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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, even though there was a drop in credit hours from 6,041 credits to 6,011.

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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.

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If you're looking for a return to its once-popular status, Delta Gamma is trying to get the word out and do just that. The group is sharing its passion for the culture with the UCF community Nov. 18 as part of Native American Heritage Month.

Lisa Ceriola
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 Williams Reeves, Sun Bear Cole and Urie Ridgeway.

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 dances in colorful ceremonial dress.

Education about the public 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.

The only way we can educate the rest of the world about our culture is to go where they live — to their homes, their churches, their schools," he continued. "It was the group's first visit to UCF, and Tayac was pleased with the experience.

"We've had a really warm reception in Florida," he said. "It's been really good."

Seven dances were performed in the hour-long program.

The group asked the audience to participate in two of the dances, including the Snake Dance, where audience members linked hands and waved across 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, the 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."

Larry Bell
UCF STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Piscataway Nation Dancers perform a traditional Native American dance.

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Disappearing sorority seeks a return to its once-popular status

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 6,011.

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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 awarded for work done on the job.

In an internship, a student may have to sit in the same place, but with plans for a new job.

SHELLEY WILSON
STAFF WRITER

UCF volleyball team falls in TAAC Tournament final — Sports
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 downsized, allowing for LEAD scholars to move in, dominating the office. This drastic reduction of space would limit OSA’s effectiveness,” he said. Lloyd disagrees. “We would be dividing up 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 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 building, Lloyd disagrees. “We’re a student leadership program ourself and 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 Student Activities, a larger office located in the Student Union. “This is where we think we’d best fit.” Some feel this wouldn’t be a very beneficial action.

“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.

And Many, Many More!

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Earlier this month, a Toys for Tots drive was incorporated into this year’s Homecoming. During the festivities, toys were collected at the Carnival, Ski Night and football game.

Mini Shettigar, 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, learning 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 Shethigar.

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 835-1613.

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Delta Gamma’s membership includes 65 new recruits

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currently stands at 20 former members and nearly 65 new members.

While total capacity numbers vary from school to school, dictated by the Panhellenic Council, Florida and Florida State are the strongest chapters in the state of Florida.

With 137 chapters nationwide, Delta Gamma is one of the largest fraternities in the nation.

UCF’s chapter hopes to become as successful.

“We’ve already started to make a name for ourselves on campus,” Broudy said. “The new members are very excited, they’re meeting new people, wearing their letters, and we’re receiving invitations from other fraternities and sororities wanting to mix.”

Delta Gamma’s immediate projects and events include the anchor Splash, a philanthropic fund-raiser that will donate half its funds to Delta Gamma fellowships, scholarships and well-aware programs.

The remaining funds will be granted to local service for sight programs that involve any services regarding the blind.

Delta Gamma will also be participating in spring rush and plans to participate in Homecoming in full force next year.

“Events like this require a big commitment and Delta Gamma doesn’t just want to throw something together,” Broudy said. “From now on Delta Gamma wants to come out doing everything the best.”

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— Barbra Broudy collegiate development consultant for Delta Gamma

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Briefly

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.

“The level of competition at the Invitational Tournament was intense. 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
2. “Venezuela: In Art and Culture,” by Alfredo Marquez T.
3. “Personal Development,” by Mike Burman, 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

Registration

Early registration for spring 2000 will continue through Dec. 3. Register online with POLARIS at https://polaris.ucf.edu.

Register by telephone using Touch Tone at 407-823-2527 or toll free at 877-823-2527. For assistance, call the Registrar’s Office at 407-823-3533.

10-digit dialling

All UCF telephone users must dial the area code and the seven-digit number for all local and local extended calls. Research Park departments, which are not on UCF’s telephone system, and those calling UCF from off-campus have the option of dialling seven or ten digits through November.

Effective Dec. 1, all local calls in Central Florida, excluding Brevard County, will require ten digits.


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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 not only see [the concepts] but 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 100 schools participate in its college program each year. Disney’s 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, productions 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 students to go. “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 there.

III. A place to “be” while interning

• Space. Desk, a phone and whatever supplies 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, when 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

EAST LANSING, Mich.-- The NAACP wants American universities 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 moral 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.

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Texas A&M planning for outside investigation

KIMBERLY GENTILE

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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 Saturday night at St. Joseph Regional Health Center in College Station. Tim Kerlee, 17, of Bartlett, Tenn., was in critical condition since the accident, the hospital released Will Hutchins, Milton Hayes, and Tim Kerlee, 17, of Bartlett, Tenn., 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 Stephenson, an A&M spokesman, said 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.

Bowe 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 unresolved problems and questions,” Bowen said. “The commission will determine what additional investigations will be necessary.”

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 Soil 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.

