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,
has secured a spot in the NFL
through legal action -
evolving during its first 20 years. 
Among the organizations'
many other accomplishments,
in 1988, 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 open and
free 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.

Lee catches praise, hope at Gridiron Classic

JEFF CASE
STAFF WRITER

For wide receiver Charles Lee, four
days carried more weight than one after-
noon in Saturday's Tyco Gridiron Classic.

After completing a catchless day in his
weekly, Mfume was saying things that will impress people that
are looking to pick him up in the NFL.

A positive attitude, intelligence and phys-
ics size (6-2, 205) are all things that
should benefit Lee at the next level, Infante
said.

Beer drinking among college
freshmen hits 34-year low

IRENE HSIAO
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT (TUCSON, ARIZ.)

(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. -
Alcohol consumption has
declined among freshmen col-
lege students, according to a
study by the Higher Education
Research Institute at the
University of California Los
Angeles. This year, the annual
study shows the lowest level of
freshmen beer drinking in the 34-
year history of the survey.

Additional findings of the
survey were an increase in stress
among college freshmen and a
high percentage of freshmen who
reported being bored in high
school.

The number of freshmen
who drank beer frequently or
occasionally was down to 50 per-
cent in 1999, compared to 75
percent in 1981. Liquor and wine
rates were 67 percent in 1987.

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COLLEGE WEB SITES: ARE THEY ALL THEY'RE CRACKED UP TO BE?

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College web sites informative, interesting

BECKI 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 is 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 to 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-om-nic, 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.

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.

Korean Johannessen, 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. "Drinking has been declin-

ing in the last several years, so it would make sense that freshmen (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.

Renae 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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Greek Beat

UCF Student Wins Order of Omega Scholarship

Alpha Delta Pi member Stephanie Levinson was awarded the Patrick W. Halloran Scholarship Award worth $500 by the National Order of Omega. The Order of Omega is a national honorary leadership society for students with membership in national, general, or social fraternities and sororities. The Order of Omega Scholarship program was established to recognize scholarship ability, participation and leadership in campus organizations, citizenship and service to Order of Omega and the campus Greek community. In addition, it is intended to support graduate studies. Since 1985, the national Order of Omega has awarded 677 scholarships totaling $250,200. Levinson, a UCF senior, was recognized for her outstanding leadership, contribution and involvement as chapter President and Executive Vice President of Alpha Delta Pi, a member of C.A.M.A (Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol), and was selected as 1998 Woman of the Year. Levinson has also been inducted to the following honor societies: Order of Omega, Omicron Delta Kappa and the Golden Key Honor Society.

Beta Theta Pi offers UCF Leadership, Academic, Social Opportunities

Beta Theta Pi International Fraternity will form a local colony at UCF with the intention of becoming an active chapter. Founded in 1839, at Ohio’s Miami University, Beta Theta Pi is dedicated to mutual assistance, scholarship, leadership, brotherhood and community service. Beta Theta Pi has nearly 6,000 collegians on 143 campuses throughout the United States and Canada. All new Beta chapters are involved in an educational initiative called Men of Principle. This initiative complete with mission, vision and goal statements, outlines nine essential goals for chapter success in academics, campus involvement, community service and personal development. Every initial member at UCF will become a founding father and will set the stage for the chapter’s culture, attitude and reputation. From a base of 11,500 members internationally, Judson Horras, director of colony expansion, will conduct interviews over the next moth to extend the invitation to students to become founding fathers of the colony. For more information, please contact Judson Horras at 800-800-2382 ext232 or email jhorras@wooglin.com. Visit the fraternity website at http://www.BetaThetaPi.org.

