiFranco sings "I was once escorted/through the doors of a clinic/by a man in a bulletproof/vest and no bombs went off that day," I am still here to say "Birmingham," I'm wishing you all my best." The song becomes one of more than just politics, but also real world experience.

Most of the songs, though, use an eclectic mixture of instruments and people, ranging from background vocals by the artist formerly known as Prince (sorry, can't make that funny symbol on my computer) to wonderful funk/jazz saxophone work by Maceo Parker to a rap by Corey Parker.

The last was somewhat of a surprise and probably pushed things a little bit, but the laid-back, old-school style was a nice alternative to many contemporary rappers and was kind of catchy in the end.

The instrumentation does stretch in times, though. Ironically, the number where the scoring does feel a little too edgy was one of three where DiFranco played all the instruments herself. Her singing on "Freakshow" grinds a little too much. The use fits with the lyrics, but the edge and cosmic landscape are not much to listen to.

On the whole, though, the instrumentation on this album is by far the strongest that DiFranco has achieved.

On "Little Plastic Castle," the band was accentual and on "Up, Up, Up, Up, Up," it was over-powering and over-done. On "To the Teeth," DiFranco has managed to integrate the vocals and instrumentation better than ever before, possibility because of all the practice she gained touring with the whole group. Songs such as "Cloud Blood," "Providence," and "Swing" show a greater degree of comfort with the ensemble than DiFranco has achieved before. Even the vocal distortion on "Cloud Blood" works well, and I'm not generally a fan of distortion for people who can see, and she definitely can.

True, this is not a folk album, no matter how many times DiFranco refers to herself as a folk-singer. And some of those old folk tendencies are missed, such as the songs when DiFranco sat down with only herself and her acoustic, either singing beautifully or obtaining unparalleled edge and reverberation.

What "To the Teeth" does, though, is create a unique and strong sound. It's a change, but the music is still good, a lot better than the last album. This CD has distinctly spent a lot of time in my stereo over the past week.

—George Potter

Stone Temple Pilots
No. 4

It is always hard to say goodbye to burst-out rock stars. In 1992, Stone Temple Pilots became one of the most influential hard rock bands and helped push alternative rock to the radio dial with the release of their first album, "Core."

Four years later, "Tiny Music ... Songs from the Vatican Gift Shop" was released, and the Pilot in front, Scott Weiland, began drug rehabilitation.

In the two years following the poorly-received album, Weiland recorded a solo album, and the other three Pilots found a welcome cool-down from the touring climb to the top of the charts. "Atlanta," rises and falls with many layered instruments, as truly moving songs should, and creates a welcome cool-down from the 10 layered tracks that preceded it.

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**Powerman 5000 played last concert on their 1999 tour at the UCF arena.**

**Powerman 5000 plays sold out UCF arena**

**Patricia Canedo**

**STAFF WRITER**

All the tickets were sold and the fans were anxious. Powerman 5000 last performance in Florida, on this particular tour, took place at the UCF arena on Veteran’s Day. This tour, featuring Kid Rock, is to promote PM5K’s new CD Tonight The Stars Revolt!

In an interview with the lead vocalist, SPIDERone, said that touring with Kid Rock was effective because the audience knows both Kid Rock’s music and PM5K’s. Although Powerman 5000 will take a break from touring in December, they will get back on the road in Summer of 2000 to headline their own tour.

SPIDERone remarked that they would mainly be playing their new material at the concert because it has been more popular. He said that nothing about their sound has changed since their days in Boston, they are just a bit more aggressive on the new album. “MTV and other stations are more accepting to our music now a days. People have caught up to our sound,” claims SPIDERone. When asked how the music comes together SPIDER stated that every band member brings their influence to the group and they all just care about making the best music.

The concert went on with a local band to open for the uprisng group. When PM5K got on stage, the fans jumped to their feet, rushed toward the band, and moshed as they played. The band gave their fans a great, loud performance.

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Knights expecting ‘war’ at TAAC Tournament

JEFF CASE
STAFF WRITER

What a difference a year has made for the UCF women’s volleyball team. One season ago, the Golden Knights struggled to a 7-15 record and lost to Florida Atlantic in the TAAC Tournament, marking the first time in UCF history the Knights did not win the TAAC title.

But in 1999, UCF has been a completely different team. The Knights enter Friday’s TAAC Tournament with an unblemished conference record (9-0, 17-11 overall) and as the No. 1 seed. In a twist of irony, UCF will travel to FAU, where it lost in the TAAC Tournament last year, with hopes of winning back the TAAC title.

