**Dancers raise awareness for culture**

Lisa Cericola  
**STAFF WRITER**

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the Piscataway Nation Dancers gave the UCF community a cultural presentation.

The four-person group, led by Mark Tayac, includes William Reeves, Sun Bear Cot and Urie Ridgeayak.

The members refer to themselves as an "inter nation group," representing over 500 different Native American nations.

The UCF performance was held Nov. 18 in the Visual Arts Auditorium.

"The group has traveled for 20 years throughout the United States and Europe, performing traditional Native American music and dance in cultural ceremonial dress."

Educating the public about Native American cultural practices and defying "John Wayne" stereotypes is one of Tayac's main goals.

"Our dances and music touch people's minds and hearts and put an end toward racial attitudes," he said.

Disappearing sorority seeks a return to its once-popular status

Krista Zilezi  
**STAFF WRITER**

There are constant reminders of Delta Gamma's once-affluent prominence at UCF. A faint pattern of its letters is still visible on the Delta Gamma house (now occupied by the Alpha Xi Delta sorority).

The anchor still sits before the house, serving its symbolic status.

And despite Delta Gamma's absence from this year's Homecoming events, Delta Gamma colors were still evident among the crowds of Homecoming spectators.

Delta gamma membership at UCF has never been steady, according to Barbara Brudny, a collegiate development consultant for Delta Gamma.

"It's not that people have a negative or positive notion about Delta Gamma, they don't have a notion at all," she said. "So while Delta Gamma has always been viable, it never caught on as much."

In the early 1990s, Delta Gamma recruited to total capacity and continued to for the next couple of years.

Gradually its numbers began to decrease until the fall of 1997, which proved to be its most devastating fall rush in UCF history.

With 19 members remaining, Delta Gamma declined to participate in fall rush this year.

Instead, national representatives were called in to organize a reconstruction program to revive the near-defunct sorority.

"We couldn't be competitive in a formal recruitment, so we let the numbers go lower and the fraternity decided we would come in and revitalize by recruiting in October," Brudny said.

In mid-October Delta Gamma began its campaign to recruit enough new members and reach total capacity once again.

Through newspaper advertisements, posters and tents around campus, and formal invitation letters to LEAD scholar and honor students, Delta Gamma was met with many responses from interested young women.

The cost of Delta Gamma is $600 to $700 a semester, which is comparable to most sororities at UCF.

"Dues will most likely go down as membership grows," Brudny said. "As a new member, it tends to be more expensive because of several one-time fees,"

"We would also love to have a house again, but the timing just wasn't right. There are ups and downs to having a house, but with plans for a new Greek Park, it is something the Delta Gamma's are considering," she said.

Delta Gamma membership participation in two of the dances, including the Snake Dance, where audience members linked hands and danced around the stage like a human serpent.

Other dances included the Grand Entry Dance, men’s Grass Dance, Crow Hop Dance and Eagle Dance.

"Our dances are not war dances, contrary to what people believe. Many were created to honor animals and birds. The animals were our neighbors, they gave us life. So we created these dances to honor our neighbors," said Tayac.

Senior Alicia Scott, who attended the performance, said, "I thought it was a really good performance, but it would have been cool if they had done it outside, in nature."

In between dance numbers and drumbeats, Tayac also spoke about the great divide between the traditional and modern world for Native Americans.

"We live today in two worlds," he said. "Sometimes we joke that we have a Reebok on one foot and a moccasin on the other. But we have adapted, we have survived, we are here."

Get the most out of your internship

Shelley Wilson  
**STAFF WRITER**

Long before Monica Lewinsky made the word “intern” infamous, many college students have used the internship and cooperative education programs to benefit their college experience.

More than 1,800 students enrolled this past academic year for undergraduate internships at UCF. This year’s number is up from 1,746 interns last year, even though there was a drop in credit hours from 6,041 credits to 5,811.

The College with the most internships this year was Arts and Sciences with 777 students enrolled.

The number of students participating in the co-op program also increased. During the 1998-1999 school year, there were 633 students enrolled in a co-op, while there were 232 students enrolled the previous school year.

The difference between an internship and a co-op is that an internship usually costs students $60 and a co-op, while a co-op typically involves multiple semesters and the work is always paid. Another difference is that not all departments in the five colleges offer internships, but any student (with 20 or more semester hours) can apply for a co-op.

Many students decide to participate in an internship or a co-op because it can provide a future job, networking and hands-on experience.

In a poll taken by the magazine, "Planning Job Choices 1999 Four Year College Edition," having an internship or co-op experience rated 3.37 and 3.37 respectively on a 5.0 scale of desired experiences that employers look for.

Why students choose to do either an internship or a co-op depends on the needs of the student. In a co-op, college credit is offered, whereas the students are paid for an internship.

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LEAD hopes to find new home in OSA office

ADAM SHIVER
STAFF WRITER

The Leadership Enrichment and Academic Development Scholars program has been looking to move out of its current office that has grown too small to house the program.

Recently, the program has discussed the possibility of moving into the Office of Student Activities, a larger office located on the second floor of the Student Union. "We're currently expanding our staff and the program is building," Associate Director of LEAD, Jan Lloyd, said. "That space is where we think we'd best fit."

Some feel this wouldn't be a very beneficial action.

"This would drastically reduce the size of the OSA office," said LEAD graduate Bob Williams, who holds positions on several committees of the Campus Activities Board.

"OSA's office space would be dramatically down sized, allowing for LEAD scholars to move in, dominating the office," Lloyd disagreed. "We would be devoting the space between us, Office of Student Activities, Greek Affairs and Campus Ministries. We won't be taking the majority of the space," she said.

She also said that with the bringing together of these different groups they would be forming an office for student leadership.

Working collectively this would, theoretically, give the student body a "student leadership center."

"Our area, the Office of Student Activities, Greek Affairs and Campus Ministries are all coming under a new division of student leadership programs...we're a student leadership program ourselves so this would be a great advantage," Lloyd said.

With offices in the Student Union being a high commodity item on campus, setting up in this office would cost LEAD between $500.00 and $600.00.

Williams said that the money is coming from an anonymous on-campus sponsor.

"I'm not sure exactly where the money is coming from," said Lloyd, "I'm working with other people on the budget right now. They've had to move money from a different account, so I can't be exactly sure where it is coming from."

