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CEO of NAACP comes to UCF

Shelley Wilson  
MANAGING EDITOR

The president and CEO of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), Kweisi Mfume, will be the guest speaker for UCF’s Black History Month on Feb. 20.

Mfume, who has been the President and CEO since 1995, first started his career being a radio talk-show host. In 1988, he became a maverick member of the Baltimore City Council and served five terms in Congress. He served as chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, chairman of the Joint Economic Committee and earned national praise for landmark legislation to strengthen civil rights and aid minority businesses.

Mfume will be speaking of how he moved along with a steadfast commitment to a vision, ignites both personal and political change. Mfume has been working to strengthen the NAACP by erasing its debts, increasing membership and attracting a younger generation to its ranks.

The NAACP, the oldest, largest and strongest civil rights organization in the U.S., was first founded in 1909 by a multifaceted group of activists, who answered “The Call” and had initially called themselves the National Negro Committee. In 1911, that organization was incorporated as the NAACP. The distinctive strategic emphasis of the NAACP—ending discrimination through legal action—evolved during its first 20 years. Among the organization’s many other accomplishments, in 1954, the NAACP was able to pressure President Harry Truman to sign an Executive Order banning discrimination by the Federal Government and after years of fighting segregation in public schools, the NAACP won a great legal victory in the Supreme Court case of Brown vs. the Board of Education in 1954.

Mfume will be speaking at the UCF Arena Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Mfume’s presentation is sponsored by the African American Student Union (AASU) and the Campus Activities Board and is free and open to the public. Along with Mfume, the AASU will host Community Fun Day on Feb. 19 from 10 to 4 at the UCF Recreational Services Complex. Four professional African American comedians will showcase on Funday Friday being held on Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Visual Arts Building Auditorium as all part for Black History Month.

Beer drinking among college freshmen hits 34-year low

Irene Hisao  
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT (TUCSON, ARIZ.)

[URE] TUCSON, Ariz.—I wonder if I could tell you a secret? I used to drink a lot but not anymore. I don’t think I’ve had a beer in a year or two. I’ve finally kicked the habit. I think I’m not the only one. Some people I’ve talked to say they’ve also cut down on their alcohol intake.

According to a recent survey, beer drinking among college freshmen has hit a 34-year low. The survey, conducted by the National College Health Association, found that only 25% of freshmen said they drink alcohol, down from 35% in 1984.

Additionally, the survey found that 40% of freshmen reported feeling either “very good” or “good” about their own drinking habits, compared to 25% in 1984. This is likely due to increased awareness about the negative effects of alcohol use, as well as the growing popularity of non-alcoholic beverages.

As for the reasons behind the decrease in beer drinking, many students cited academic pressures, personal and financial goals, and increased awareness about the dangers of alcohol use. Some students also mentioned that they simply enjoy other activities and don’t feel the need to drink as much as they used to.

Overall, this survey highlights a positive trend in college student drinking behavior, with a growing number of students choosing to reduce or avoid alcohol use altogether. It’s a sign that college students are taking their health and well-being more seriously, and that’s a good thing.
College web sites informative, interesting

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Becky Panoff
NEWS EDITOR

College club, com Collegecampus.com. Student.com. In the age of the wired student, these names are thrown at students as "cool places to go on the web," but do they actually have any value to the average college procrastinator who is surfing to avoid doing his history paper? As it turns out, some of them are.

The first, www.collegeclub.com, is one of the more well known sites. This site is loaded with places to go. It boasts free e-mail and voice mail to students, the only catch being that you have to register with the site, which is common among these sites, but only takes about a minute to do. This site includes a photo gallery for most universities, including UCF. These consist of pictures taken randomly around campus. You can look at other school photo galleries as well. It also has Match U., an online dating service, financial aid info and an apartment finder.

Another popular site is www.collegecampus.com. This site is less organized, but has links to articles for everything from how to make your small apartment look bigger to a careers page. The most appealing part of this page is the "List of Hot Links" that has a list called "Job-hunt" with links on job-hunting, interviewing skills and resume writing. There are also a few links listed under the Life/Career and College Life headings.

Yet another site which is www.college-tip.com, which lacks graphics, but makes up in content. It has links to interesting sites like College Press Network, which allows you access other universities' newspapers and different stories online. There is also a link to www.student.com, which has news, job tips (a recurring theme on these pages) and something called mom-o-matic, a fill-in-the-blank letter home that tells your parent how you're really doing in school.

The last page is www.taponline.com. This page is less job finding and financial aid and more fun stuff like the "morality meter" which has you answer questions to "prove how wicked you really are" and the virtual dorm (speaks for itself). There are a few features that are serious topics, like "Top jobs for the 21st century."

These sites are useful to college students, and should grow to become a leading force in information.

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Drinking has dropped by 20 percent in a survey done last year

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when the question was first asked, and have now fallen to 54 percent.
Koren Johannessen, University of Arizona director of health promotion and preventive services, said UA freshmen drinking has dropped by 20 percent in a survey done last year. This figure is based on five or more drinks in the last two weeks in one sitting, she added.

"Drinking has been declining in the last several years, so it would make sense that freshman (percentages) would be going down, too," she said.

The UA does not distinguish between different alcoholic drinks in its surveys, but considers one drink to be 13 ounces of beer, four to five ounces of wine, or one ounce of liquor.

However, some students don't feel that they see less of their peers consuming.

Renee Macke, a psychology freshman, said it's a common practice.

"Considering we live in Tucson, the cheapest thing is to go to a party nearby and drink,

she said. "I find it normal." Matt Wight, a junior majoring in Spanish, doesn't believe less students are drinking.

"I don't think that is, maybe people are just trying to keep it a secret nowadays," Wight said.
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Keeping his stock high is something Lee plans to do with conditioning and preparation before the draft. He hopes to be in Louisiana by Tuesday, where he and other college players will work together to prepare for NFL combines.

"I just have to make sure that I say in shape, stay hungry and stay focused," Lee said. "[Tennessee quarterback] Tee Martin, [Louisiana Tech QB] Tim Rutty and [Tulane WR] Julian Dawson will be there with me. It's basically getting guys ready for the combine and being sure you stay in shape and increase your 40-yard dash time."

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"It's not about where you go to school from, it's about how hard you work. There's a lot of guys from smaller schools that make it and there's a lot of guys from bigger schools that don't," Lee said. "It's all about the commitment about how hard you're going to work in the weight room and how you're going to commit to work."

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February 2nd - Tuesday
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In association with: Women's Studies, BFDC

February 3rd - Wednesday
BLACK IN THE DAY MOVIE: ????