Should the Knights walk out of FAU Gym with its seventh TAAC crown in eight seasons, UCF will earn a spot in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1997. Golden Knights’ coach Meg Fitzgerald said that although UCF enters the tournament as the highest seed, she doesn’t expect an easy ride to the title.

“I always look forward to our next match, but I never think we’re going to go coast through,” said Fitzgerald. UCF’s first-year coach and the likely winner of the TAAC’s coach-of-the-year award. “We expect a war out there and it’s going to be tough. But I’m also very excited.”

By virtue of their record, the Knights receive a first round bye at the tournament and will face either fifth-seeded Samford (14-18, 5-4 TAAC) or sixth-seeded Georgia State (12-18, 4-4) for their first match. UCF easily defeated the Bulldogs in four games and the Panthers (15-5, 15-6, 15-10) in the regular season, but Fitzgerald said she expects a much tougher match by tournament time.

“I see this as a pretty tough tournament overall,” she said. “Georgia State could be tough on us because they had one of their best middles [blockers] out when they played us and they’re pretty much been plagued with injuries all year. Everyone is healthy for them now and they’re all back. Samford gave us a good run for our money when we played them, so they could be tough too.”

From the second round on, UCF’s next foe could be anyone’s guess. With a victory over its first opponent, whether it’s Georgia State or Samford, UCF will advance to the TAAC finals and await its competitor. The Knights, should they advance to the finals, could face No. 2 Jacksonville, No. 3 FAU or No. 4 Troy State in the TAAC’s final round.

The Knights easily defeated the No. 2 seeded Dolphins in three games (15-10, 15-5, 15-8) to give the team a bit of a mental edge against their likely TAAC finals foe. The Knights also rolled to 3-0 record this season against the defending TAAC Champions, FAU, and dispatched Troy State in three games (15-3, 15-9, 15-6).

Fitzgerald said she no matter who the team faces in the last round, she expects a difficult TAAC finals should the Knights advance that far.

“If we do get matched up with Jacksonville, it’ll be tough,” she said. “It’s tournament time and anything can happen. We’re all healthy right now and the coaching staff is excited about the tournament. We’ve worked hard all year to get to this point, so now we’ll just see what happens.”

NOTES: The Knights have a match scheduled against Florida A&M University on Nov. 26, which could provide a final warm-up for UCF if it wins the TAAC title. The FAMU match begins at 4 p.m. and given UCF is the TAAC Champion by then, the Knights would roll into only six days off before their first round game in the NCAA Tournament. Fitzgerald and her staff visited the high school volleyball state championship rounds in Florida and Louisiana to look for new Knights for next year’s team. UCF, which will lose four seniors next season, hopes to bring in some fresh talent to gel with a Knights team that returns eight players. “We’re excited about the young kids we saw,” Fitzgerald said. “Hopefully, some of them will sign on to be Golden Knights. We lose four seniors and they all contributed, so that’s difficult to replace. With the younger players we do have taking on a new role next year, it’ll be a brand new young team.”
Stars shine on UCF baseball scout day

Pete Gavillan and Darryl Stephens belted back-to-back home runs in the 11th inning and senior third baseman Dustin Brisson went 3-for-7 in powering the University of Central Florida “Home” team to a 13-8 victory over the UCF “Visitors” in the Scout Day intrasquad scrimmage.

Mike Fox had an inside-the-park two-run homer in a losing cause for the Visitors, who were held scoreless through the first 12 innings.

David Rankin, Bay Paul, Scott Ridenour, Brian Freeman, and Von David Sterzbach each pitched two innings of shutout ball for Home while Jason Arnold, Jesse Marlo and Dan Stillman did likewise for the Visitors.

The Home squad took a 2-0 lead in the first two innings thanks to an unearned run and an Ivan Trujillo triple.

Scoring was at a premium until the bottom of the ninth when Brisson singled, Gavillan doubled and Trujillo ground out with each plating a run in the rally.

Ryan Giuniford homered in the 14th during the Visitors’ comeback for their only other major offense. Fox, Gavillan and Tony Marzetta each had three hits on the day.

“Offensively, Dustin Brisson was the standout today at 5-for-7. He and Pete Gavillan swung the bat very well,” Frady commented.

He added that Rankin, Stillman, Sterzbach and Ridenour were the most impressive pitchers. Despite the loss, Visitors pitching combined for 16 strikeouts in 16 innings.

Practice continues daily in preparation for UCF’s regular season opener Jan. 28 at the ACC/Disney Baseball Blast against North Carolina.