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

KIMBERLY GENTILE
Traffic slowed to a crawl in communication hallways

Adams Shiver
Staff Writer

Backups stretch about, unfurled papers and outstretched 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 had 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, as I am sure it was for them too to 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

With nowhere to sit, students line the hallways.

Students are not all that cover the floor of these halls 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 point means behind it, the bonfire becomes quite symbolic. Texians A&M people are gang-bo about everything, and 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 eventually become property of the newspaper. The Central Florida Future is a free campus newspaper published per visit please.

What is somewhat bewildering is the traditions be continued or allowed students to perform tasks that only professional construction workers should perform? It is the advisers who allowed students to perform tasks that only professional construction workers should perform? It is the advisers who allowed students to perform tasks that only professional construction workers should perform?

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Sports Illustrated CampusFEST

December 1 & 2
(Raindate December 3)
The Green
10 am - 4 pm
Link 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 DeLounge (guitar, backup vocals) and Travis Barkeyeo (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, some where 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 March 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 her car and activated the brake pedal because of her tendency to clumsy 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, pled 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 Getz, 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 Iowa's Bob Orton Jr. finished third in Houston (10 percent). David W. Irons Jr. won a county council seat in Seattle, beating his sister Di, who had the support of their parents. Eugene Replogle, who beat his ex-wife Carol for a seat on the Groversville, N.Y., town council, Levi Levy, 67, lost all five seats he ran for this year in Fairfax County, Va. And African-American Alfred Hill finished third in the town of Springfield, Virginia governor's race, six weeks after ballot officials rejected his attempt to list himself as Albert "Super (expletive)" Jones.

Cultural Diversity

- The German Supreme Court ruled in August that the lifetime guarantee afforded by U.S. law to a "tarnished title?" is illegal in that country because it is "economically unfeasible" and therefore unfair competition, despite its validity in the United States. England's High Court, previously, the Zippo lighter 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 in 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-solicitation ordinance in the town of Pound in the mountains of southwest Virginia. (Previously, a dance permit could be issued only to "buckaroos," they who were "proper" and "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 examining a U-shaped bar (nonvirgins' urines spray). 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, had castrated John as an alleged vigilante had castrated Dumond as an alleged rapist. And in July, he was arrested for illegally commandeering a first-class seat on a Continental airliner and not budging. And Harold "Butch" Kemmerling, who fought to prevent his 9-year-old daughter from having her first period, was arrested by a gay couple, he said. In Anderson, Ind., in May and charged with molesting the girl and federal authorities filed a lawsuit in Lake Worth, Fla., in July against the wheelchair sales store Action Mobility for failure to have any parking spaces for the disabled.

- Surprises

- Two months after the Columbine High School massacre, a mock hostage practice, completed with much gunfire, at Alvin (Texas) High School sent 193 kids and their teachers scrambling under desks, terrified, until the word finally reached them that it was a training exercise and that only blanks were being fired. The only two school officials informed in advance thought the exercise would be more subdued and thus failed to tell anyone about it.

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 racist, and the sheriff had displayed Dumond's genitals in a jar on his desk as a souvenir, which a jury said was unnecessary. Three governors (including Bill Clinton, who was a friend of the rape victim's mother) rejected DNA findings favorable to Dumond and gave him to the many protesters demanding that he stay in jail. Dumond, now 50, was released on 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 Truscott, Prince Edward Island, Canada, a driver lost control of a hearse and killed a 68-year-old pallbearer as he emerged from a funeral at a church.

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Michelle

Dear Bill,

The saying "don't rock the boat especially when you're 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.

Bill

Dear Michelle,

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.

Michelle

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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 Strieglar. "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 10 rebounds. Junior Camille Howard chipped in with 14 points and 9 rebounds, while Graham came off the bench to score 13 points.

UCF put up a very good 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," said Strieglar. "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 hiccups and execute on offense, we're going to be a very good basketball team."
UCF opens Holiday tournament against Clemson

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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 opens up 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 reigns 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 Jutkus (6'9, 230 lbs), Chucky Gilmore (6'8, 275), and Adam Allenspach (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 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 graduated 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 Carstensen and Greg Babcock.

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

The Golden Knights return home on Dec. 3 to host South Florida and star forward B.B. Waldon.

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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.

Dan 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 Cerrato (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 in 1999.

"We expect Dane to be an impact player as a pitcher and hitter immediately upon his arrival," said Bergman. "We feel that he's been recognized by many as the top player in south Florida."

Lubrano is another left-handed pitcher with excellent promise. He went 10-1 last season for an Oviedo High squad that reached the Florida state regionals. "Paul is a proven pitcher at the high school level. He led Oviedo deep into the playoffs and threw multiple no-hits and shutout games," commented Bergman.