February 5th - Friday
Comedian: Rod Z - VAB Auditorium Room 132 @ 7:30

February 7th - Sunday
Church visit
BET Tonight's Tao! Saturday @ 7:00 pm

February 9th - Tuesday
Forum: Black Panthers facilitated by Dr. Caris Austin - Egmont Key 224
In association with: BFDC & Zeta Phi Beta

February 13th - Thursday
Evening of Elegance
In association with: BFSA

February 15th - Saturday
Black History Month Celebration - Student Center Auditorium 7 PM
In association with: Phi Beta Sigma & Caribbean Students' Association

February 16th - Wednesday
Forum: Can Black Women & Men Be Friends? - Lake Claire Commons @ 7:30PM

February 18th - Friday
Concert

February 19th - Saturday
Florida Invitational Weekend
See you in Gainsville

February 20th - Sunday
Church Visit

February 21st - Monday
Brain Bowl Competition - Location TBA
In association with: John T. Washington Honor Society

February 23rd - Tuesday
Brain Bowl Competition - Location TBA
In association with: John T. Washington Honor Society

February 27th - Saturday
Community Fun Day / Harambe - TBA
compiled from the AASU website
The Valentine Rule: Sometimes it’s better to give... Period.

Christine Selvaggi
Copy Editor

Flashback: a couple days before Valentine’s Day, 1996. I’m jaded by the traditional chocolate and flowers fling. He doesn’t wear cologne, enjoy new clothes, and doesn’t really care for stuffed animals. There is no CD, movie, or game that he wants. He claims they can’t win with the girls, and the noble qualities they believe they possess, all in the name of winning a girl’s heart. Nice guys suffer from deficiency in the bad.

Present Day: a couple days before Valentine’s Day, 2000. I’m still jaded by the chocolate and flowers. He still doesn’t wear cologne, like clothes, or stuffed animals. There is no CD, movie, or game out for sale to his liking. He’s apartment is still bare. No alcohol or drug habits have formed. He’s still got the same car and the same watch and you know what? He’s getting chocolate and flowers.

Choose 2000, brother. Don’t repeat the mistake I made last year. Either get creative or be traditional but please, give something, give anything. Because when you wake up on Valentine’s Day and see your neighbor in a red sweater, and then you go to school and see someone carrying a bouquet of roses, directly followed by your better half surprising you with what appears to be the best gift in the world, you are really going to wish you had something to give in return. It’s that simple. Have that gift, no matter what it is, ready and waiting behind the curtains. And then, like a sneak attack, present it with all of the work and thought that went into it. Because let me tell you, on an occasion like this where everyone is forewarned of it’s presence, you have no excuse. Hallmark is $3 dollars. Every store sells roses this time of year.

Nice Girls Finish Further Behind:

Krista Zilizi
Staff Writer

Why do bad boys always win has become the unanimous slogan of a male population lacking a significant other. These are the nice girls in the world who blame the entire female population for their non-existent love life, despite the selfless actions they pronounce to practice, and the noble qualities they believe they possess, all in the name of winning a girl’s heart.

Unhappily, honesty, kindness and chivalry are admirable qualities, but other key factors come into play. By human personality, the good is easier forgotten than the bad. When guys suffer from deficiency like bad personal hygiene, poor social skills, ignorance and lack of personality, believe it or not, girls can still be turned off. And that sense of humor you, nice girls speak so highly of, does not necessarily equate to what girls consider a good sense of humor. Nice girls, can you honestly say that you could be attracted to these same undesirable qualities in a girl, and moreover could you overlook them for the sake of “niceness”?

Nice girls always finish last, then nice girls finish even further behind. Consider the girls who have rejected and abused you, nice girls. That isn’t the work of the nice girls. That is work of the bad. Just like bad boys always win, bad girls win even more.

The Frost sought after girls are those who are aggressive, flamboyant and stacy, those who play hard to get, and even nice girls pursue bad girls. This leaves nice girls, looking for meaningful relationships, out in the cold.

No girl, even the bad breed, ever wishes for a boyfriend to abuse and treat them. We’re not looking for monsters, prognostically even nice girls succumb to nice guys. The demand for nice guys, blows the prospect of marriage and parenthood, and it’s nice guys who make these same undesirable qualities in a girl, leaves nice girls, looking for meaningful relationships, out in the cold.

So, why do nice guys feel their losing the race now, and parents, and it’s nice guys who make these same undesirable qualities in a girl, leaves nice girls, looking for meaningful relationships, out in the cold.

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Prank fire alarms endanger lives of students

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ASSN. NEWS EDITOR

It was just last week I was sitting at my computer when my dorm hall fire alarm went off. My suitemates and I figured it was just a test, like it usually is, and continued our daily tasks, but what if it wasn't a test?

The students of Boland Hall at the Seton Hall University thought the same thing of their fire alarms. But they were not as lucky; it wasn't a test. A fire ripped through the six-story dorm hall, killing three students and injuring five.

There had been 17 false fire alarms just this past year in Boland Hall. Students were accustomed to ignoring the alarms since they had all been pranks. But they should not have had to become used to them.

Fire alarms are there for safety purposes, not for recreation and entertainment. They are there to save lives.

The students who pulled the prank fire alarms were not severely reprimanded in the order that they should have been. They received slaps on the wrists, and that was not enough for them to stop their pranks. The prank alarms should have stopped after the first one occurred. College kids want to be treated like adults, then they should act like adults, and stop the pranks. It is sad that students lives were lost because some students wanted to fool around and act like irresponsible children.

So, I ask anyone out there that thinks pulling fire alarms is a fun prank--What enjoyment do you get from pulling the alarms? Do you really enjoy listening to that ear-piercing buzzing? And what will you do when your best friend ignores a fire alarm and is killed in the fire? Maybe you should think of that the next time you want to have some fun and pull the alarms.

The Future welcomes your ideas. Please write us: news@ucffuture.com
ENTERTAINMENT

'Big Tease' is a hilarious Hollywood exposé

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He’s witty, he’s wacky, and he’s the best thing to come out of Scotland since "Braveheart" (unless you count Fat Bastard). He’s Crawford Mackenzie (Craig Ferguson), and as the star of the "Big Tease," he does for hairdressing what Paul Newman did for pool in "The Hustler.

Dubbed "Rocky" in curlier, "The Big Tease" describes Glasgow hairstylist Crawford’s journey to Los Angeles to compete in the international "Triangle Shears" hairdressing competition. What Crawford doesn’t know is that he wasn’t actually invited to participate in the competition, only to watch.