UCF falls to Latvia 101-96 in overtime in final exhibition of season

Senior guard D’Quarius Stewart and sophomore forward Paul Reed each scored 23 points and sophomore forward Jason Thornton added 22, but that was not enough as the University of Central Florida dropped its last exhibition game of the season to Latvia Select, 101-96, Sunday at the UCF Arena.

The Golden Knights open their regular season Friday night (Nov. 19) when they play host to the 25th-ranked Miami Hurricanes at the UCF Arena. Tip-off for Friday’s showdown is set for 7:30 p.m.

UCF took a five-point lead on a Thornton lay-up that gave the Golden Knights a 42-37 lead with 5:49 remaining in overtime. However, Latvia came back using a 14-2 run in the games last 2:52 to outrace UCF 16-11 in overtime and move on to the 101-96 victory.

UCF women fall to elite team

Led by Chanda Stebbins’ 29 points, the Women’s National Basketball League USA Elite Team beat the University of Central Florida, 73-65, on Saturday night at the UCF Arena. The game was the final tune-up for the Golden Knights who open their regular season at home Friday, November 19th, against the University of
South Florida.

Sophomore forward Khaliah Guillory led UCF for the second straight game with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Junior forward LaToya Graham added 15 points while freshman forward Erin Paige dropped in 12.

Junior forward LaDonna Larry finished the game with 10 rebounds including a team-leading five offensive.

The Golden Knights won the battle of the boards, 57-32, but were not sharp at the PT line, hitting just 19 of their 32 free throw attempts (59.4%) to the Elite Team’s 73.7% (14-19).

UCF women’s basketball inks three in early period

University of Central Florida head women’s basketball coach Gail Striegler announced the signing of Adrienne Billings (Tallahassee/Thomasville HS), Scottie Clay (Houston, Texas/Houston HS) and Lakesha Peterson (Port St. Lucie/Pont St. Lucie HS) to national letters of intent.

Billings, a 6-1 center/forward, shot 64.3% from the field averaging 13.39 points in 28 games as a junior. She’s second all-time with 13 assists in a single game and pulled down 3.2 rebounds with 5.7 steals per game en route to a sixth-place 919 in the Edwin Watts/Palmetto Women’s Intercollegiate.

Clay, a 5-3 point guard, scored 5.5 points in 28 games as a junior. She’s second all-time with 13 assists in a single game and 223 in a season. She’s second all-time with 322 career assists and needs just 15 this season to take over the top spot.

UCF women’s golf finishes sixth at Palmetto as Campbell wins playoff

The University of Central Florida women’s golf team steadily improved its play over the three rounds to finish strong at a sixth-place 919 in the Edwin Watts/Palmetto Women’s Intercollegiate.

Trans America Athletic Conference foe Campbell won a playoff with Tulane necessitated by the two schools being tied at 892 after 54 holes. The 19-team tournament was hosted by the College of Charleston at Kiawah Island’s Oak Point Golf Course. Campbell and Tulane enjoyed an up-tempo head-to-head third-place Mississipp State.

The Golden Knight’s pair, made up of Anna Barrett and Loraine Blakely, came in second while the Club 8+ ‘A’ and 4+ placed third and the Club 8+ ‘B’, Championship 4+ crews placed fourth in their respective races.

The Golden Knights Varsity crew is finished with it’s fall schedule while the Novice will compete in one final event, the Freshman/Novice Race next Saturday (Nov. 20) in Fellsmere.
**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Striegler leads new UCF unit on to the court**

**JEFF CASE  STAFF WRITER**

In 1998, the Golden Knights women’s basketball team won 20 games, had the best coach and player in the TAAC, won the TAAC Tournament and went to the NCAA Tournament for only the second time in school history. Last year, the departure of TAAC coach-of-the-year Lynn Belsa for the University of Ohio and the graduation of TAAC player-of-the-year Charyia Davis could make the Knights a much different team.

First-year coach Gail Striegler inherits a team, by her own admission, that is rich in talent but short on experience. The Knights return seven players from last year’s TAAC title team, five of whom are either juniors or seniors. While that should equal into good leadership for UCF during the season, the upperclassmen will be hard pressed to replace Davis’ 16.2 points a game average from last year.

Striegler said she doesn’t expect any one player to fill Davis role but plans to get her scoring in a variety of ways. "It’s a big hole to fill and it’s going to be a hard one to fill," said Striegler, who served as an assistant coach at Stephen F. Austin State for six seasons before coming to UCF. "It’s going to take a little bit of time and it’s going to take some meshing. We’re going to have to get scoring as a group, there’s not going to be anybody on this team that’s going to average 20-something points a game. We’re looking at trying to get a couple of players with 10 to 15 a night.”