"We're very unhappy with the prospect of LEAD moving in," said Williams. The LEAD program is focused on talented, first-year students who are interested in leadership programs, scholarships, and service projects.

The time when the move will take place has not been established.

"LEAD Scholars would most likely be looking to move in for the spring semester," Williams said.

There are also talks of an extension of a terrace area, which could possibly house CAB in order to provide more space for LEAD scholars as well as OSA.

Toys for Tots drive collects more than 3,000 toys

MAYA LAZAROVITZ
STAFF WRITER

With the help of the South Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Hall Conference and Homecoming week, over 3,000 toys were collected at UCF for Toys for Tots.

Toys for Tots, sponsored by Philanthropy Chair of SAACURH, said that "Let's Play" was the theme for Homecoming and SAACURH, standing for "Let's promote leadership among youth."

"To promote leadership among youth, you must first take care of children's basic needs. Toys can almost be one of the most basic needs, because they provide so much for a child. These toys that we collect will be sources of comfort, entertainment, and part of the memories of these children for many, many years," she said.

Shettigar said that 2,571 toys were collected during Homecoming week and 1,010 were raised by SAACURH.

"I am thrilled that we got so many toys, because now a lot of children's holiday seasons will be a lot brighter and happier," said Sherin Schwartz, Co-Philanthropy Chair of SAACURH.

Volunteers are needed to help with registration Nov. 29 - Dec. 3, and to help with sorting and packaging Dec. 6 - 17.

For more information, contact Shettigar at 823-1613.

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A student receives a temporary tattoo at the Islamic Culture Bazaar and Jummah. The Bazaar, sponsored by the Muslim Student Association, was part of the 9th Annual Islam Awareness Week, held Nov. 14-19.

Delta Gamma’s membership includes 65 new recruits

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Trial Team places 10th in Mock Trial

The UCF Trial Team placed 10th out of 42 schools at the Middle Tennessee State University Mock Trial Association Nov. 12-13. The team also received three honorable mentions for outstanding performance and two “Best Lawyer” awards.

“Our first round we tied with last year’s National Champions (Bellarmine Univ.) and after what we saw this weekend we now know that UCF deserves this year’s national title,” Trial Team President Tony Sos said.

“UCF was certainly an intimidating team as most schools only have one team and we have three. UCF is now known as one of the powerhouse schools in the country, along with schools such as Yale and Duke,” Coach Diane Sudia said.

Best Lawyer:
- Tavis Souder
- Fermin Lopez

Best Witness:
- Sharita Elston
- Corey Harris (honorable mention)

Judicial Council Hearing

A Judicial Council hearing will be held at 7 p.m., Nov. 30, (place TBA) to determine if due process was rendered to former Student Body President, Darin Patton regarding his impeachment.

UCF Card expiration

UCF Cards that were issued during the first carding event last November have expired. Expired cards can be renewed at the UCF Card office. For further information call the card office at 407-823-3072.

Library exhibit

The following items will be on display in the Library through December:
1. “Spacescapes” by Cecil Herring
3. “Personal Development,” by Mike Burgan, Counseling and Testing Center
5. “Music at UCF” by Lee Eubank, Department of Music
6. “Drive Smart, Drive Safe,” by Erin Brown, Health Resource Center

Clothing drive

Alpha Delta Pi, with the assistance of UCF and the Dryel Company, is collecting clothing through November to aid the victims of Hurricane Floyd. Clothes will be donated to the North Carolina Hurricane Relief effort. For more information call Abbey Morrow or Valerie Brennan at 407-275-8750, or e-mail dryeldriveucf@netscape.net.

Registration

Disney has largest college program in Central Florida

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may or may not be given, but many places require credit for an internship.

“This co-op allows me to incorporate what I’ve learned in classes and use it first hand,” senior Brian Antal, a co-op at Go Co-Op in Maitland, said. “I look forward to coming here more than going to class. Sometimes sitting in class, I don’t see where the concept is going, but at work I can only see the concept and apply them as well.”

“Do as many internships as you can. If you want to know something, ask and they’ll probably let you do it. It’s better to find out now than on your first job,” senior Rachelle Lucas said.

Many companies also feel the same way when it comes to wanting to give students the “real world” experience.

The largest college program in Central Florida is Walt Disney World. More than 7,000 students, representing over 60 schools participate in its college program each year.

Disney’s Program Coordinator for College Recruiting, Susan Storey, said that the program is distinct and useful for college students.

“It’s an amazing experience just to work for Disney. We’re involved in so many things that you get to know what it’s like to be in the real world. You see thousands and thousands of guests each day and it’s just great because ultimately you’re working for Mickey Mouse,” Storey said.

The design at Disney is to increase practical knowledge of the entertainment and hospitality industry. Participants receive free housing and all of their programs are paid for.

Interns who are not satisfied where they work or need help with their internship should discuss their concerns with the company. “If they don’t like what they are doing, they are really not doing anyone any good. They should talk to their employer and maybe change departments,” Coordinator for Clear Channel Marketing, Susan Davenport, said. “Every job has a boring side, but if you are really eager to learn and take on responsibility, they should give it to you.”

Clear Channel Marketing owns six radio stations including WJRR (104.1) and WMGF (107.7). The company hires several interns each semester to work in sales, promotions, production and marketing.

Many companies are also quick to point out that not every internship or co-op suits all student needs or is the right place for the right people.

Interns who are not satisfied with their employer or internship should discuss their concerns with the company. “Every intern is not good for everybody. The secret for the success, at least in the ADPR program, is that the faculty knows the companies in the community.” Visiting Professor Frank Stansberry said. “It’s a great chance to try a position or an industry that you may not like or want to stay at. It’s a free look at a job... Risk free.”

— Frank Stansberry
visiting professor

The Nicholson School of Communication has devised a structure for the student/company to follow.

I. One official “boss” or reporting relationship
When you have a problem or need to know something specific regarding your internship, you should know whom to go to for help.

II. Formal Training and Orientation.
You should be instructed on how to do your job (phone systems, greeting people, computer systems) and also meet some of the people you’ll be working with.

III. A place to “be” while interning
Space. Desk, a phone and whatever supplies and support you need to get your job done.