What follows is a series of misadventures, as Crawford, with the help of a few friends he picks up along the way, attempts to prove to Monique (Mary McCormack), the coldhearted director of the W.I.H.E. (World International Hairdressing Foundation), that he should be able to compete.

After a last minute hair emergency for the actors-turned-animals at a Hollywood club, a Koreatown shootout and a whole lot of Sean Connery jokes, Crawford is ready for the big competition.

Now the only worry is whether Crawford can win. Crawford beats Stig Ludwigsien (David Rasche), an obnoxious pseudo-Norwegian-turned-Rodeo Drive stylist, and reigning hairstyling champ on? Will Good defeat Evil?

Anyone who’s ever seen "Star Wars" knows the answer to that question, but director Kevin Allen manages to use the traditional formula to his own hilarious advantage, and the film remains fresh and fun despite its predictability.

Shot in a mock-documentary style, made popular by films like "Waiting for Guffman" and "Drop Dead Gorgeous," "The Big Tease" is a hilarious expose of the superficiality of Tinseltown, shown through the eyes of the idealistic Scotsman.

British actor Chris Langham plays the monotonous BBC interviewer making a documentary about Crawford’s trip. Langham’s performance remains wonderfully dry throughout the film. Some of the funniest scenes in the movie revolve around the interaction between the characters and the invisible camera crew.

Frances Fisher shines as Candy, publicist to the stars. With her power suits and outdoor exercise equipment, Candy is the stereotypical L.A. career woman. She becomes convinced of Crawford’s talent after he gives her a makeover and becomes his ally in his fight to compete in the Triangle Shears.

Candy and Big seem to symbolize different sides of the simultaneous glitter and glitz and phony showbility that is the L.A. stereotype. Filled with cameos by actors like David Hasselhoff and Drew Carey (Ferguson plays Carey’s boss on "The Drew Carey Show"), "The Big Tease" paints a picture of Los Angeles in which one can dine with stars and be shot by thugs in the same day.

In the end, however, after the incredibly predictable ending of the Triangle Shears competition, the message of the film seems to be that, with a little help from friends, maybe The City of Angels is an OK place to be after all.

That is, of course, if you’re wearing a kilt.

CAB hosts first Thursday Knight Jive of the year

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ASSISTANT ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

On Jan. 27 the Campus Activities Board hosted the first Thursday Knight Jive of the New Millennium.

The event is an opportunity for people to express themselves through poetry and music and this was true to form on Thursday.

Although several people usually take the opportunity to creatively and bravely, voice themselves in front of a crowd of peers, this was not so.

However, the lack of attendance can be accredited to the location change of the event. Last semester students gathered in the Barnes and Noble’s Café but since it is a new year CAB felt that it would try something new and held Thursday Knight Jive on the second floor of the Student Union.

Nonetheless, CAB has not made the Student Union the new home of the event and is still discussing where the next one will be held. For those who did stumble onto the location, they were entertained by the jazzy style of the "House Band," Grape Koolaid, which has incorporated some new members since last semester.

However small the crowd was people who welcomed up to the stage with applause and support.

One such poet who impacted the audience that night would be Sandra Monday whose bold poems about so called "kittens" and a "best friend" got a great response from the listeners. Other people not only read their poetry aloud but sang it a laud, such as Thursday Knight Jive favorite Cornwallane Edge.

A local garage band, Rough Draft, seized this chance as their first in public, performing their "homework" for the crowd. Although Campus Activities Board has not decided when and where the next Thursday Knight Jive will be, they do have some other things planned for the semester.

They do plan on incorporating a Hawaiian Dance theme into one of the upcoming poetry readings as well as inviting well-known poets to share their work and listen to the work of the crowds.

Even though the crowd was not as large as CAB is used to, those who were able to find the event had a great time listening and encouraging each other.

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LEAD STORIES

— British TV Program Guide: The BBC gave one more try in December to save the 1980s hit program “One Man and His Dog,” whose viewer-ship has faltered; the program consists entirely of shepherds (each with his dog) roaming to-gether to efficiently herd sheep into pens (although producers jaded it up by equipping some sheep with microphones to capture their “baa’s”). And a Fall 1999 British-made documentary, “Hollow Love: Animal Passions,” reported on practitioners in Missouri’s “zoophile” community (i.e., humans romantically involved with animals), including an interview with an unlicensed zoophile gushing over his “wife” Fixed, a horse; said one activist, “We are not sick at all. Zoosexuality is (merely) an alternative lifestyle.”

— According to London’s Daily Telegraph, U.K.-funded research revealed in January indi-cates that within 10 years, countries could require car manufacturers to install $300 electronic govern-ors that would use satellite technology to control the maximum speed that cars could travel, varying it depending on amount of traffic, highway design and driving conditions.

Latest Nearly-Ultimate Wisdom

Convicted murderer William “Cody” Neal, at his sentencing hearing in Golden, Colo., in September, “I accept responsibility for the (mur-der). If I lose my life, I can live with that.” And an unamed woman, when police in Appleton, Wis., came in December to remove her children because of a complaint that she had given her 11-year-old daughter a “swastika” (boiling her head in a flushing toilet). “I haven’t had a vacation in 13 years. Go ahead and take them.”

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

— At a meeting of African leaders in Tripoli in September, Libyan leader Muammar Khadafy unveiled a prototype of the car of the future that he said he had personally engineered in his spare time: the low-speed, five-passenger “car of the Jananuary,” featuring bottle-shaped front and rear ends to deflect collisions and make it the world’s safest car. Libya would produce 50,000 cars a year in the “upper-middle-class” range.

— A private company, leasing land rights from the Israeli government, plans to build a $6.6 million entertainment complex in Capcenario on the Sea of Galilee to include an 85-yard-long plat-form just below the water’s surface to allow visi-tors to re-create Christ’s walk on water (at 85 a head). However, according to a December Austin American-Statesman report, Roman Catholic priest and Holy Land scholar Jerome Murphy-O’Connor predicted the walkway would be used only by “drunk tourists, not serious pilgrims.”

— A September Deutsch Press-Agentur report profiled Mr. Rainer Thoenes, 33, from the German village of Kallar, who earns a nice living as a hairdresser for cows being readied for cattle shows. “The trick,” said Thoenes, “is to highlight the cow’s strong points (straight back, slim legs, plump udders) and hide the weak ones,” but Thoenes’s professional standards prevent him from supplying artificial parts such as more attract-ive ears or body color change and olive oil for flexibility and said she’s never had a potato break during use.