Striegler’s plan to diversify UCF’s scoring this season could be easily accomplished given the type of offense she hopes to run. By having such a young team, Striegler said she expects to have trouble getting the Knights into her flex offense. The offense, which is based on setting down screens and back cuts, is based on timing and precision, something she says the team has struggled to learn in the preseason.

"The flex tells you exactly where you need to be and exactly what you need to be doing," she said. "Unless you get the timing right, it’s not going to be running very smoothly. Right now, our timing isn’t good on it and that’s why we’re not getting a lot of back cuts and a lot of that type stuff off it.”

As the team tries to master the flex offense, Striegler said she plans to use “quick hitters”, which are plays called to get quick scoring opportunities. She said the team has been successful at its quick hitting plays and she also expects a strong transition fast-break-type style from the Knights.

The Knights should have little trouble running with teams this fall, as they boast a lineup that has more guards (6) than forwards (5) and has no player over 6-feet tall. Striegler said the Knights depth and versatility at the court game, we’re going to be very quick, our post players get up and down the floor and it’s going to be harder on us," she said. "We’re good enough that we can win the game, but also its likely leader in UCF’s back-to-back-to-back-game, too. Graham, along with Khalliah Guillory and Paula Nesbitt, are the only players from a year ago to play significant minutes.

The Knights will need all the frontcourt help they can muster early in the year, as they face a difficult non-conference schedule including home games against South Florida, Florida and Texas Tech. The Knights also play at American University to highlight the non-conference slate, giving UCF four schools that are regular NCAA Tournament contenders.

While Striegler said UCF’s schedule is needed to improve the team’s play, she said UCF could struggle against the Gators and Red Raiders.

“We’ve got Florida and Florida State on our schedule for next year, that’s the way it needs to be,” Striegler said. “The key is, this year is going to be hard because we’re not together as a team right now, so it’s going to be hard for us to play the Floridas and Texas Techs and Americans in the beginning because we’re a new team. We’re still trying to gel.

“It’s going to be harder on us this year than it is next year, but hopefully they’ll be able to go out there and pull together and play hard and get better every game.”

That inexperience and youth could be considered a hindrance to UCF’s hopes of repeating as TAAC champions, but Striegler says otherwise. Although she expects some bumps along the way as the Knights find their identity, Striegler said UCF, picked third in the TAAC preseason poll, could find a way to win the TAAC.

“My focus this year is to be playing well at the end of the year,” she said. “We’re good enough that we can win the tournament and go to the NCAA’s. I think there’s potential in the kids there going undefeated in the conference to losing half the games and going through the conference tournament undefeated. It all depends on how long it takes for us to gel.”
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Fans needed as UCF's sixth man

Follow suit, and aspers in rare home games against national powers are the fastest route to national prominence.

"We need more people and with the caliber of opponent coming in here our first two games, in-state opponents that are among the nation's best, they should come out," Speraw said. "Hopefully the attendance will carry over for the rest of the season. We need to get the student body involved."

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MURFREESBORO, TN - Anyone who says that Athletic Director Steve Sloan should have joined the Sun Belt Football Conference can admit they were wrong now. No, it certainly didn’t take very long to realize that Athletic Director Steve Sloan & Co. made the right choice by saying thanks, but no thanks, to the invitation to join the Sun Belt Conference. Perhaps it will be about as prominent as the Big West.

What, you didn’t know they had football? My point exactly.

The mucous crowd of over 10,700 (it actually looked like one of those zeroes was added for cosmetic purposes) probably had the Golden Knights kicking themselves for not being a part of the lofty admission revenue that those have-nots must be masochistic.

Regardless, UCF has a 5-7 record, but the right choice by saying thanks, to the invitation to join the Sun Belt Conference and stay put. That may take a while to get over.

Ok, I’m over it.

As I was looking out on to the artificial turf at MT and their empty, yet nicely color coordinated blue seats, my mind wandered back to Auburn’s Jordan-Hare Stadium, which may be a house of horrors for UCF but is nonetheless a fun place to play. Seeing Lightning, MTSU’s blue horse mascot thing that looks straight out of Rainbow Brite didn’t erase the memory of seeing UGA the bulldog paint the sideline.

Maybe I’m being unfair, because it isn’t MT’s fault that it is the Sun Belt, opting to join the counter with their in-state rivals that could have been history like a Georgia or an Alabama. And maybe UCF isn’t light years ahead of where the Blue Raiders stand, but the Golden Knights do have room to grow. It’s still better to sit at home and wait for something better.

As far as the Florida Citrus Bowl leaves a lot to be desired, but it is still better than anything the Sun Belt will generate. If fans don’t show up to see the Knights play La. Tech, who also declined.