IV. Something Concrete To Do
Regular responsibilities, schedules and opportunities to build a portfolio.

V. Clear Expectations
Two-way expectations while the employer expects from the intern and what the intern expects out of the employer.

VI. Pay for any hours beyond college credit
The compensation should be agreed upon before the paperwork is signed.

VII. Chance to contribute and learn
Sit in on planning/strategic meetings for a chance to interact with decision-makers of the company.

VIII. Formal exit interview and review
You should be debriefed by your employer on your experience and given a “grade” from his/her perspective.

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NAACP says college entrance exams unfair to minorities

REBEKAH AMOS AND ELIZABETH VANDEN BOOM
THE STATE NEWS

(E-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — The NAACP wants Americans to rely less on college entrance exams when admitting students because it says the tests are unfair to minorities.

It is a stand drawing praise from Michigan State University minority leaders and students, but not necessarily because the tests are discriminatory.

These tests can have a useful purpose, but the problem occurs when the entire focus of the school system is teaching students how to pass a test,” said Luis Garcia, MSU Chicano-Latino student affairs coordinator.

“The problem doesn’t just lie with minority students. Not everyone. We need to focus more on teaching these students to be critical thinkers,” he said.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will hold a press conference in Los Angeles today, announcing its campaign to lessen the importance of standardized tests and help minority and low-income students prepare for the tests.

The organization claims college entrance exams, such as the Scholastic Aptitude Test and American College Test, are unreliable and unfair to minorities.

“They are the first large national organization of their type not only to criticize the test but to encourage minorities to do better on the test,” said Jay Rosner, director of the Princeton Review Foundation, the nation’s largest SAT preparation company. “It is really a positive, two-pronged approach that I think is what’s called for these days.”

Ottie McClendon, mechanical engineering freshman and Black Student Alliance representative to Residence Hall Association, took the ACT and thinks colleges put too much emphasis on these tests.

“(Taking the standardized tests causes too much stress),” he said. “I was afraid if I didn’t get a high score I wouldn’t go to college.”

But McClendon didn’t notice any bias against minorities.

Esmeralda Perez, a Spanish junior, said she agrees with the NAACP action because the test is unfair to minorities and doesn’t have real merit.

She said grades should be considered when admitting students to college, but they shouldn’t be the only criteria.

“Test-taking is to see how well you do under pressure, to see how well you perform on subjects that only have significance to certain people,” she said.

Garcia said when these same students are sent out into the business world, they will need to prove they are critical thinkers with experience.

“As the world becomes more complex, it is going to become more and more important that we prepare students for that complexity,” he said.

“And if we do that by simply preparing them for a standardized test, it will be a travesty.”

— The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Texas A&M planning for outside investigation

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(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas

Days after the Bonfire tragedy led people to question the safety of the beloved Aggie tradition, Texas A&M University officials have begun investigating what could have caused the 40-foot stack to collapse last week.

The Bonfire stack, which is built annually and stands 55 feet when completed, toppled Thursday morning, killing 12 students and injuring 27 others.

A&M administrators, along with College Station and Bryan police and fire officials will meet Monday to discuss procedures for the upcoming investigation.

Bart Humphreys, a public information officer for the College Station Police Department, said after the rescue equipment was removed from the site, police secured the perimeter with a 4-foot plastic fence.

“We had to keep people out to make sure no one takes anything or does anything to jeopardize the investigation,” he said.

All of the lags were set aside for evidence, and Humphreys said each log will be analyzed if it broke during clean-up efforts.

“Some students who were working on the stack when it fell reported hearing a snap, but it’s all speculation,” he said.

He said investigators won’t focus on the center pole but instead will examine every aspect of the accident.

“Right now they have to get in without any predetermined ideas and look at every possible angle to make sure they don’t miss anything,” he said.

The 12th victim died Friday night at St. Joseph Regional Health Center in College Station. Tim Kerlee, 17, of Bartlett, Tenn., had internal injuries, a crushed pelvis and broken arm.

The hospital released Will Harlan on Friday and Lanny Hayes Saturday at about 5 p.m., but four students still remain hospitalized.

William Davis is in critical condition.

Three others, Chad Hutchinson, Milton “Chip” Thiel, J.J. Washam are in fair condition, which means their vital signs are stable and within normal limits.

The three students in fair condition are conscious but may be uncomfortable.

Christie Maynard, the assistant director for St. Joseph’s, said all the patients are doing well.

“They’re all in good, healthy condition and should make a quick recovery,” Maynard said.

At the College Station Medical Center, two more students remain hospitalized. John Calkins is in critical condition in the Intensive Care Unit, and Dominic Brasas is in serious condition with lacerations and fractures.

Derrek Woodley was released Saturday.

Students left roses, poems and pictures alongside the fence of the bonfire site.

A cross and a message board sat at the north end of the site, and people waited in line to write a note for the victims.

Melissa Cox, an A&M freshman, said many people from around the country have e-mailed A&M with sympathy. Cox said the tragedy has left a visible mark on the campus.

“Normally you walk around campus and everyone’s smiling — now everyone’s gloomy,” she said.

Sharyla Dzovar, an A&M biology freshman, said the tradition means so much to the campus and students will never forget this.

“No matter where you go (on campus), you know people are thinking about the same thing,” she said.

Texas A&M President Ray Bowen announced Sunday the university will form a commission to study the circumstances relating to the students’ deaths and injuries leading to the Bonfire’s collapse.

The commission will report its findings and conclusions no later than March 31, 2000.

Bowen said in a statement the study is expected to focus on safety and training, engineering and design, soil and site conditions, materials and other factors of construction, and student leadership in the project.

“This evidence will be organized and summarized to determine the issues and be sorted by unsolved problems and questions,” Bowen said.

The commission will also work with contract or volunteer technical staff and other experts to conduct any studies that may be warranted.

A&M hired Buchanan Seil Mechanics Inc., of Bryan, Texas, to analyze the soil where the Bonfire was built. Humphreys said crews took soil samples Friday to determine whether the ground was stable. He said unstable soil could possibly have caused the Bonfire to shift.

Many local agencies will assist the A&M Police Department with the investigation to help answer questions of many of the victims’ families and friends.

Fire and rescue officials who were at the accident site Thursday and helped in the rescue efforts will attend Monday’s meeting. A representative of the Texas Rangers will also be present at the meeting.