Weekend Science

— A November Associated Press report on Jacksonville, Fla., stabbing victim Michael Hill, 44, showed him wearing a variety of artificial limbs that had failed in the 1998 incident in which a neighbor mistakenly jimmied an 8-inch, serrated blade all the way into the top of his skull. Doctors pulled it out without major damage, and Hill now takes pain and seizure medication and still has trouble with emo-tions and short-term memory. Hill’s sister, at whose house Hill was staying when stabbed, believes the attack was intended for her husband.

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Dear Nancy,

I've been trying to quit drinking but it seems like every time I go out I end up wasted. I can hold out for awhile but I always end up having a beer then I keep going and going. It seems like I can't say no or something. Does this mean I have a drinking problem? I don't drink at home it's just when I go out and I still want to be able to do that. What do you think?

—Can't quit

Dear Can't,

It's never good to be a quitter. If you don't drink what will you do when your friends are dancing on the bar, sliding down stairs and peeing in public? Why, you'll be sober and how fun is that? You'll be the only one to remember what actually happened the night before, and that's a big responsibility to take on.

I think because you're questioning whether or not you have a problem you should talk to someone. First though you should analyze your reasons for quitting and the way you act under the influence. As an adult you should be able to say no and know your limit.

Ask your friends to support you. Tell them your reasons so they don't bother you every five minutes once you're out. You could offer to be the designated driver, so you have something to look forward to at the end of the night. (Trying to drive with five crazy people asking at the top of their lungs if you're okay to drive because they can't see the road) You could even start doing it on a regular basis and make some extra cash.

This probably won't work, so I suggest other things to do that don't involve alcohol. It will probably be hard at first but drinking is a serious thing you don't want to mess with.

Dear Nancy,

My best friend is dating a guy who is down right ugly. I haven't told her but I really think I should because all of our friends agree with me. I'm embarrassed for her and I don't understand it. He's nice and all but I know she could do a lot better. Do you think it will ruin our friendship?

—Saving beauty from the beast

Dear Saving,

Who died and made you the president of prettiness? How do you know that he doesn't wish you thought paper bags were in when he sees you?

You want to talk about a sight for sore eyes—turn yourself inside out. Peel the “Don’t hate me because I’m beautiful” sticker off your bumper and keep your mouth shut.

Obviously your friend finds him attractive or she wouldn't be with him, unless she has issues (and that's her problem to solve, not yours). Of course if you tell her your opinion (which is all it is) it's going to cause a problem between the two of you.

You are her best friend, you should support her decisions, not talk trash about them behind her back.
The Contino Sessions teases fans

In March 1997 Death In Vegas released their first album, Dead Elvis, which was released in the UK in September. The video to the single D.I.R.T. was banned by video outlets in Europe due to its stylized images. Death In Vegas toured with the Chemical Brothers and took on the production of Dot Allison's tracks. Most recently Fearless has obtained a new production partner, named Tim Holmes, and some guest celebrities, such as Iggy Pop and Bobby Gillespie. The result was Death In Vegas's latest CD The Contino Sessions, which was released in Sept. 14, 1999. The new album is a tribute to Richard Fearless's heroes, such as Andy Warhol. The Contino Sessions demonstrates Death In Vegas’s musical chameleon persona, which is neither dance music nor modern rock. The album is, however, a psychodelic instrumental journey, with only a few tracks containing actual lyrics. The Contino Sessions debuted in the top 20 in the UK album charts.

Although most of the album is instrumental, it contains a massive level of intensity but also contains some of the style of modern day techno. Overall the album is very well done, not only for the guests' vocals of Iggy Pop, Jim Reid, and Bobby Gillespie, but for the outstanding musical talent of all those who contributed to the album instrumentally.

However, the one complaint that the fans of Death In Vegas may have, would be toward the length of the album. Containing only nine tracks, listeners are left wanting more. Hopefully, for the fans, it won't be too long before they get it but for now you can check out the band at Time Bomb Recordings website, www.time-bombrecordings.com.
Fleming and John
The Way We Are

I had the pleasure of seeing Fleming and John in concert, but they weren’t well received from the rather large outside audience.

That’s probably because their previous album Delusions of Grandeur sounded a lot like a yodeling exercise with a rock band in the back.

Actually, it was more of an intimate sound, hence the reason it was so unappealing to such a mass gathering.

In the duo’s latest album The Way We Are, they’ve dropped the gypsy groove (but retained the hippie look) and picked up a nice pop music sound along the way.

It grows on you, probably because the mix is so inviting. This new appeal can be best witnessed on some of my favorite songs on the album like “Sshh” and “Comfortable.”

The group also seems to be utilizing a few more keyboards to achieve almost a techno feel. And oddly enough, it doesn’t really seem out of place. The track “Ugly Girl” is a cute, funny song about being dumped, and I think it’s actually made better with the use of the cheesy synthesized backgrounds. There are also a few other songs with the same use of electronic manipulation, but they aren’t all too noticeable.

I recommend listening to The Way We Are in the comfort of your own headphones.

Fleming McWilliams’ soaring vocals make for a soothing end to a tough day. And there is plenty of her in each and every song on this album.

For those unfamiliar with Fleming and John, they sound a lot like the new pop group Sixpence None the Richer (who released that charming little “Kiss Me” song last year).

Fleming seems to write lyrics with a little more depth, however, like in the title track “The Way We Are,” as well as songs that are more unconventional than catchy. Unfortunately, that’s not enough to convince an angry outdoor gathering.

The Tunnel is a collection that will make you up, or rather, one that will pump you up. I surely have been pumped, and this is the first time I have listened to it.

It’s like an all-star tribute to the rhythmic Flex, with some big time rappers providing their talents. Performers like Tupac Shakur, Notorious B.I.G., DJ Mister Cee, Snoop Dogg and Method Man all have their own individual songs, but the list actually goes on.

“Bring Me” by Eminem and Dr. Dre is a song with a great beat. It’s the type of song that you could play at a party or one with which you could just take a seat on the couch and chill.

“Oh” by Redman and Erick Sermon is a great song when you are driving in your car. For some reason, I feel so relaxed when I’m listening to this song. Other chilling songs that I enjoyed listening to are “Drown Want War” by Rickylon, “For My Thugs” by Jay-Z and “Ill Bomb” by LL Cool J.

Overall, this was a phat CD that I recommend to fans who listen to rap. If you’re a Tupac fan like me, then you will definitely like this album.

If you have around 15 bucks, spend your money wisely. Spend it on The Tunnel by Funkmaster Flex & Big Kap.