Bowden rounds out the group of southpaw pitchers brought on board by recruiting coordinator Greg Frady and pitching coach Craig Cozart. "Trey has a very high ceiling and can make an immediate impact on the staff," noted Bergman. "He has an above-average fastball and hard slider."

The top pitcher at Clearwater High, Cerrato is a product of UCF's baseball camps. "Justin pitches like a veteran. He's a number one pitcher with big game experience," said Bergman. "I think he has an outstanding breaking ball that will prove valuable."

Schulte 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. "Carlmichael runs a 6.7-second 60-yard dash and sports an above average arm."

"The Golden Knights head coach attributes 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," commented Bergman. "Once again, UCF baseball camps inspired recruiting as four of the six signees 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./Judson 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 as the top UCF volleyball program, has led UCF to a 17-11 record. Her team posted a perfect 9-0 mark in the conference this season, winning the regular season TAAC title and the No. 1 seed in this weekend's TAAC Tournament.

Rosenberger leads the team with 3,086 digs and ranks second with 2,358 kills per game, which places her fifth and seventh, respectively, in the conference. She has a team-leading 18 multiple-kill matches with 14 double-doubles heading into this weekend's tournament. Earlier in the season she posted 50 kills and 50 digs in 13 games at the Montana Invitational (Sept. 17 & 18) earning All-Tournament honors.

Morgan leads the Golden Knights with 3,962 kills and 1,086 blocks per game and a .360 hitting percentage this year. Her kill and block averages place her sixth and first, respectively, in the TAAC. She has 18 multiple-kills matches this season, including a career-high 24 against Rice (Sept. 25). Morgan's .360 hitting percentage currently ranks her third on the individual season records list while her 100 block assists place her fourth, 120 total blocks rank her seventh and 20 blocks solo put her 10th.

Saldana, who also was selected to the TAAC all-Newcomer Team, has led the conference all season in assists. The only Golden Knight to play in all of UCF's 103 games this season, Saldana's current total of 1,330 assists rank her seventh on UCF's individual season records list. She needs just 18 to move into sixth and 41 to move into fifth place. Her 71 blocks rank her second among her teammates this season while her 79 service aces place her fourth and 222 digs rank her fifth. She set a school record with her 95 assists in UCF's five-game win over Rice (Sept. 25) and has tallied individual match highs of five kills at South Florida (Sept. 29), five aces versus UNC-Ashville (Sept. 24), 16 digs at Stony (Oct. 19) and seven blocks against Rice.

The Golden Knights, who have won six TAAC championships over the past seven years, will take on the winner of the Georgia State University (14-18/5-4 TAAC) versus Savannah 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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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 have 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 Siaha Burley last year. He also fell 47 yards short (1,133) of the school record for yards receiving, which is held by Bernard Ford with 1,180.

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 know 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 going to 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 with 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 310-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. 5 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 T.D. dropped a couple. We’ve got a couple 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 how 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 opponent 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, 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 level of tier football players. They’re going to have problems recruiting against the top 1-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.

It was a disappointing change for UCF as it seemed to have found some rhythm to its running game against Middle Tennessee a week earlier with a season-high 323 yards.

The sub par ground game found UCF on uneven ground again as the Falcons moved UCF off the field of scrimmage countless times in route to rolling up 166 rushing yards.

Kruczek said the Bowling Green line, which averages 6-foot-4, 290 pounds, helped make life difficult for UCF.

“We’d be fortunate to play teams that are more finesse than hardball people. I was worried about our matching up if they came rolling off and decided to run that football,” he said.

“There were some indications in the first half they were going to try and establish that rushing attack. They only came away with two field goals, but the second half, we didn’t hold up real good.

“The first objective defensively is to be able stop the run. You have to be able to stop the run. If you don’t, you lose. We didn’t do a very good job on it, on a consistent basis, today.”

Kruczek promises tough offseason

UCF struggled through a tough season highlighted by several bad experiences and close losses, but the worst could be ahead for some Knights. Kruczek said, as he has all year, that he expects the offseason to be one of the most grueling in UCF history.

He plans to institute an offseason plan with an emphasis on weight training to get the Knights bigger and stronger for next year’s schedule, which includes a Georgia Tech, Alabama, Louisiana Tech and current national title contender Virginia Tech.

“Our offseason is going to be very intense time. I’m going to find out who the committed guys are,” Kruczek said.

“I’m going to be in there. I’m going to remind them about today. I’m going to remind them about Auburn, I’m going to remind them about Georgia on a daily basis. I’m going to up the tempo in that strength training program. We’re going to get better.

“When you can’t stop a team that you know is going to run a fullback belly, you’ve got something wrong. We’re going to rectify that and the intensity gets cranked next year.”