If you’re over it, we, thankfully, are located in Murfreesboro, TN and don’t have much of a football history like a Georgia or an Auburn. And maybe UCF isn’t light years ahead of where the Blue Raiders stand, but the Golden Knights do have room to grow. We, thankfully, are located in Orlando, a major airport, with a major airport, in a state that is a football haven. That’s quite a foundation.

No, we’re not a south, we don’t stack up. It’s just that we know what we’re worth. Yearly trips to Murfreesboro, Lafayette, and Monroe aren’t what we want.

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It is 100 times better to remain a 1-A independent, play the best schedule possible, generate as much money as we can, and wait patiently for something to open up. I compare the athletic program at UCF to an attractive girl with a lot going for her who only recently moved to town. She doesn’t have to go out with losers just for the sake of going out. It’s better to sit at home and wait for Prince Charming.

Be patient, someone will come knocking on our door soon.

Any supporter who wants UCF to go join the Sun Belt be and laugh at with the rest of the have-nots must be masochistic.

Thanks, but no thanks. We’ll hold out for something better.

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Defense dominates Blue Raider attack

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came out with the quarterback draw," Penn said. "It was their pretty much all night because they spread everybody out and we had good blocking."

UCF's defensive effort improved following MT's opening drive, in which the Blue Raiders drove 60 yards in six plays, taking a 7-0 lead on a 44-yard pass from Wes Counts to Tyrone Calico. After that, the first half was all UCF.

Four of Middle Tennessee's next six possessions ended after three-and-outs, while its only sustained drive late in the first quarter ended with a missed 42-yard field goal by kicker Keegan Ray.

"We weren't clicking at first, but that's meaningless because there were three other quarters in the game and we did a lot of great things in that time," Penn said. "We didn't panic about the slow start."

The second half saw MT turn the ball over four times, twice on downs, and on twice on interceptions by UCF's Elliot Shorter. The key possession in the second half was Middle Tennessee's opening one, in which it drove 59 yards on 16 plays, only to come up empty.

The Blue Raiders held the ball for just nine carries, while junior Edward Mack gained 56 on seven carries.

Offensive linemen Kurt Beamson and John Beuchamp were part of a strong effort by the Golden Knights in the trenches, opening up giant holes for a running attack that gained 323 yards.

"We didn't panic about the slow start," Shorter said. "It was nice. It was critical that we run the football in this game. Last week (against Auburn) we weren't able to run it at all, so we made a big issue of it this week thinking that we could run the football and it worked out pretty well.

"We're not real big or strong where we can line people up in a base set with a tight end and two backs and just pound people, so we spread them and run the ball. We did a great job of that tonight."

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Falcons hope to run ball well

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passes of 68, 17, and 23 yards. This year, Bowling Green is led by tailback Joe Alia, who has rushed for 511 yards with three touchdowns, and has been the catalyst during the Falcons two-game win streak. He rushed for 134 yards against Central Michigan and racked up 155 yards last Saturday versus Ball State. Godfrey Lewis is the second leading rusher with 407 yards and six scores.

"They have a really big offensive line. They're really strong and they try to just shove it down your throat," said UCF defensive tackle Josh McKibben. "As a defense, we have to stand up to them and really go in expecting a battle."

Freshman Andy Sahm and sophomore Ricky Schneider share the quarterback duties, but Sahm has been the one to play the majority of time the last two weeks. Despite completing only 14-of-31 the last two games, Sahm has led them to a pair of victories. The two quarterbacks have combined for over 2,033 yards with 17 touchdowns and 11 interceptions. Sahm, at 6-6, and just 200 pounds, presents a big target for the UCF pass rush.

"I personally would love to get back there," said junior Fred Harley, who has yet to record a sack this year, after finishing second on the team in that category last year. "He's big and kind of slow, but it may pose a problem that he's so tall and can look over a blitz and hit his receivers."

Three receivers will be the main focus for the UCF defense. Kurt Gerling, Robert Redd, and Aaron Alexander have been the favorite targets in the final game of his career, should have a field day against the BGSU secondary after catching 10 passes for 100 yards at MTSU last week, and will need 12 receptions to break Sasia Burley’s single-season reception mark.

UCF's big play capabilities should allow it to pick apart the BGU defense as long as it doesn't turn the ball over. With the idea of the worst record in 15 years and taking a step backward in the progress of this program, UCF will look to continue its recent dominance against Mid-America Conference teams, whom they've beaten nine of 10 times since joining I-A, and end the season on a winning note at home.