Apollo Forty Four
Gettin’ High on Your Own Supply

Apollo Forty Four coyly asks “Are We a Rock Band or What?” on its latest album. The answer is it might be the only rock band nowadays. And isn’t that just sad? An electronic drum ‘n’ bass, techno group is the best thing to hit rock music in the late ’90s.

But don’t be too surprised. A.F.F. are veterans of mixing soothing, mellow drum ‘n’ bass with crass testosterone guitar rock.

Noko and brothers Trevor and Howard Gray have played with their instruments since 1990 and have produced stunning rock-dance hybrids since then.

With “Gettin’ High,” A.F.F. is at its bombastic best while maintaining its ethereal cool style.

Radio favorite “Stop the Rock” slings the album off into orbit with a catchy blues guitar riff and surface-pop beats. It’s “Rockafeller Skank” for the year 2000.

A.F.F. is right on for most on the album but stumble a bit down the stretch. Skip “Stadium Parking Lot” unless you like Beastie Boys redux and “YoFuture” is just too generically aggressive to like.

But hey, “Gettin’ High” has enough in the beginning to make up for the junk at the end.
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Women's tennis looks for fourth straight TAAC title

DAVID WINDBERG
STAFF WRITER

The UCF women's tennis team enters the 2000 spring campaign with all guns firing. All six starters return from last year's squad that captured the Trans America Athletic Conference title and a berth in the NCAA Regional Championships in Athens, Ga. In addition to the experienced returnees, new head coach Patricia Allison signed Marieke Gunawan, a sophomore transfer from the Pelita Harapan University in Tangerang, Indonesia. Gunawan, ranked as high as No. 462 in the world in singles and No. 504 in doubles, is expected to make an immediate impact on a young UCF team that has captured the TAAC title the last three years.

"Marieke is dangerously talented and she will be a tremendous force in both singles and doubles," said Allison. Among the returnees for the Golden Knights are ARI-TAAC selections Veronica Widyadharma, Gaelle Gouttefarde and Ann-Jeanette Svantesson. Widyadharma, a senior from Semarang, Indonesia, looks for her fourth straight conference championship ring. After being named TAAC player-of-the-year during her freshman and sophomore years, Widyadharma is in coach Allison's plans to improve upon last season's success.

" Veronica has tremendous talent, but it is really up to her how far she will take it," said Allison. whose primary goal is to repeat as TAAC champions to get an at-large bid to the NCAA Championships.

A native of Charbonnieres, France, senior and co-captain Gouttefarde will provide leadership to the Golden Knights. Gouttefarde, who transferred from South Alabama last year, posted a 18-10 singles record and an impressive 21-3 doubles campaign with Widyadharma in her first season as a Golden Knight.

After clinching the TAAC title against Georgia State during her freshman year in 1998 and against Samford as a sophomore in 1999, Svantesson aims for her third TAAC title. An AR-TAAC selection in her two previous seasons, the native of Kalmar, Sweden, has a combined 35-10 dual singles record at UCF.

Rounding out the list of returning players are Danielle Okal, Sonja Prokopec and Hadas Rosen. The three juniors bring the experience of six conference championships to the Golden Knights. Co-captain Okal, a native of Rheinfelden, Germany, finished last year with a 19-8 record in singles, mainly at the No. 5 spot, and a 13-6 mark in doubles with Prokopec.

Prokopec has been a sound contributor for the Golden Knights during her first two seasons as well. Prokopec amassed a 30-18 overall record last season. Rosen completed the 1999 season with a 21-6 record, including a 16-5 run in dual meets, mainly at the No. 6 spot.

With a tough schedule, Allison hopes to place UCF in a position where the rest of the nation will take notice.

"This is only the beginning. We have a better schedule than last year, and I will work hard to get a better one every year," said Allison. "Playing tough teams is the only way to get recognition and we have no intention to be ranked 73rd at the end of the season."

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February 4, 2000

Head baseball coaches from the Tri-State Athletic Conference selected the University of Central Florida to finish in first place this season and chose three Golden Knights to the Preseason All-TAAC Team. The TAAC announced on Jan. 25.

Joe Bergman's squad won two out of three games at the ACC/Disney Baseball Blitz hosted by Disney's Wide World of Sports. The team played a 56-game regular season against some of the top-ranked teams in the nation, including North Carolina, Wake Forest and Clemson, Alabama, LSU and Florida Atlantic. Baseball America magazine has ranked UCF third in its preseason poll.

Senior third baseman Dustin Brison (Wellington/Wellington HS), junior first baseman Matt Bowser (Palm Harbor/Tarpon Springs HS) and junior relief pitcher Jason Arnold (Palm Bay/Melbourne HS) were the coaches' selections for all-star status from UCF. The trio joined three each from TAAC contender Florida Atlantic and Jacksonville.

For Arnold and Bowser, it marks the second time that each has been nominated Preseason All-TAAC.

Baseball America recently projected UCF to finish first in the TAAC and advance to the NCAA Tournament along with conference rival Florida Atlantic. UCF players also garnered a number of preseason honors from BA with Brison projected as Player of the Year, right-handed starting pitcher Casey Kennedy (Boca Raton/Spanish River HS) as TAAC Newcomer of the Year and Bowser as the No. 3 Major League draft prospect out of the TAAC. The magazine named Bowser, Brison and Arnold to its preseason all-conference team.

2000 TAAC Preseason Baseball Coaches Poll

1. UCF
2. Florida Atlantic
3. Jacksonville
4. Stetson
5. Troy State
6. Mercer
7. Georgia State
8. Jacksonville State
9. Campbell
10. Sanford

Predicted TAAC Tournament Champion: UCF

MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

BACK INTO CONTENTION
The UCF men's basketball team won conference games over Florida Atlantic and Jacksonville University last week, vaulting them into a four-way tie for third place in the regular season TAAC standings. Despite each being a victory, the two games were in sharp contrast of each other. After blowing out FAU 84-68 on the road, the Golden Knights returned home to face Jacksonville, a team that had only won two conference games all season.

After dominating the first half, UCF let the Dolphins back into the game in the second half. With the game tied at 57-57, senior Roy Leath put UCF ahead with a layup, and then Cory Perry sealed the victory with a three-pointer and two free throws down the stretch. UCF held Jacksonville scoreless over the final 9:59 of the game to earn a 65-57 win.

"I thought this was a big swing game," said UCF coach Kirk Spreaw. "Right now we're tied for third and one game out of second place. If we didn't win tonight, it goes the other way and we're in sixth place. There's a lot of teams in the middle, so if you slip up, there's two or three of them that move by you."