Humphreys said the fire department will answer any questions the investigators might have concerning their rescue efforts last week.

Lane Stephens, an A&M spokesman, said the university will name the individuals who will lead the investigation by the end of the week.

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Traffic slowed to a crawl in communication hallways

**ADAM SHIVER**

Staff Writer

Backups strewn about, unfurled papers and overstretched legs make walking through the halls of the Communications Building a challenge.

Recently I noticed that the Communications Building did not contain something found very readily in most of the other buildings on campus: somewhere to sit while you wait for class.

As I walked for History of American Journalism class recently, I constantly saw students, as well as professors, having to step over me as they came to and from classes.

It was frustrating enough for me to be constantly stepped over, but I am sure it was for them to be running the obstacle course we call the Communications hallways.

A lack of chairs in the Communications Building makes it hallways the only place to sit.

Other places on campus like the Business, Engineering and Phillips Hall buildings all accommodate students by providing chairs, desks and/or couches for waiting students.

With nowhere to sit, students line the hallway floors.

Students are not all that cover the floor of these hallways through.

Their possessions cover the floor too, taking up too much room that it makes it difficult, sometimes next to impossible, to walk.

There is something about a stack of logs burning that brings people together.

When one pot means behind it, the bonfire becomes quite symbolic.

However, the Aggie bonfire is far more than just about money. It is dangerous.

Aggie bonfires reach as high as 123 years old.

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Texas A&M people are gang-bang about everything, traditions and rituals are taken seriously. They are seen as being critical to the success of the school, with the ability to raise funds quickly, and a large network that spans worldwide through the “Spirit of Aggie land.”

After an accident during the setup of the bonfire’s logs last week that killed 12 people and injured many more, the school saw its image tarnished. It is worth wondering, then:

Should certain traditions be continued at the expense of human life?

Old Aggies from the Old Army like to brag about working on a bonfire that has reached as high as 105 feet, whereas today they are limited to a meager 55 feet.

The statement, “All Aggies bleed maroon,” is false. Reality says they bleed red just like everyone else.

Instead of allowing this accident to smear the name of Texas A&M University, Texas A&M should make changes and set a standard that is higher than any structure, one which is unable to tumble to the ground in seconds.

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Pop punk rocks UCF Arena

Blink 182, Silverchair and FenixTX played a sold out UCF Arena last Friday night. The three bands kept the audience, mostly local high-schoolers, head bobbing and body slamming for almost four hours to the best in pop-punk and Aussie grunge.

FenixTX, formerly known as Riverfenix (the band switched names to avoid legal problems with the estate of actor River Phoenix) got the party started around 7:30 p.m. and played a short set in support to their new re-released album simply titled FenixTX. The Houston-based pop punk band played a set much like the one played in the latest Warped Tour earlier this year with sure shots like, "Apple Pie Cowboy Toothpaste," "Minimum Wage" and "G.B.O.H."

Australia’s most successful music export yet, Silverchair, co-headlined the night touring to support their new album Neon Ballroom, their latest release after a two-year hiatus from their critically-acclaimed Freak Show. The aussie grungers played U.S. hits like "Tomorrow" and "Pure Massacre," a surprise cover of MC5’s "Seek and Destroy" and some new material from Neon Ballroom.

Warped Tour co-headliners Blink 182 played a long set filled with teenage humor, masturbation tips, Ebay jokes and flying shoes and pagers just to name a few. The band played a long set and kept most of the arena body surfing until 10 p.m. until the band stepped out for a deserved break. The pop-punk combo made up of Mark Hoppus (bass, vocals), Tom DelLounge (guitar, backup vocals) and Travis Barker (drums) played undeniable hits like "What’s My Age Again," "Going Away to College" and "All the Small Things." Blink is still touring the U.S. supporting their new album Enema of the State.
Funkmaster takes over Orlando

PATRICIA CANEDO
STAFF WRITER

It was a diverse crowd at the House of Blues on Sunday night, young and old, black and white, alternative and conservative, all brought together to experience the music of George Clinton and the P-Funk All Stars.

Older members of the audience shared their memories of concerts past with younger fans as everyone impatiently waited to be let in. When the doors finally opened the crowd took their spots and anxiously watched the curtain. Eight o'clock came and went when people's anticipation turned to hostile yells and groaning.

Finally, the curtain opened and the P-Funk All Stars took the stage.

The All Stars got the crowd ready for what they called “Beyond Reality, somewhere between 4:20 and 4:21.” After the band got people to sing and dance, George Clinton made his appearance. Once he took the stage no one was left sitting. Clinton right off the bat had people push toward the stage as he gave his glasses to a very lucky audience member.

Throughout the entire show people shined their flashlights, wore their glasses and got funky. George Clinton and the P-Funk All Stars’ concert turned out to be an incredible experience like no other. Throughout the night people sang Clinton’s message “Free the funk and your mind will follow” and felt his energy of peace and love.
— In November in Tokyo, a passenger was killed in a car accident that occurred when the driver, Ms. Tomomi Okawa, 25, rammed a concrete pole; according to police, she lost control of the vehicle and hit the brake pedal because of her tendency to blinky platform shoes. And in September, schoolteacher Misayo Shimizu, 25, died several hours after fracturing her skull on a sidewalk after toppling over in her 5-inch-heel platform shoes.

Mr. Patrick Corp, 24, pleads guilty to possession of child pornography in Grand Rapids, Mich., in November and will be recommended for a federal prison sentence. He had photographed his 17-year-old girlfriend with her permission. Although she is beyond the age of consent to have sex in Michigan, she is too young to be photographed while doing so. In Canada, photographer Gary Geisler, 56, is fighting the same battle; Canada's age of consent for sex is 14, but Manitoba and other provinces set the photographic age at 18.

1999 Election Roundup

In mayoral voting, pro wrestlers Jerry "The King" Lawler finished third in Memphis, Tenn. (11 percent of the vote), and Outlaw-Joe "Cowboy" Luna finished third in Houston (10 percent). David W. Ivory Jr. won a county council seat in Seattle, beating his sister Di, who had the support of their parents. Eugene Reps. John seat his ex-wife Carol for a seat on the Glouversville, N.Y., town council. Levi Levy, 67, lost all five seats he ran for this year in Fairfax County, Va. And African-American Alfie Heinz finished third in the United States, England, and previously, the Zipolight and Tupperware companies had had to eliminate their lifetime guarantees in order to do business in Germany.