Correction: The staff of the Future apologizes again to the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority for a misprint in both the January 19 and January 26 issue of the Future. The Zeta Tau Alpha sorority was referred to incorrectly.

compiled by Kristi Ziff, staff writer

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Black History Month Calendar

February 1st - Monday
Opening Ceremonies-Selection Pond 11:00 AM
Black History Month Celebration-Student Center Auditorium 7 PM
In association with: Phi Beta Sigma & Caribbean Students Association

February 2nd - Tuesday
Forum: Black Women: Where have we been, Where are we now, and Where are we going? Skid Key 220 @ 12:00 PM
In association with: Women's Studies, BFDC

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

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

February 7 - Sunday
Church visit
BET Tonight’s Tavis Sunday @ 7:00 pm

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

February 10 - Wednesday
Evening of Elegance
In association with: BFSA

February 13 - Thursday
Florida Invitational Weekend - See you in Gainesville

February 15 - Saturday
February Invitational Weekend

February 17 - Thursday
Back in the Day Movie: Imitation of Life - Student Union 218A 7:30 PM

February 18 - Friday
Concert

February 19 - Funny Fridays
Comedian: Chocolate - VAB Auditorium Room 132 @ 8:00 PM

February 21 - Sunday
Church Visit

February 24 - Wednesday
Back in the Day Movie: Higher Learning - Student Union 218A 7:30 PM

February 25 - Thursday
Closing Ceremonies
In association with: Delta Sigma Theta

February 26 - Friday
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, I was 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 doesn’t decorate his apartment. He’s not a big deal, but he’s not so bad anyway. He’s not the drug scene and can’t do whatever 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 chocolates and flowers. He still doesn’t wear cologne, like clothes, or stuffed animals. There’s no CD, movie, or game out for sale to his liking. His apartment is still bare. No alcohol or drug habits have formed. He’s still got the same car and the same watch and he knows 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 chocolates and flowers, you are going to have something to give in return. That’s it. 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 its presence, you have no excuses. Hallmark is $3 dollars. Every store sells roses this time of year.

Stores run sales and erect special banners and displays. Restaurants are open later. Commercials run on TV and radio. You’re basically cornered. You must have been mentally prepared last year not to give anything, not even a card, to your boyfriend. And even though everyone’s already agreed that it was an okay thing to do (everybody had a reason) it wasn’t.

Do the right thing. And if you can think of nothing to give, it’s chocolates and flowers to the rescue.

Nice Girls Finish Further Behind:

KRISTA ZILIZI
STAFF WRITER

Why do bad boys always win? They’ve become the anonymous slang of the male population lacking a significant other. These are the nice guys 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. All too often I witness another nice guy lamenting his victimization by society of heartless females. Nice guys claim they win’t go with the girls, and are rejected or abused by insensitive females who claim to look for qualities such as honesty, kindness, chivalry and a sense of humor in a man. Moreover, they allege they are actually being fed a fabrication, a false advertisement of sorts, devised to deceive the entire nice guy population.

Undoubtedly, honesty, kindness and chivalry are admirable qualities, but other key factors come into play. By human nature, the good is easier forgotten than the bad. When guys suffer from deficiencies 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 guys speak so highly of, does not necessarily equate to what girls consider a good sense of humor. Nice guys, 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”?

These same undesirable qualities in a girl, nice guys always finish last, then nice girl finish even further behind. Consider the girls who have rejected and abused you, nice guys. That isn’t the work of the nice girls of the world, rather the nice guys speak so highly of, does not defeat your bad boy competition in the end.

No girl, even the bad breed, ever wishes for a boyfriend to abuse and treat. We’re not looking for monsters, harpies even, just girls who can be comfortably nice to guys. The demand for nice guys booms with the prospect of marriage and parenthood, and it’s nice guys who make the best husbands and fathers. So when nice girls feel their losing the race now, take comfort in the fact that you will defeat your bad boy competition in the end.
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Prank fire alarms endanger lives of students

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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 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 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 alarm.

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'Big Tease' is a hilarious Hollywood exposé

ALLISON HUNTER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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 curfews, "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 Monty (Mary McCormack), the coldhearted director of the W.I.H.P. (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 Kouratown 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 Ludvigessen (David Rasche), an obnoxious pseudo-Norwegian-turned-Rodeo Drive stylist, and reigning hairstyling champion? 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.