D'Quarius Stewart led UCF with 21 points against JU, while Paul Reed added 14 points and 11 rebounds. Reed was the dominant offensive player for the Golden Knights against FAU, scoring 23 points on 10-14 shooting. Jason Thornton netted 19 points against FAU, including five three-pointers.

This season will be the first time that all 10 teams are allowed to participate in the conference tournament, with the top six receiving first round byes. UCF (8-13, 6-4) trails second place Jacksonville State (13-7, 7-3) by only one game, but leads seventh place Stetson (10-9, 5-5) by the same margin. Georgia State, Sanford, Campbell and UCF all have a 6-4 conference record as of Jan. 30. Each remaining conference game is crucial for the Golden Knights, as dropping to seventh place or lower would require them to win four games in four days to capture the TAAC tournament title.

GETTING OFFENSIVE
In their win over Jacksonville, the Golden Knights collected a season-high 20 offensive rebounds. Paul Reed led the effort with five offensive boards, while Jason Thornton had four.

D'Quarius Stewart and Roy Leath each had three. Many of those rebounds led to second chance points, which was an important factor in the victory.

"We had good activity on the boards," said Spreaw, adding wryly that "Of course we missed a lot of shots in the second half that led to those offensive boards."

UCF did give up 18 offensive rebounds to Jacksonville, however, something that gave Spreaw a cause for concern.

TAAC INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Along with the team's recent move up the TAAC standings, a number of Golden Knights have also moved up in the individual stat sheets. Senior D'Quarius Stewart's recent shooting tear has moved him up to second place in the conference with a 16.9 scoring average. Jason Thornton is eighth on that list with 14.0 points per game. Thornton leads the TAAC in both three-point percentage and three-pointers made. Paul Reed is seventh in the conference in both rebounding and field goal percentage, and Roy Leath is seventh in blocked shots.

Despite playing through injuries, Cory Perry is third in the TAAC in steals and in assists. Freshman Al Miller also makes an appearance in the top 10, placing ninth with 3.76 assists per game.

-David Munsters
Goldens Knights look to overcome injuries

Paul Nesbit did their best to fill the gap left by Howard, scoring 15 and 10 points respectively, but that wasn't enough to get a victory. The Golden Knights took themselves out of contention by shooting just 34% from the field and turning the ball over 26 times in the game. Striegler needs for her players to get healthy, and fast.

"I keep thinking at one point in time we're going to get healthy and I'm going to have every­body back, but it doesn't seem to be like that." Striegler said. "The kids that are out there are playing hard, but it worries me because we can't do a lot of the things we want to do."

With the TAAC tournament just over a month away, UCF needs two wins this week to get back into contention for a first round bye. The top six teams in the regular season earn free passes to the second round of the tournament, but the bottom four squads have to play for the right to get there. Without the bye, the Golden Knights would have to win four games in four days to capture the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA tourna­ment.

The Golden Knights aren't likely to see any changes from Samford and Jacksonville State, who will get the ball to their inside players whenever possible. Samford is led by 6'4" center Jodi Morris, who averages 16.8 points, while Jacksonville State will rely on 6'2" forward Lisa Baswell, who leads the TAAC with a 21.2 scoring average. Jacksonville State also ranks second in the conference in three-point shooting. UCF's biggest advantage will be their rebounding, as they have continued to dominate the glass despite the loss of Howard. The Golden Knights lead the TAAC in every rebounding category, and are among the nation's best with a +7.9 rebounding margin.

This week will be a huge test for UCF as the short-handed Golden Knights need to win no matter who is on the court. The team will have the home crowd on their side this week, and all five of their wins this year have come at the UCF Arena. Wherever they play, Striegler summed up the team's strategy/dilemma in one simple sentence.

"You just have to take the people that you have left, go to their strengths, and use them," Striegler said.
☑ Live in Chicago.
☑ Be a physical therapist.
☐ Get my roommate to start wearing a bathrobe.
Seats still available at Bergman Field

JEFF CASE
STAFF EDITOR

The UCF baseball team's 5-0 defeat of No. 24 Clemson at the ACC/Disney Baseball Blast was a look into the future: the soon-to-be future. Behind a never-before-seen pitching performance by Virginia transfer Casey Kennedy, the Knights made the storied Clemson Tigers look like a bunch of toothless kittens.

Kennedy gave the fans at Sunday's game plenty to cheer about, as he pitched a complete game, striking out nine, walking one and overall embarrassing the 11 Tiger batters who tried to swing at his breaking ball.

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The 1995 Atlantic Region League Baseball. Most of all, the 1995 Atlantic Region Coach of The-Year has enjoyed years of success without much accolade from those outside the college baseball world.

With the type of performance the Knights gave Bergman at the Blast, the days of quiet praise of UCF's coach around campus may soon come to an end. Bergman admitted the crowd helped keep his team excited and thanks to the inspiring play from the Knights, UCF fans had enough reason to hang around for the full nine innings of play.

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The Knights have plenty to look forward to, starting with this week. Look for the Knights to move up in the baseball America poll to a spot in the early-20's or late teens. Aside from a likely jump into the Top20 to look forward to is the eventual opening of a new campus landmark, Jay Bergman Field.

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TRAVIS BELL
SPORTS WRITER

With the departure of Tim Boyle from the top of UCF’s lineup from a year ago, Coach Jay Bergman needed someone to provide a spark for the heart of this year’s lineup. He may have found that spark in shortstop Mike Myers after his performance in last weekend’s ACC/Disney Baseball Blast. Myers did everything that is expected from a leadoff hitter and more. His capabilities were brought to the forefront in his first at-bat of the season opener against North Carolina. He drew a walk in the game, stole second base, advanced to third on a ground out, and then scored on a sacrifice fly to give UCF a 1-0 lead. Although UCF lost to UNC 9-6, Myers, showing against the Tar Heels is a perfect example of what Myers can bring to the Golden Knights potentially explosive lineup.

“I get on base so [Matt] Bowser, [Dustin] Brisson, Ivan Trujillo, and the rest of the guys can hit me in,” Myers said. “I get on and steal bases and help the team score runs.”

In an era where many athletes are viewed as being more self-centered than team-oriented, Myers breaks the mold. He transferred from UCF to Oklahoma State before the summer so that he could take classes in Orlando. He passed up an opportunity to play in the College World Series, which OSU competed in last season, to make sure he was eligible to help the Golden Knights this season.