Cultural Diversity

— The German Supreme Court ruled in August that the lifetime guarantee offered by U.S. companies is economically unfeasible and therefore is unfair competition, despite its validity in the United States, England, and previously, the Zipolight and Tupperware companies had had to eliminate their lifetime guarantees in order to do business in Germany.

— Latest Rumors: The Cambodian government had to call widespread fears in June that evil spirits surrounding the royal family had demanded the souls of long-haired women, thus setting off a surge of hair sacrifices around the royal palace aimed to pacify the demons. And in August, several women were injured leaping from speeding cars in Zimbabwe because they believed a rumor that some drivers were forcing women to breastfeed large frogs in order to attain prosperity.

— In July, the Bangladesh Acid Survivors Foundation sponsored a tearful return to Dhaka by six young women who had received plastic surgery abroad to recover from sulfuric acid attacks by men because the women's families had paid them insufficient dowries. The United Nations said there were 130 such attacks in 1997 and 200 in 1998.

— In June, a federal judge struck down the no-occupying-ranking ordinance in the town of Pound in the mountains of southwest Virginia. (Previously, a dance permit could be issued only to men who were "proper" and had "good moral character.".) Said one city council member, explaining the old ordinance, "There's bound to be trouble when you mix drinking, country music and dancing."

— The Los Angeles Times and New York Times reported in the summer on the renewed trend in rural South Africa of virginity testing, in which boys and girls as young as 1 year are examined in an effort to identify child abuse and venereal diseases and to discourage premarital sex. Girls' hymens are checked, but the questionable tests for boys include pressing a soft spot on the knee (virgins' knees are hard) or examining genital-area skin (virgins' is firm and tough) or inserting a U-shaped bar into urethra (not virgins' urine sprays). In some villages, the dowry of a nonvirgin bride is reduced from 11 cows to 10.

— Hypocrisies

— Teresa Heinz, wife of U.S. Sen. John Kerry and generous donor to environmental organizations, installed hairdressing salon at least 13 female victims, including four women with long hair. The board had demanded the souls of long-haired women, thus setting off a surge of hair sacrifices around the royal palace aimed to pacify the demons. And in August, several women were injured leaping from speeding cars in Zimbabwe because they believed a rumor that some drivers were forcing women to breastfeed large frogs in order to attain prosperity.

— Update

Wayne Dumond made News of the Weird in 1988 when he won $110,000 in an invasion-of-privacy lawsuit against an Arkansas sheriff, vigilantes had castrated Dumond as an alleged rapist, and the sheriff had displayed Dumond's DNA findings favorable to Dumond and gave parole in October 1999.

— Undignified Deaths

In October, a 36-year-old woman was killed instantly walking along Wabash Avenue in downtown Chicago when hit by a pane of glass that had fallen from the 29th floor of a skyscraper owned by an insurance company. The next day, in the village of Tracadie Cross, Prince Edward Island, Canada, a driver lost control of his car and killed a 68-year-old woman as she walked down the sidewalk.

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GET TO THE GOOD PART.
Dear Nancy,

Ever since my mom passed away five years ago I hate the holidays. Christmas feels like any other day and it's so depressing. Just the fact that the holidays are around the corner makes me depressed. It seems that I'm the only one in my family that hasn't moved on. I'd rather not celebrate Christmas at all but my family would freak out if I told them that. How do I cope with another holiday season without losing my mind?

-Michelle

Dear Michelle,

The holiday season can be a trying time for everyone. Running around trying to find the perfect gift, cooking, wrapping, baking and arriving in one piece on time can be enough for anyone to want to forget it and just hide under the bed until the new year is no longer new.

It's also the time of year that loved ones are missed the most. They're not in their usual chair at dinner. They're not whistling their favorite Christmas carol, fussing over the pine needles on the carpet or rearranging the presents under the tree.

It sounds like you haven't come to terms with your mother's death. As better off as you think you might be avoiding the whole thing, I think you need to face it. Not going home for the holidays will just isolate you from your family. Why don't you try to talk with them about how you're feeling? They may appear to have moved on but in reality they might feel the same way you do. It's important that they know so they can be of some support to you.

And do something nice for yourself before you go home. Figure out what would help you feel better even if momentarily, it could be a new cd, a new haircut, a cup of coffee, etc.

Also instead of dreading Christmas, you could turn it into something to look forward to. Look at it as a celebration of all the memories you have with your mother. Feeling sad is a step to something better and as time goes by you'll get there. Happy Holidays!

-Bill

Dear Nancy,

I have a really bad professor for one of the classes in my major. He's disrespectful, rude and he grades ridiculously hard. I feel like I don't have a chance passing the class when I study all the time and know my stuff. Do you think I should approach him?

-Dear Bill,

The saying "don't rock the boat especially when your in it" was the first thing that came to my mind. But I think when it comes to your grade, your major and an education that you pay for someone's boat needs to be rocked.

The saying "don't rock the boat especially when your in it" was the first thing that came to my mind. But I think when it comes to your grade, your major and an education that you pay for someone's boat needs to be rocked.

I think you should try to approach him first. Be gentle and sweet and use "sir" if necessary but also tell him that you've been studying and would he please reconsider your grade(s). If he cooperates, great.

If he doesn't, ask around in class and find out if other students feel the same way. Maybe someone would like to go to the chair of the department with you. If not go by yourself.

If you don't make any progress there, there's always the dean and student academic services in the administration building. And don't forget, evaluations are right around the corner.

-Dear Bill,
**Crossword**

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5. Months
9. Weekends
14. On occasion
15. Make over
16. Malform (5)
17. Hinded
18. All square
20. Mention free
22. Epic by Virgil
23. End burger
24. Covered
26. Chem. answers
27. Bramin
30. Artists and Jones
32. Players for 3
33. Lady of Spain
34. Jolly surface
37. Jordan's
38. Spread far and
39. Oxford follow
40. Pointed a top
41. Surrounding
42. Leek
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45. Last homes
46. Enfranchise
48. Elements of
49. Fighting trophy
50. Resistant
51. Battle
56. Tiny unit of
59. Captain's ledger
61. In the shadow
62. Head start
63. Houston school
64. Teen and Young
66. Nicks name
67. Reopener

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South Florida hands UCF women a narrow loss

David Marsters

Junior forward LaToya Graham missed two free throws with two seconds left in the game, ending an upset bid by the UCF Women's Basketball team as they dropped their season opener 62-60 to the University of South Florida.