"Big Tease" is a mock-documentary style, made popular by films like "Waiting for Guffman" and "Drop Dead Gorgeous." In a situation of Timshelown, shown through the eyes of the idealistic Scotsman.

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 Cafe 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 where welcomed up to the stage to perform their "Big Tease" is a hilarious exposé of the unorthodox world of hairstyling, performed by the students who's ever seen "Braveheart" and "The Hustler" (next to CREOL) Call 823-5457 for more info.

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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 viewership has fallen off, the program consists entirely of shepherds (each with his dog) learning to efficiently herd sheep into pens (although producers jazzy up it by equipping some sheep with microphones to capture their “baa’s”). And a Fall 1999 British-made documentary, “Hidden Love: Animal Passions,” reported on practitioners in Missouri’s “zoophile” community (i.e., humans romantically involved with animals), including an interview with an unclothed 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 indicates that within 10 years, countries could require car manufacturers to install 300 electronic governors 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 murder. If I lose my life, I can live with that.” And an unnamed 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 “swathie” (bolting 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-shelled, five-passenger “Mercedes of the Januaryhurricane,” 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 priced 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 Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee to include an 8,000-yard-long platform just below the water’s surface to allow visitors to re-create Christ’s walk on water (at $5 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 Kalkar, 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 attractive udders. Thoenes said that if Americans did not have enough luck to escape; his getaway plans had jammed 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 emotions and short-term memory. Hill’s sister, at whose house Hill was staying when stabbed, believes the attack was intended for her husband.

— A November Associated Press report on Jacksonville, Fla., stabbing victim Michael Hill, 44, showed him recovering after being stabbed in the 1998 incident in which a neighbor mistakenly jammed an 8-inch, serrated blade all the way up to 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 emotions 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

Richard Fearless and Steve Helliwell careers began in 1994 when they signed with the label Concrete.

Their debut single, Optium Shuffle, was released under their original name, Dead Elvis. After some tension with Elvis Presley fanatics, they changed their name to Death In Vegas, still affirming their own obsession's with The King.

The name change freed the band of people coming to gigs to see some sort of tribute show. In 1996 they released their first single as Death In Vegas titled Dirt, which had a moister spin on MTV. They began touring the UK but dismissed the idea of using backing tapes and acquired the musical talent of guitarist Ian Button, keyboard player Oli Vessy and bassist Matt Flint.

The group then quickly released another song called Rocco. The new album received heavy rotation from Radio One’s Sessions, furthering the band’s success amongst students.

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 Dirt 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 psychedel-ic 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.

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Crossword
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 “Sssh! because the mix is so inviting. This new appeal can be best witnessed on some of my favorite songs on the album like “Sssh! because the mix is so inviting. This new appeal can be best witnessed on some of my favorite songs on the album like “Sssh! because the mix is so inviting. This new appeal can be best witnessed on some of my favorite songs on the album like “Sssh! because the mix is so inviting. This new appeal can be best witnessed on some of my favorite songs on the album like “Sssh! because the mix is so inviting. 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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 to the NCAA Regional Championships in Athens, Ga.

In addition to the experienced returners, new head coach Patricia Allison signed Marieke Gunawan, a sophomore transfer from the Petita 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 All-IAAAC selections Veronica Widyadarma, Gaelle Gouttefarde and Ann-Jeanette Svantesson. Widyadarma, a senior from Semarang, Indonesia, looks for her fourth straight conference championships to the Golden Knights. Co-captain Okal, a native of Rheinfelden, Germany, finished last year with a 19-8 record in singles, including a 16-5 run in dual meets, mainly at the No. 6 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.

Ronen 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."

A true test for the Golden Knights comes this spring as they will face eight ranked opponents including Miami, South Florida, TCU, SMU, Syracuse, Tulane, Louisville and UAB.

For information on the UCF women's tennis team, please visit www.UCFfuture.com.
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 9:39 of the game to earn a 65-57 win.

"I thought this was a big swing game," said UCF coach Kirk Speraw. "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 TAAC teams are allowed to participate in the conference tournament all season. Despite each being a conference game, a number of Golden Knights 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."