“I think I went there because I was immature. It was a big name school and that’s what I wanted to put on my record,” he said. “The shortstop that was there before me was a senior, and we all thought he was going to get drafted. I went out there thinking that he was going to get drafted and that I was going to get to play.”

When Myers came to UCF, he found himself in a similar situation. The Knights already had a returning starter at shortstop, but he was able to earn the starting job for the season opener against UNC.

His impact was felt early and often in the Disney tournament, beginning with a 1-for-3, two walk and two run performance against the Tar Heels. Against Wake Forest, he had only one official at-bat, but he drew three walks and drove in two runs. He finally showed his hitting prowess against Clemson on Sunday with a 3-for-5 performance including three singles.

During the three-game tournament, Myers reached base in 10 of 15 plate appearances in a variety of ways. Four singles, five walks, and one hit by pitch were his methods of choice. Senior Dustin Brisson says Myers is just beginning to show what he will mean to this lineup. “I’ve played with a lot of good leadoff people here with Tim Boyle and Will Groud the last couple years,” Brisson said. “I think he’s probably better than both of them are because he knows what pitches to swing at. He’s an aggressive hitter, yet he’ll take any pitches he thinks he can’t drive. He’s going to be a really big help for this team this season.”

Bergman says Myers’ attitude and effort has made coaching Myers easy. “Myers has done wonderful,” Bergman said. “He’s done everything we’ve asked and he’s been very coachable after not playing much at Oklahoma State. He’s just gotten better and better.”

The reason he may be getting better and better so quickly is because of Bergman. Myers credits Bergman with being one of the major factors in his decision to transfer to UCF instead of other Florida schools.

Bergman says as long as the UVA transfer stays consistent, it should equal a bright future for Kennedy.

“I think he dominated [today],” Bergman said. “It shows the value of a breaking ball pitcher in college baseball. If you can throw a breaking ball, get it over, you’re going to win a chance to win big.”

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Kennedy steps into spotlight

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about his newcomer’s performance in his first start.

“He was unbelievable,” Bergman said. “What can you ask of a guy? You kind of worry about him trying to do too many things or trying to hard or trying to prove something he didn’t have to prove. It’s an unbelievable story.”

Kennedy has gotten off to a great start as a Knight, but
Baseball season off to promising start

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Virginia transfer Casey Kennedy the Golden Knights came away with a commanding 5-0 victory over Clemson. The Tigers’ loss was an upset considering Clemson had shutout the defending national champion Miami Hurricanes on Saturday night.

Kennedy threw a four-hit complete game shutout and got the offensive support that had been lacking in the first two games. Bergman said the win against Clemson was crucial to the Knights’ success this year.

“In my (18) years, we’ve had some wonderful wins, but I can’t remember one, at a time when you needed to have something to establish your self and control your destiny as far as national rankings are concerned,” Bergman said.

The victories over nationally ranked Wake Forest and Clemson should solidify UCF’s selection in the Top 25. A loss against UConn could have been viewed as a setback for the Golden Knights, but the Tar Heels surprised everyone by going 3-0 with victories over No. 23 UCF, No. 14 Rice, and No. 5 Miami, while being the only unranked team in the tournament.

However, not everything went perfectly for the Golden Knights. The bullpen struggled against Wake Forest but was effective enough to get the win. The bullpen will now be a concern for Bergman, something that was unexpected for the Knights heading into the season.

Also, the Knights left base runners stranded in scoring position after getting them there with less than two outs. Bergman and his staff will likely try to improve on that aspect of UCF’s offense before getting back on the field February 8 at Bethune-Cookman.

Nevertheless, UCF had high expectations heading into the tournament and those expectations became reality with the wins against Wake Forest and Clemson. Now UCF knows what it is capable of and must build on these wins to work toward its ultimate goal of spending June in Omaha, Neb., at the College World Series.

Kennedy "unbelievable" at Disney Blast

JEFF CASE

Pete Gavillan said his teammate in the zone, Jay Bergman called his player’s performance “unbelievable.” Casey Kennedy, the beneficiary of all the praise, called as a Golden Knight his best collegiate showing ever.

In the Knights’ 5-0 win against Clemson on Sunday, Kennedy dominated the Tigers with a complete game performance, allowing only three hits and one walk while striking out nine batters.

Kennedy, a transfer from the University of Virginia, has no doubt left his teammates, coaches and fans wondering how well he’ll perform throughout the rest of the year. But for now, he’s happy to have made a good first impression at his new home.

“It was a great win for the team,” Kennedy said. “I was locating and keeping the ball down all day and was able to go through because of the fans and my team picked me up.”

Gavillan, UCF’s catcher against the Tigers, said he had never caught a game like the one Kennedy threw on Sunday.

“It was so easy to catch,” Gavillan said. “It’s like you’re in a rhythm. You’re in a zone and he was on today. He knew a lot of the hitters out there (as a former ACC pitcher) and he knew how to work them.”

As the game wore on, Gavillan said he found his job easier to perform.

“In certain situations, coach would let me call the pitch. After a while, he just started calling whatever he wanted to be effective to get the batter out. It was unbelievable, I’ve never caught a game like that in my life.”

As the former ace pitcher at Virginia, Kennedy was more than competent against the teams he faced while playing for the Cavaliers. Losing seasons and poor team play overshadowed Kennedy’s talent so he transferred to UCF with hopes of playing in the College World Series and possibly being a Major League Baseball draft selection.

It is those high expectations Kennedy has for himself that caused Bergman to be concerned...
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Knights continue adjustment period against Owls

TROY MEJIA
SPORTS EDITOR

UCF men's basketball Coach Kirk Speraw has said that the second half of the conference season will see the TAAC's most successful team be the one who makes the best adjustments.

For this Saturday night's game against Florida Atlantic, Speraw won't look to make too many adjustments from the Knights previous 83-67 win on Jan. 26 in Boca Raton.

In that win, the Golden Knights got big nights from D'Quarius Stewart and Jason Thornton, their high-scoring duo that has propelled the team's offense during the conference season. The biggest performance was turned in by sophomore Paul Reed, who scored a career-high 23 points in the victory, overpowering the Owls post defenders.

The Knights were able to break open a tight contest with a big second half run, which has also been a trend for the team during the past few games.

In fact, adjusting to the key to UCF's goal of solidifying the highest seed possible for March's TAAC tournament.

UCF used a big run against Jacksonville to secure a 65-54 win last Saturday night, holding the Dolphins scoreless for the final stages of the contest. Prior to that win came the big second half against the Owls, which allowed the big second half performances against Stetson in a comeback effort that fell two points short, and Jacksonville in a key road win in which the Knights erased a 10-point halftime deficit to record a 79-70 win.