The Golden Knights were behind for most of the contest, trailing 31-22 at halftime and 61-54 with just under three minutes to play. Graham then scored six straight points, pulling UCF to within one, 61-60. Following a free throw by USF's Shannon Layne, Leslie Deaton missed a three-pointer for the Golden Knights and the Bulls had a chance to run out the clock.

UCF's Erin Paige had other plans, however, and stole the ball, giving the Knights a chance to tie or win the game. Graham was fouled on a drive to the basket with two seconds remaining, but missed both free throws, ending the comeback.

"They played hard," said UCF Head Coach Gail Striegler. "I can't get on them for that. We just didn't execute as well as I would have hoped."

Paige, a freshman making her first collegiate start, led the Golden Knights with 14 points and 9 rebounds. Junior Camille Howard chipped in with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Graham came off the bench to score 13 points.

UCF put a very young and inexperienced team on the floor, and it showed in the second half. The Golden Knights pulled within a few points of the Bulls a number of times, even tying the game at one point, but every time they got close, USF quickly made a run of their own to regain a big lead.

"We have so many young kids," Marsters said. "We had two freshmen, a sophomore, a junior, and a senior; and the senior didn't play all of last year," said Striegler. "We didn't execute at the end and made some mistakes, which is normal for a younger team."

"We're going to get nothing but better," she said. "If we can learn to fight through those hills and execute on offense, we're going to be a very good basketball team."
UCF opens Holiday tournament against Clemson

Tony Mejia
SPORTS EDITOR

For the second consecutive season, the UCF men's basketball team will spend Thanksgiving on the road. Last season, the team played at the Spartan Coca-Cola Classic in East Lansing, MI, battling national power Michigan State. This season, a battle with Clemson in the first round of the Greenville, SC SoCon Holiday Hoops tournament awaits.

UCF will participate in the eight team tournament from Nov. 26-28, playing in three contests starting with the matchup against the Tigers at 8:30 p.m. Picked to finish near the bottom of the ACC, Clemson has already been upset once this year, falling at home to Wofford, 79-74, on Nov. 21. The Tigers opened the season with a 77-47 victory against East Tennessee State.

Leading the team is point guard Will Solomon, who has taken over the reins of the team from the graduated Terrell McIntyre. Solomon is averaging 24.5 points through two games this season. Their strength over UCF lies in their frontcourt size, as they line up Andrius Jurkunas (6'9, 230 lbs), Chucky Gilmore (6'8, 275), and Adam Allesspach (7'1, 257) up front.

Through two games, the Clemson trio has combined for 65 points, 45 rebounds, and eight blocks. Clemson isn't very deep however, meaning their starters must log a lot of minutes.

The Knights' second game will be against either Old Dominion or Wisconsin-Green Bay in either the semi-finals or in a consolation round. Both teams won at least 20 games last season.

Old Dominion, coached by Jeff Capel, is UCF big man Paul Reed's former school. The Monarchs return just one starter from last year's 25-9 team, point guard Michael Williams. Among the graduat-ed was star big man Cal Bowdler, a first-round draft pick by the Atlanta Hawks.

Wisconsin-Green Bay, out of the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, went 20-9 last season, return leading scorer B.J. La Rue, a 6'4 guard. The Phoenix will also rely heavily on forwards Jerry Carlsten and Greg Babcock.

UCF's final day of competition will pit them against either Ole Miss, Oregon State, Furman, or South Carolina State.

Lovett misses game with knee tendonitis

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trailin only the attendance for UCF's opener against Auburn in 1997 (3,814) and a Sun Belt tilt against Jacksonville in 1992 (3,773).

Mario Lovett (left knee tendo-nitis) missed the game, leaving UCF very thin in the post. Senior Roy Leath started in his place and paced the Knights with eight rebounds. Sophomore Jason Thornton started as small forward and finished with eight points. Point guard Cory Perry also scored eight and had a game-high four assists.

UCF played its first road contest of the season Tuesday night at Winthrop, but the result of the contest was not known at press time. The Eagles, last year's Big South champion, lost 79-57 to the Golden Knights last season, but return their standout back-court of Tyson Waterman and Roger Toxy.
Early signing period proves fruitful for UCF baseball

Head coach Jay Bergman announced Monday six new additions to the University of Central Florida baseball program.

Dane Artman (Key West/Westminster Academy), Troy Bowden (St. Augustine/Nease HS), Paul Lubrano (Winter Springs/Oviedo HS), Blaine Schulte (Oviedo/Oviedo HS), Scott Carmichael (Orlando/University HS) and Justin Cerri (Clearwater/Clearwater HS) have signed national letters of intent to play for the Golden Knights for the 2000-2001 season.

Artman highlights the incoming class. The left-handed pitcher ranks seventh on Baseball America's national high school prospect list. He started and won the championship game of the Junior College World Series three years ago, stated Bergman. "I think he has an outstanding breaking ball that will prove valuable." Schult is gives the Golden Knights a power-hitting outfielder and first baseman. The left-handed hitter slugged 11 home runs as a junior. "I expect Blaine to carry much of the offensive load in a few years," said Bergman.

Bergman will greet a right-handed hitting outfield talent in Carmichael. "Scott can hit, steals every base in sight and has good tools," said Bergman. Carmichael runs a 6.7-second 60-yard dash and sports an above average arm. "The Golden Knights head coach attributces much of the credit to his assistants. "Coaches Frady and Cozart have done some great work securing a foundation of freshmen to provide a core for the next 3-4 years, especially on the pitching staff." Once again, UCF baseball camps inspired recruiting as four of the six签约s had participated in such clinics, a rate similar to previous seasons.

Four golden Knights earn conference honors

University of Central Florida head coach Meg Fitzgerald was selected Trans America Athletic Conference Coach-of-the-Year while senior outside hitter Susan Rosenberger (Pottsville, Pa/Sedan River HS), sophomore middle blocker Piper Morgan (Loveland, Ohio/Milford HS) and freshman setter Becca Saldana (White Lake, Mich/Walled Lake Central HS) earned First Team all-TAAC honors as selected by the conference coaches and sports information directors.