One last trip down memory lane

For 15 players, Saturday’s game was their last as Golden Knights and for some, the last game of their career. Joey Hubbard, Page Sessions, Frank Haynes, David Wilson, Jeff Fye, Edwin Ferguson, Deaunrey Devine, Chris Gunn, Raheem Pontiflet, Justin Moore, Marv Richardson, Earnell Kelly, Charles Lee and Mike Spencer played their final games as Knights Saturday.

Kruczek, who played quarterback at Boston College in the 1970’s, said players can forget most of the games in their careers, but the last game usually sticks out.

“You always remember the last college game you played in I did,” Kruczek said. “The others games get a little hazy, but you always remember that last effort, and that’s the problem. This is going to sit in their gut for a long time. It’s something they’ll remember. They’ll always think, ‘well, I should’ve made this catch’ or ‘I should have made this tackle’ or ‘I should have made this play.’ Well the coaches knock you crazy, but it’ll help them, whatever they do later on, reflect on things they didn’t get done.”

—JEFF CASS
Running game fails for Knights

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had been a mainstay for much of the season, especially in the last eight games. It had been held under 150 yards only once in that stretch, and was coming off a game in which it racked up 323 yards on the ground against Middle Tennessee State. The ground game was held in check as it gained only 50 yards on 25 carries. The lack of a ground attack began to wear on Penn. BGU recorded a sack just before halftime, and it tallied two more in the fourth quarter when they could continually blitz with no fear of the UCF running backs breaking one loose. "They really just shut us down," fullback Page Sessions said. "I thought that we were gonna be able to run the ball, but we just couldn't get things rolling." The loss dropped UCF to 4-7 and it marked the worst record since going 4-7 in 1985. The record also ties for the fourth worst in the football program's 21-year history.

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.

"It's uncertain, he does share something in common with his fellow senior teammates; he has played his last game for UCF. Moore, along with other senior contributors have sailed up for their last game as Knights.

Moore said he'd never forget his experiences at UCF, although he has endured three losing seasons in his tenure as a Knight.

"I've had a lot of fun, I've had the chance to play against some of the best teams in the nation and this is one of the greatest teams in the nation," Moore said. "We're building the foundation for the future and hopefully we'll get some good recruits, even though we had a 4-7 year. That was a down note. I'm happy with what I did and what I did with the people that came in with me, too."

The current group of graduating seniors has seen their share of heartbreak in their senior season's at UCF. UCF lost a one-point game to Ole Miss in 1997 and a two-point game to South Carolina the same year. In 1998, the Knights lost in a 35-7 blowout to Purdue on ESPN and a 30-6 decision to Auburn in the final minute.

Both of those losses kept UCF out of a bowl game in 1998 despite the team finishing with a Knights' record Division I-A record nine wins. It seemed as though Saturday's loss to Bowling Green was a microcosm of UCF's up-and-down 1999 year, as the Knights failed to close out an opponent it had every opportunity to beat.

"Three close losses in the fourth quarter, that sums it up. It's been a hard season to take, especially for us seniors," Moore said. "But that's why you play the game. I guess they wanted it more than us, not worse than me, but better than the team as a whole. I at least wanted to go 5-6. I didn't want to go any worse than that. It sucks, pretty much, but we played some great teams this year. What else can you do?"

Defensive and Justen Moore finished a distinguished career at UCF as the school's all-time leader in tackles for loss.

UCF coach Mike Kruczek said the 1999 senior Knights have faced a difficult season and the year did not play out as he expected. However, Kruczek 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 offseason 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 Burley.

Lee said he gave his underclassmen 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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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hurricanes surge past Knights in season opener

Tony Mejia
SPORTS EDITOR

A Miami Hurricane 29-6 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 basketball 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 helped 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 he made in five attempts.

Pre-season All-America candidate Johnny Hewesly 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’Quarius Stewart paced the 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 Spraw said. "We’ve been short-handed due to injury and they’re definitely one of the better defensive teams around."

The contest drew 3,449 to the "Dungeon," LOVETT, Page 18

VOLLEYBALL

Knights miss NCAA tourney for second year

Jeff Case
STAFF WRITER

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 dashed 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 15-12 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, 15-1, 15-9, 15-11 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 dropped a 3-of-8 record 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 wins in 1998 to 15 this year, return eight players from this year’s regular season TAAC title squad, including TAAC First team members Beca Saldana and Piper Morgan.

Morgan, a sophomore, lead the Golden Knights with 3.36 kills and 1.28 blocks per game, but then are lack of practice time kicked in the second half because the UCF running game was nowhere to be found.

"When you get into those third-and-long situations, they know that you’re gonna throw the ball. That allows them to come after Vic,” wide receiver Tyson Hinshaw said.

"When you don’t have the running game, and it wasn’t clicking today, it’s hard to pass the ball. It’s hard to win the game if you’re a one-sided team."

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