"We're trying to establish momentum for next season, where we have 11 games left, excuse me 12 games left (referring to a bowl berth)," receiver Kenny Clark said. "We've got Bowling Green left and an opportunity to keep building."
Penn drives Knights past MT in victory

Tony Media
SPORTS EDITOR

When Vic Penn went over the 100-yard rushing mark against MT, becoming the first UCF quarterback ever to do so, everyone in the press box had the same reaction: ‘Daunte didn’t do that?’

No, despite all the great things Daunte Culpepper accomplished in his four seasons as a starter, rushing for a 1,000-yard rushing mark is not one of them. His highest output was 95 yards.

‘That shocked me. I didn’t know about that stat until just now, but it’s a great accomplishment for our unit as a whole, to be able to get a 100-yard rusher,’ Penn said. ‘It was a lot of fun to run and make some big plays with my feet. It’s definitely a great accomplishment.”

About the only person who didn’t flinch when asked what he thought of Penn achieving something Culpepper never did was Coach Mike Kruczek.

‘Nothing surprises me about Vic. He just plays the game with heart because he loves to play it. Anything can happen with him,” Kruczek said. ‘I think he’s surprised himself with his running ability because he’s never done it. He did an outstanding job on the quarterback draw from empty, I thought he was gonna score on that first where he tripped and we only got three points out of it. I think we ran it one or two other times.

‘If I can get him to settle down and hit a lot of these throws that he’s missing he could have 1,000 yards passing.”

Penn did miss throws early, but didn’t do much of anything wrong after his 61-yard run put UCF in position to open the scoring. Not surprisingly it was that run, not a pass that sparked the Golden Knight offense.

“We talked about it all week,” Penn said. ‘We knew we were going to spread them out and come out with quarterback draws. The defense spread everyone out and they keep five in the box. We had confidence that our o-line would block and I’d just squint through there and get some big yardage.”

Penn got plenty of big yardage, breaking another long run on the second play of the fourth quarter, taking off for 47 yards. Then in a 44-yard pass to Charles Lee later in the quarter, and Penn’s big-play ability was on display in all facets against MT.

‘Whatever they want me to do I’ll do. If they want me to throw, I’ll throw. Like I said, coming into tonight we saw some things in their defense that we felt we could take advantage of and we did and it worked great.”

Kruczek knew the quarterback draw would be an effective play to especially because his five-receiver sets dictated their coverage. With Penn’s speed, the draw will be an effective weapon for UCF against Bowling Green and next season.

‘I’m not afraid to call it anymore, but I’m afraid of the hits. At 180 pounds at this level, it’s not too smart to run him all the time. We ran the option down there and he kept it and scored, which was critical. He did a good job.”

‘How often we run it next year will be dictated on how big he gets, but I plan to. Yeah, I plan on using it more.”

Quarterback Vic Penn dropped back to pass on this play against Middle Tennessee States, but he spent plenty of time running by the Blue Raider defense as well, racking up record-setting rushing yardage for a Golden Knight QB.
POOLBALL NOTEBOOK

Moore records first sack of season

Senior defensive tackle Justin Moore finally got his man on Saturday, sacking MT quarterback Wes Counts for his first sack of the season.

Moore led the team with eight sacks in 1998.

"I didn't think I was going to get one the whole year. I really didn't, especially the way things were going," Moore said.

"But I got lucky," Josh (McKibben) and Rahem (Ponflip) stunted him to me, and I made the play."

Moore, who wears war paint for every game, is a favorite of teammates, who were especially pleased he finally got on the board.

"I felt it when he finally got his," said defensive end Fred Harley. "Last year, he was first, and I was second (in sacks) and I don't have one yet either. It was really good to see him get a sack." Just because Moore hasn't been able to record a sack doesn't mean that he's been a liability. "He's good to see him get a sack in pressures and is the school's record holder in tackles for loss. "He's really impressive. Especially if you look at him, considering what he's been able to accomplish," McKibben said. "He's like the ninth wonder of the world."

Shorter picks off a pair

Defensive back Elliot Shorter recorded a pair of interceptions, his first two of the season, in UCF's big win against MT. Shorter picked off Counts twice in the second half.

"I'm not a starter, but when I get my chances in a game I just try to do my best of what I can do and what the coaches have taught me," Shorter said.

Shorter actually is now tied for the team lead with Damian Demps, Rico Joseph, and Justin Moore, who have each recorded a pair of interceptions. For Shorter, he was just doing his job

"It's a matter of reading the quarterback and being in the right place at the right time, and I was," Shorter said. "We tried to come back and do this for the seniors and come out strong for them. We didn't want to stay down on ourselves after the Auburn loss."