Fitzgerald, in her first season a top the UCF volleyball program, has led UCF to a 17-11 record. Her team posted a perfect 9-0 mark in the conference this season, earning the regular season TAAC title and the No. 1 seed in this weekend's TAAC Tournament. Rosenberger leads the team with 3.08 digs and ranks second with 2,359 kills per game, which places her fifth and seventh, respectively, in the conference. She has led a team of six match leaders with 6.62 kills per game. Morgans .276 hitting percentage this season has her eighth in the conference. The Golden Knights have won six TAAC championships over the past seven years, with the most recent coming in the Georgia State University (14-18/5-4 TAAC) versus Samford University (14-18/5-4 TAAC) match at 7:30 p.m. Friday (Nov. 19). If UCF advances to the TAAC Championship game, it will play at 2:00 p.m. Saturday (Nov. 20). The winner of that match will represent the conference in the NCAA Tournament beginning December 3rd.

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Lee lifts himself up in UCF record book

Senior Charles Lee has completed one of the best single seasons for a UCF receiver, and according to most people his career ended with the 33-30 overtime loss against Bowling Green last Saturday. But if he has any say in the matter, he will be back for a second senior season.

Lee, who had to sit out his freshman year due to academic problems, lost a year of eligibility in 1996 while only getting to practice with the scout team. However, if he can earn 24 credit hours combined during the spring and summer semesters, he will regain that lost year of eligibility. Lee has two options—either try to play professionally or try to complete the lofty work load and return for another season.

"There are people that have called and said maybe this round or maybe that round (in the NFL Draft)," Lee said. "But then again, there's a possibility that I could be back here next year. That's what I'm focusing my thoughts on right now."

If he doesn't return for another season, Lee has earned his place in the UCF record books. His 10-reception, 108-yard performance was his third consecutive 10-plus catch, 100-plus yard game. It was also his sixth 100-yard game of the season, which ties him for second all-time, one game shy of Ted Wilson's record.

Lee was also chasing two more records on Saturday as well. He was 11 catches and 155 yards shy of the single-season records. He finished the year with 87 catches, one shy of the record set by Stacia Burley last year. He also fell 47 yards short (1,133) of the school record that had five opponents who are currently ranked in the Top 25.

If Lee's career is finished, he ended his three-season total with 162 catches and 2,249 yards. The catch total places him fifth all-time (three behind Burley), and the yards rank him fifth (one yard ahead of Burley). Fellow receiver Tyson Hinshaw would love to have Lee back next season to try and break all the records.

"Of course we'd like to have him back," Hinshaw said. "He'd make our team better, but it's up to him to see if he can get the work done."

Lee got his work done this year on the field after struggling through last year and the off-season, constantly being reminded of a crucial dropped pass that resulted in an interception in last year's Purdue game. His teammates knew how badly he wanted another chance.

"We knew that he was upset because he didn't have a great year last year," Hinshaw said. "This summer he was extremely serious, and his performance level was an incredible increase from last year."

Lee wanted to redeem himself, and he got off to a quick start with seven catches for 89 yards against those same Boilermakers. He had less than five catches and 75 yards only twice, and he was Vic Penn's most consistent target.

"I'm extremely pleased with my performance this year," Lee said. "I just wanted to come out and have the best season that I could. Every game there's things that you can do better, and now I'm just ready to see what's gonna happen (in the future)."

Despite being happy with his own play on the field, Lee wasn't happy with the 4-7 record that was the worst record since 1985. He says it's nobody's fault, and that the team did its best against a schedule that had five opponents who are currently ranked in the Top 25.

"We worked as hard as we could, and that's all we could ask of anyone on this team," Lee said. "We needed to take advantage of our opportunities, and sometimes we did but other times we didn't."

Lee wants to take advantage of an opportunity that is in front of him heading into the spring semester. He is in no hurry to leave a program that he feels is so close to be a very explosive and dangerous team on other school's schedules next season.

"I definitely don't want to leave the program with a loss hanging over my head," Lee said. "I feel that another year with this offense that we're gonna grow a lot of young guys had to play, but they got valuable game experience. If we learned anything this year it was how to play hard."

And now Lee has to learn how to continue to play hard off the field, so that he can return to play hard on the field next sea-
FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Closing out the decade

UCF ended the 1990s with the loss to Bowling Green, leaving the Golden Knights with 45 wins in 59 home games. For the decade, the Knights are 67-46 overall, giving them a .592 winning percentage. But, in their four seasons in Division I-A, the Knights have had only one winning season (1998, 9-2) and have ended in two 5-6 campaigns and a 4-7 season this year.

Penn completes tremendous season

Junior quarterback Vic Penn has made his mark on UCF's program as one of its toughest competitors. After Saturday's game, he also made his mark in the Golden Knights all-time record book.

Penn passed for 374 yards against the Falcons, giving him 3,078 yards this season. Penn's numbers moved him past Darin Slack's into the third spot on UCF's single season passing yards list.

With the 300-yard passing games this year, Penn also tied Darin Slack for the single season (4) and career (4) mark for 300-yard passing games. He had his most productive game for UCF against the No. 3 Florida Gators, shredding the UF secondary for 379 yards and three touchdowns on 34-of-55 passing.

"Vic did well, he threw the ball well," coach Mike Kruczek said. "He had to deal with a lot of dropped balls. Charles dropped the football and TD dropped a couple. We've got a lot of young people back, we've got all our running backs back and our whole offensive line that contributed, basically except David Wilson. We've got a nucleus that's going to come back, we're going to do a lot of studying as a staff, and figure out scheme-wise what we can do to help the running game." 

Who's the MAC?

Although it lost to the Falcons, UCF is a respectable 8-2 all-time against Mid American Conference opponents. The Knights other loss to a MAC school came in 1996 to Ball State in UCF's first season at Division I-A. The MAC has had two teams ranked in the 90s, Toledo (#20 in 1997) and Marshall (#11, 1999), but the overall strength of the MAC has been weak, UCF coach Mike Kruczek said several factors have helped UCF play well against the MAC.