The reason for the big second half surges may lie in the fact that UCF has one of the top frontlines in the TAAC despite the loss of both Mario Lovett and Beroni Simms to injury early in the season. Paul Reed, Roy Leath, Davin Granberry, and Ikechi Nwaka wear out opposing defenses and don't allow the opposition to concentrate solely on Stewart and Thornton on the perimeter.

Speraw and his coaching staff have become quite adept at making key adjustments after picking up on trends during the first half of games. Thus the odds are in UCF's favor that it will be able to make the necessary changes to thrive in the second half of the season.

Against FAU, the Knights will look to shut down shooting guard Ryan Hercek, who burned the UCF defense for 16 first half points in their first meeting, but finished with 19 for the game. The second half adjustments made by the Knights limited the number of open looks Hercek got from the perimeter.

FAU has a lot of adjustments to make it to get one conference win under its belt. The Owls come into the game winless in TAAC play - and against all Division I competition for that matter.

Coach Sidney Green, in his first season at the helm of the Owls, has seen his team struggle due to inexperience, as only one player (Hercek) returns from last year's team. Some of the younger players are developing nicely, however. Forward Marques Williams, a 6-foot-7 forward, gave UCF problems in the first game and is the team's top post threat. Fellow freshman Frank Basley has emerged as another option in conference play, providing an offensive lift off the bench. Guards Tim Grenner and Emmett Murphy handle the point guard duties, while junior transfer Tony Lee is an active defender and rebounder who gets most of his points by out-working players for them.

UCF must avoid a letdown that could surface against a team like the Owls, who aren't perceived to pose a major threat against the more polished Knights. If the team comes out performing up to its capabilities, the Knights shouldn't have much of a problem recording its fourth straight win against Florida Atlantic, continuing its resurgence.

Golden Knights blast Clemson, Wake Forest at Disney Blast

TRAVIS BELL
STAFF WRITER

The UCF baseball team was labeled No. 23 in the country according to the Baseball America pollsters pre-season rankings. Heading into the season opening ACC/Diseny Baseball Blast at Disney's Wide World of Sports, the Golden Knights had a lot to prove but had a lot more that they could lose. With five ranked teams competing in the tournament, UCF faced challenges to its ranking in North Carolina, No. 21 Wake Forest, and No. 24 Clemson. The Golden Knights came away with two victories and a lot of confidence after a dismal beginning.

The Golden Knights suffered a tough loss to begin the tournament Friday night against UNC. Leading 4-1 in the fifth inning, the UCF bullpen blew the lead and the game in a 9-6 loss to the Tar Heels.

But the Golden Knights made a slow recovery almost 13 hours later after falling behind 4-1 against Wake Forest. UCF had managed only two hits during the first five innings, but used Demon Deacon mistakes to its advantage. UCF's patience at the plate paid off as it drew six walks and one hit batsman along with four hits. But it was two Wake errors that turned out to be the difference for UCF's 5-4 win.

"They gave us a little help and we took advantage of it," Coach Jay Bergman said. "Sometimes teams will give you certain things like walks and errors, and if you don't take advantage of it then it's useless."

More importantly, Bergman was happy with how well his team recovered. "To play Friday night and be disappointed after the game because of one bad inning, and then to be up late, get up the next morning early, and come back to win that ball game catapulted us into the mentality that we had to have," Bergman said. "The players stayed focused and did exactly what we asked them to do."

The team carried that momentum over to Sunday, where behind the arm of UCF catcher Pete Gavilán called pitcher Casey Kennedy's performance against Clemson one of the easiest games he has ever caught.

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Speraw and his coaching staff have become quite adept at making key adjustments after picking up on trends during the first half of games. Thus the odds are in UCF's favor that it will be able to make the necessary changes to thrive in the second half of the season.

Against FAU, the Knights will look to shut down shooting guard Ryan Hercek, who burned the UCF defense for 16 first half points in their first meeting, but finished with 19 for the game. The second half adjustments made by the Knights limited the number of open looks Hercek got from the perimeter.

FAU has a lot of adjustments to make it to get one conference win under its belt. The Owls come into the game winless in TAAC play - and against all Division I competition for that matter.

Coach Sidney Green, in his first season at the helm of the Owls, has seen his team struggle due to inexperience, as only one player (Hercek) returns from last year's team. Some of the younger players are developing nicely, however. Forward Marques Williams, a 6-foot-7 forward, gave UCF problems in the first game and is the team's top post threat. Fellow freshman Frank Basley has emerged as another option in conference play, providing an offensive lift off the bench. Guards Tim Grenner and Emmett Murphy handle the point guard duties, while junior transfer Tony Lee is an active defender and rebounder who gets most of his points by out-working players for them.

UCF must avoid a letdown that could surface against a team like the Owls, who aren't perceived to pose a major threat against the more polished Knights. If the team comes out performing up to its capabilities, the Knights shouldn't have much of a problem recording its fourth straight win against Florida Atlantic, continuing its resurgence.

Golden Knights look to overcome injuries, get back into TAAC race

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The UCF women's basketball team gets a chance to exact some revenge this week, playing home games against the teams they lost to on the road last week. The Golden Knights (5-13, 2-7) fell 65-54 to Samford (11-7, 4-3) and 67-50 to Jacksonville State (6-11, 3-6), dropping them into a last place tie in the TAAC standings. Their current three-game losing streak has been insult to injury, as the mood of the team player is either sidelin­ed or playing hurt.

In the two losses, no player was missed more than center Camille Howard, who remains out after having arthroscopic on her knee two weeks ago. Sanford set a school record with 12 blocked shots against the Golden Knights, a result of their height advantage in the post. Nancy Richter, UCF's leading outside threat, played sparingly last week because of a nagging knee injury.

Without those two players, who are the team captains, the Golden Knights suffer from a severe lack of depth. Never was this so evident as in the loss to Sanford, when only five players got significant minutes after freshman forward Erin Paige got into early foul trouble.

"All the post players become more important now," said UCF coach Gail Striegler. "You're looking at a lot of minutes for those players. They're got to play smart and be able to play hard and get in enough shape to play at least 30 minutes per game."

Forward LaToya Graham and center Paige and her teammates will be officially announced today. The efforts of Coach Mike Krzyzewski, recruiting coordinator Scott Fountain, and the rest of the coaching staff will be rewarded with sterling class rumored to be one of the brightest in UCF history.

Check www.intotheknights.com for more information on these developments.