Knights wanted to make point against newcomer

UCF got a chance to look back in time when facing the Blue Raiders, a first-year Division I-A squad. The Golden Knights have come a long way in four years, and wanted to prove what they've learned.

"We had to show up and show how far we've come," receiver Kenny Clark said. "They played us tough, we can't take anything away from those guys, because we were once in their shoes. They have a really good offense and their defense is coming along. They're a tough group."

The Golden Knights know they had a lot to lose if they were to get defeated by MT, which would have left supporters just a year removed from their first victorious season without a win. "I was thinking about that all the way up here," Moore said. "I was thinking about the first time I was in their shoes with the first few ones in our first 4-6 year. We had Bowling Green and some MAC teams come in and we beat them, and we didn't want that to happen to us. After that first scare, we played well and came out and did what we had to do."

At the beginning, it looked like the Knights would be in deep trouble, down 7-0 after MT's opening drive, while the offense generated just two first downs in three drives.

"It was kind of shocking," Moore said. "The way they came out and scored and then our offense couldn't come back and got shut down. When we got back on the field, we were like, 'we have to stop them here, we can't let this go any further.' But it turned around for us."

The Blue Raiders threw the kitchen sink at the Golden Knights offensively, opening up in a variety of formations, many of which resemble what UCF does.

"They're innovative in what they do too," Krakczek said. "I think sometimes they have to do those things when you have a lack of size and people that can knock people off the ball. I think Andy (McCollum) and I are very similar in what we try to get accomplished offensively, spread people and throw it."

Ricott Joseph was pleased that UCF was prepared for everything MT brought to the table.

"They came out there and the feeling that we got from them is that they changed things up and really mixed things well when they scored on us," Joseph said.

"They did some different things, but our coaching staff was ready for it."

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Tournament run ended by Tar Heels

David Marsters

UCF's women's soccer team suffered an unfortunate end to a terrific season, falling 8-0 to national power North Carolina.

The Golden Knights ran ended in the second round of the NCAA tournament, travelling to North Carolina to take on the No. 3 UNC Tarheels, who have won 14 of the last 17 national championships, on November 17.

Playing in front of a crowd of 3,875, the Golden Knights played the Tarheels evenly for most of the first half, keeping the game scoreless until the 33rd minute when a defensive mix-up left the net open, and All-American Honorable Mention Raven McDonald took advantage, putting UNC up 1-0. The Tarheels got another goal before halftime, and then kept scoring in the second half, routing the Golden Knights 8-0.

UCF's Defensive Stat

A Stat-Quest: UCF's (20-3) outshot North Carolina (16-6-1) 8-0.

The Golden Knights only love four seniors this year, including midfielders Wendy Wiltsie, defender Margrete Auffant, midfielder Monica Holtschaefer, and midfielder Alison Thomas. Next year, they return Claire Kohake, Howell, and Michelle Anderson, their top three point scorers, along with starting goalkeeper Maria Hamil and a host of other key players. Many of the nine freshmen on this year's team saw quite a bit of game action this season, and that experience will be valuable when their roles on the team increase next season.

The Golden Knights' 16 wins were the most ever by a UCF Women's Soccer team, and their domination of the TAAC conference was unprecedented. They went 10-0-1 in conference play, outscoring their opponents 52-1 along the way. In a year that was supposed to be a rebuilding season for the team, they took a step forward, advancing further into the NCAA Tournament than any team since the 1988 squad, which reached the quarterfinals.

Head Coach Amanda Cromwell made the school forget about the loss of long time coach Karen Richter, and even brought the world's best player, Michelle Akers, to the UCF staff.

Cromwell said before the tournament that she hoped a Cinderella team could do some damage to the dominance of North Carolina and a select few that remain at the top each year, and while the Golden Knights were unable to do that this year, they can't be counted out in seasons to come.
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**Senior Charles Lee caught 10 passes, nine in the first half, for 186 yards and is within striking distance of single-season records for receptions and receiving yards. Lee is eighth in the nation in receptions per game, and 11th in receiving yards per reception.**

On Saturday, Raiders in 25-point win

November 17, 1999

Senior Lee found out last year how difficult it is to move the ball and deal with defensive rhythm.

**Golden Knights hope to blow away Hurricanes**

Tony Mejia

SPORTS EDITOR

MURFREESBORO, TN - On Saturday night, quarterback Vic Penn recorded a feat that even Danne Culpepper never accomplished. Penn, a junior, rushed for 122 yards, becoming the first Golden Knight at his position to break the 100-yard barrier.