Our overall team speed is a little greater than most of theirs simply because we can recruit the state of Florida and Georgia are the areas and regions that have faster football players," he said. "Those teams up there, and I mean this with no disrespect, can't recruit the first few of tier football players. They're going to have problems recruiting against the top I-A programs in that state, so they have to go outside the state... much like we do." 

Even by going out of state, Kruczek said he thinks UCF still has an advantage.

"Our fourth-tier football player in this state is much better than most second-tier people. So it's given us a chance to be immediately competitive against those types of programs. It all comes down to who you can recruit and sign." 

Knights treading uneven ground

In its last three games, the Knights have had two horrible rushing games, with a decent performance sandwiched in between. The Knights managed only 30 rushing yards on 25 attempts against the Falcons in a performance similar to the dismal-27 rushing yards UCF piled up against the Auburn Tigers two weeks ago.
Seniors end careers with heads held high

Jeff Case

Justen Moore has played his last game as a UCF Golden Knight, but he hasn't given up hope that his football playing days are over. Moore, a senior, says he's considering playing overseas in Europe, possibly Germany, but hasn't ruled out playing anywhere. "If another country takes me, I might go to Japan, wherever it takes me," Moore said. "Once I get back on the weights and get my shoulder back in shape, I don't know where it will take me!"

Moore's gridiron future seems uncertain, but he does share something in common with his fellow senior teammates; he has played his last game as a Knight. Moore, along with other senior contributors have sailed up for their last game as Knights. Devine led the people that came in with his one catch shy of the Classmen leader in tackles for loss. Moore said he's been proud of the seniors' play.

"The seniors have been a part of the success of this team over the last five years and been pretty good contributing people but the good thing is we have a large nucleus of young people here who can play, that know they can play," Kruczek said. "It's just going to take a massive effort to do what we need to do: get bigger, stronger, faster in the off-season and make a total commitment to that goal."

The final graduating class of the decade may not have gone out with a win, but they made an impact in their final game as Knights. Devine led the team with 13 tackles against the Falcons on Saturday, while Lee grabbed 10 passes for 108 yards, putting him one catch shy of the school's single season record for receptions set by one of last season's seniors, Siaba Bulley. Lee said he gave his underclassman teammates some simple advice for the future.

"I told those guys to keep their heads up, don't get discouraged," Lee said. "Rough times are going to happen. Going through adversity is what makes you a man. I think they've learned a valuable lesson because a lot of young guys had to play this year. That's going to be valuable experience for next year. I'm just happy for them and wish them the best."
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Hurricanes surge past Knights in season opener

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A Miami Hurricane 20-6 run started in the final seconds of the first half and continued in the second half was enough to propel the Big East powerhouse to an 81-54 victory against UCF.

Early on, the third largest crowd in UCF volleyball history had plenty of reason to cheer, as the Golden Knights came out executing their offense and led Miami for the game's first 10 minutes. Unfortunately, the cheering subsided.

Miami held UCF to 34.5 percent shooting, 31 percent in the second-half, and got key baskets to pull away. Perhaps the biggest basket came at the end of the first half, when the Golden Knights failed to get back in transition and sophomore John Salmons knocked down a 3-pointer at the buzzer to push a six-point lead to 38-29.

"That was a big shot. It helps us gain momentum going into the locker room," Miami Coach Leonard Hamilton said. "John didn't shoot as well from the perimeter as he normally can, but he got a real important one."

Ironically, Salmons' 3-pointer was the only one

Pre-season All-America candidate Johnny Hooasley finished with a game-high 17 points for the 'Canes, with Elton Tyler and Mario Bland each adding 14.

Tyler and Bland are two of the inside forces Hamilton expects will make up for the loss of departed forward Tim James, currently a rookie with the NBA's Miami Heat.

"I expect them to do more. They held up well," Hamilton said. "We came in feeling we could score inside and Mario (Bland) missed some shots he would normally make, but for the first game, they did all right."

Senior guard D'Quarren Stewart paced the Golden Knights with 12 points on just 4-of-17 shooting, while sophomore transfer Paul Reed added 11 and was perfect from the field.

"We got some open looks early and executed, but then are lack of practice time kicked in," Coach Kirk Sparrow said. "We've been short-handed due to injury and they're definitely one of the better defensive teams in the league."

The contest drew 3,449 to the "Dungeon".

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Knights miss NCAA tourney for second year

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After a 9-0 record in the TAAC regular season, the UCF volleyball team (18-12) seemed poised to make a return to the TAAC finals and possibly win the tournament championship. But a five-game loss to rival Florida Atlantic at FAU Gym on Saturday afternoon derailed the Knights' hopes of winning their first TAAC title in two seasons.

Florida Atlantic, which ironically snapped UCF's five year reign as TAAC champions last year in the TAAC finals, provided the surprising knockout to the Knights this year too. The Owls did not appear to be the favorites to win the title, entering the tournament as the No. 3 seed with a 12-15 record. But FAU cruised past No. 2 Jacksonville in the tournament in three games to set up a rematch with the Knights.

UCF seemed to have control of FAU heading into the championship round, as the Knights compiled a 2-0 record against the Owls for the first time in two years. But things changed from the norm for UCF as it was beaten 7-15, 15-3, 11-15, 15-9, 11-15 to send the Owls to the NCAA Tournament and the Knights home for the last game of their season against Florida A&M on Friday.

Coach Meg Fitzgerald, who was named the TAAC's coach of the year, said she expected a tough tournament for UCF and the Knights got just that. UCF lost to Georgia State in five games in the TAAC semifinals to set up the eventual loss to FAU.

Despite the disappointing end to a bounce back year for the Knights, UCF has plenty to look forward to for next season. The Knights, who jumped from seven wins in 1998 to 19 this year, return eight players from this year's regular season TAAC title squad, including TAAC First team members Becca Saldana and Piper Morgan.

Morgan, a sophomore, lead the Golden Knights with 3.36 kills and 1.28 blocks per game and a .365 hitting percentage this year. Her average of 4.07 assists per game is fourth in the TAAC. She was also named to the TAAC's All-Tournament team.

Saldana, a freshman, was also selected to the TAAC's Newcomer team was the TAAC leader in assists. She was the only UCF player to play in all of the team's 103 games this season and she makes seventh in UCF's single season assist record book.