"We had good activity on the boards," said Speraw, 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 Speraw a cause for concern.

TAAc Individual Leaders

Along with the team's recent move up the TAAC standings, a number of Golden Knights were also moved up in the individual stats. 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 assists. Freshman Al Miller also makes an appearance in the top 10, placing ninth with 3.76 assists per game.

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Paula Nesbitt 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 24% 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 Sanford and Jacksonville State, who will get the ball to their inside players whenever possible. Sanford 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.

Golden Knights look to overcome injuries

UCF may have solidified their shortstop position with its arrival of OSU transfer Myers who had a solid debut at this weekend ACC/Money Blast Series last year," Myers said. "Pitching is about equal. Defense is about 100 times better, and on offense we have guys that can swing it up and down the lineup. I think we're going to go a long way."

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☑ Live in Chicago.
☑ Be a physical therapist.
☐ Get my roommate to start wearing a bathrobe.
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. Each fan came wearing some kind of UCF apparel, although one went as far as to wear felt bunny ears on his head. They were the type of fans athletic programs brag about having thousands of, but on Sunday although one went as far as to wear felt bunny ears on his head and overall embarrassing the 11 Tiger batters who tried to swing at his breaking ball.

Backed by the strong hitting of senior Dustin Brisson, UCF piled up a 2-1 record at the Blast, including a win against No. 21 Wake Forest on Saturday. Kennedy's roommate is one of the guys in SAE (Sigma Alpha Epsilon) and he brought all his fraternity brothers out here," Kennedy said. "They were all calling "Casey, Casey" whenever I was going back out on the field. They were helping me in the end, I was digging deep down and I was able to go through because of the fans and my team picked me up." UCF was anything but the up-and-down team of a year ago as the team at the Blast seemed focused to prove it belongs in the Top 25 as much as the Miami, Florida States and Cal State-Fullertons of college baseball. The Knights have plenty to look forward to, starting with this week. Look for the Knights to move up in the latest Baseball America poll to a spot in the early-20s 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. Named after the 18-year skipper of the Golden Knight program, Bergman Field is something UCF has dedicated to Kennedy, the man who has dedicated himself to the growth of UCF's baseball program. In his tenure as Knights' coach, Kennedy has taken a little known program and catapulted it into a NCAA Regional-type team almost annually. Back wins over ranked foes to start a season, but the best thing about Sunday's win wasn't found on the field. The equal-opportunity hecklers taunted every Clemson player and made any hope of a Tiger comeback impossible with their chanting and taunting.

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KENNEDY STEPS INTO SPOTLIGHT

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 and a chance to win big.”
Baseball season off to promising start

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 UNC 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.

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Kennedy “unbelievable” at Disney Blast

Jeff Case
Staff Writer

Peté Gavillan said his teammate was 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 performance so far.

Kennedy, a transfer from the University of Virginia, has no doubt left his mark on the Knights since transferring last season. Kennedy dominated the Tigers.

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’s performance was fueled by a group of new friends sitting behind the Knights’ dugout. Being able to meet new people has made the job easier to perform.

“It is those high expectations Kennedy has for himself that caused Bergman to be concerned," Kennedy said. "He knows what it is going to take to win. The bullpen will now be a concern for Bergman, something that was unexpected for the Knights heading into the season.

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Knights blast Clemson, Wake Forest at Disney Blast

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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 them into a last place tie in the TAAC. Ikechi Nnakwe wear on the team's offense during the past few games.

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, adjustments 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 last Saturday night.

The Knights need adjustments, the team's top post threat. Fellow freshman forward Erin Amos, who scored a career-high 23 points in the victory, overpowering the Owls post defenders.

UCF's 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 Sanford (11-7, 6-3) 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 instilled as injury, as much as the team is dealing with this season. The Knights aren't the same team that won 12 straight games.

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 Rickett, UCF's leading outside threat, played sparingly last week because of a nagging knee injury.

Without these 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 Amos got into early foul trouble.

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Golden Knights continue adjustment period against Owls

David Marsters
STAFF WRITER

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

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