His passing wasn’t shabby either, as he tossed for 108 yards and two touchdowns, while rushing for another to lead UCF past Division I-A newcomer Middle Tennessee State, 39-14, in front of 10,275 at Floyd Stadium.

Trailing 7-3 entering the second quarter, the Golden Knights got into the end zone three times in the 12-minute period, putting away the Blue Raiders.

Penn single-handedly kicked-started a stagnant UCF offense by darting 61 yards up the middle of the MT defense to set up a Javier Beorlegui 22-yard field goal to open the scoring for the Golden Knights, who managed just two first downs on their first three drives.

"We dropped some passes to stop drives and misfired on a couple things," Coach Mike Kruczek said. "It just took too much time to settle down. This offense can be very explosive at times and they did a good job. It’s a long game. Sixty minutes is a long time. You can squander a couple, two or three drives and still score a lot of points."

Tyson Himslaw made a tremendous 13-yard catch over the middle of the field, flipping over after being undercut as he caught the ball, to set up his 9-yard TD reception. Kenny Clark caught an 11-yarder from he caught the ball, to set up his 9-yard TD reception. Kenny Clark caught an 11-yarder from himslaw at Floyd Stadium.

In hoping to stay perfect this season.

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Most of the field goal kicks were successful in the game, and the UCF defense held the Falcons to only 171 total yards.

"Our defense has played very well this season," Coach Mike Kruczek said. "They’ve been very tough on the road, and we’ve been able to go on the road and win games.

However, UCF’s defense started keying in on the run and held the Falcons to only 171 total yards in the second half. UCF’s offense then wore down the Falcons and used big plays to squeak out a seven-point victory thanks to touchdowns.

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**Golden Knights hope to blow away Hurricanes**

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It’s what UCF has been looking toward since last season’s disappointing 89-61 loss to Sanford in the NCAA Tournament. The Miami Hurricanes are coming to town.

Miami, ranked No. 24 in the nation, becomes the first ranked opponent ever to visit the UCF Arena on Nov. 19, helping the Golden Knights tip off the season with a marquee matchup.

The game is the second part of a home-and-home between the Golden Knights and ’Canes, with Miami having won the first meeting down south last season.

That contest was marred by the poor shooting of both teams, particularly UCF, which connected on less than 35 percent of its field goal attempts. Although forward Tim James has been lost to the NEA’s Heat, Miami is still one of the more athletic teams in the country, with its defense considered one of the nation’s best. Stunting out a season against a team like this can be very dangerous and potentially harmful to UCF’s offensive rhythm.

"That’s going to be a tremendous challenge to do it the first game of the season,” Coach Kirk Speraw said. “We found out last year how difficult it is to move the ball and deal with

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**Falcons fly in for UCF’s season finale**

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UCF closes its season this Saturday afternoon against Bowling Green, and the scenario is much like the one faced during the 1996 season.

UCF is facing the Falcons on the third Saturday of November with a 4-6 record, which is the identical situation the Golden Knights were in when BGSU traveled to Orlando.

While it may not have been the situation UCF hoped for when the season began, the Knights will settle for the same outcome after beating Bowling Green, 27-19, to end the 1996 campaign.

But in reality, UCF’s main motivation is just getting out and playing one last time this year.

"The schedule is meaningless now. We lost some heart-breaking games but all we’re out here is to have fun and play football," quarterback Vic Penn said. "That’s what the bottom-line is anyway. How many people in the world get to go out and play football? I think it’s great that God has blessed us with the ability to play football after week.".

UCF has faced Bowling Green twice since joining the Division I-A ranks. The Falcons threatened the Golden Knights season last year before succumbing to the UCF passing attack as the Golden Knights won 38-31 on the road.

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A win would match the win-loss records of UCF’s first two seasons in I-A, when it posted consecutive 5-6 marks.

Coming off a solid outing in a 39-14 victory over Middle Tennessee State, UCF will look for the same consistency and balance on offense (323 rushing, 208 passing) that it enjoyed against the Blue Raiders. As with every win this year for the Golden Knights, the running game will be the key to its success.

"We always want to run the football and we really stressed it last week," Coach Mike Kruczek said. "I think we’re really coming along in that stage of the game and the blocking up front has gotten better.

Last year the Falcons had a good game plan in the first half on how to contain the UCF offense by keeping it off the field. BGU ran the ball 42 times and mixed in a few trick plays, including an onside kick following a score to take a surprising 24-14 lead at halftime.

However, UCF’s defense started keying in on the run and held the Falcons to only 25 total yards in the second half. UCF’s offense then wore down the Falcons and used big plays to squeak out a seven-point victory thanks to touchdowns.

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