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Lee catches praise, hope at Gridiron Classic

Jeff Case

For wide receiver Charles Lee, four days carried more weight than one afternoon in Saturday’s Tyco Gridiron Classic. After completing a catchless day in his team’s 21-14 loss in the second annual college all-star game, it may seem that Lee had little to be happy about.

At least a dozen NFL scouts visited the game to take their final evaluations of college players before the NFL Draft. Lee’s performance Saturday didn’t turn any heads his way, but as Lee tells it, his week of practice shouldn’t keep any pro scouts from not looking his way, either.

“I feel I stacked up well. I had a good week of practice. I just basically enjoyed myself,” said Lee, who recorded a tackle on special teams play. “The guy from Green Bay [Team Florida coach Lindy Infante] said that guys that go to the NFL combine pretty much get what they got and I had a good week of practice. I felt I was an excellent receiver and now I just need to keep my head up.”

Infante, who coached the Indianapolis Colts and Green Bay Packers during his NFL career, said while Lee didn’t show up in Saturday’s star column as a receiver, he non-the-less is equal to the players who had more successful games at the Classic.

“I think he gave a good account of himself,” Infante said. “I think he stacked up well with the talent that was on this football team and I think all the receivers played about equal amounts. I’m sure he did some things today that will impress people that are looking to pick him up in the NFL.”

A positive attitude, intelligence and physical size (6-2, 205) are all things that should benefit Lee at the next level, Infante said. While Infante says he couldn’t pinpoint any specific skills Lee should hone to secure a spot in the Draft, Infante is sure Lee will at least be at a team’s camp.

“I’m not real good at comparing one guy to the next, but I think he’s as good as anyone that was here,” Infante said. “I think it depends on A, who picks him up, that’s what’s most important and they like what he does. Once he gets in there, what kind of job he does for them, not what I think of him.”

A scout from a Canadian Football League’s agreed with Infante’s assessment, saying Lee “has good size, good quickness, he’s a good slot receiver, good hands and good speed for what he has in size.”

“He needs to work on his routes a little bit better. We’re like the second thought to a lot of these guys coming out,” said the scout. “They think they’re going to play in the NFL, so we go after the guys that are cut from the NFL. A lot of these guys won’t be in the NFL, but playing in these games gives them exposure. There were probably about a couple hundred scouts here and the
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Collegeweb.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 interest 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 momomatic, 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

FROM PAGE 1 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 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 12 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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"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 Rattay 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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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 671 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 A.A.M.A (Greek's 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.

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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.

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The Valentine Rule: Sometimes it’s better to give...Period.

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Flashback: a couple days before Valentine’s Day, 1999. 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 doesn’t decorate his apartment. He’s not a big drinker, and dumb. I think as far as the drug scene and can’t do anything there because he’s chocolate and flowers fling. He as the drug scene and can’t do er nice guy lamenting his victimization by drinker, and damn, I

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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 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.

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'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 curfews, "The Big Tease" describes Glasgow hairdresser 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, pick up along the way, attempts to prove to Monique (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 nameless amusement park, a trip to a Hollywood club, a Koreatown shootout and an "OK place to be after all."

"The Big Tease" is a hilarious exposé of the superficiality of Tinseltown, 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 no longer what as large as CAB is used to, those who won't have some other things planned for the next Thursday Knight Jive will be, they do have immediate response from the listeners.

For one such person who impacted the audience that night would be Sandra Monday whose bold poeum 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 aloud, such as Thursday Knight Jive favorite Corwell Enage.

British actor Chris Langham plays the monotonous BBC interviewer making a documentary about Crawford's trip. Langham's performance remains incredibly predictable ending 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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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 their peers, this was not so. For the big competition.

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

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 crowd.

Even though the crowd was not what as large as CAB is used to, those who were able to find the event had a great time listening and encouraging another.
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) working to efficiently herd sheep into pens (although producers jazzev it up 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 unlocated 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 unveiled in January indicates that within 10 years, countries could require car manufacturers to install 500 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, “(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 “waving” (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-slung, five-passenger, “monster of the JanuaryAh,” 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 Capemau in October. And Canada’s National Post reported in October on polydipsia (“self-induced water intoxication”), which causes addicts to guzzle water to the point of getting high (at which point it becomes life-threatening), including some who jurtively drink from toilet tanks.

People Who Are Not Like You and Me

Subhumanists Stuart and Susan Levy were at last fined $8,000 in December by a New York appeals court, but not before they had refused to move from their rented Manhattan apartment for 11 years after being given their 30-day notice to vacate by the tenant, who said in March 1985 that he wanted to move back in. Because of the Leys’s delay tactics, it took seven years for the principal tenant even to get a formal ruling that the Leys had to move. After that, the Leys stalled for four more years by claiming that the principal tenant should pay all of their legal fees for the 11-year battle.

Recurring Themes

Just before hurricane season in 1998, religious broadcaster Pat Robertson told his “700 Cbst” TV audience that the city of Orlando, Fla., should not have sponsored that year’s “Gay Days” festival, that tourism homosexuality would cause God to visit hurricanes and tornadoes upon the city. (In fact, 1998’s first hurricane hit Robertson’s headquarters in Virginia Beach, Va.) In November 1999, the supreme Islamic leader in Afghanistan said that if Americans did not “cease hostility against the Taliban,” the United States would suffer earthquakes and storms, and in fact took credit for September’s Hurricane Floyd.

Least Competent Criminals

In unrelated incidents, Jesus Gutierrez, 17, was arrested in Springfield, Ore., in October, and Lawrence Eaddy was arrested in Charlotte, N.C., in September. Eaddy is reported in October on polydipsia (“self-induced water intoxication”), which causes addicts to guzzle water to the point of getting high (at which point it becomes life-threatening), including some who jurtively drink from toilet tanks.

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— A California artist renewed his call in September for testing his theory that bombarding developing hurricanes with nuclear weapons would disrupt their circular wind flow and cause them to dissipate, saving lives and property damage. Henry Payne first made the claim in 1997, but a federal weather official said too many bombs would be needed, resulting in serious nuclear fallout even if the bombardment took place far from land.

— Recent Addictions: Daisy Hales pled guilty in Haymaker, South Yorkshire, England, in September to stealing books to feed her habit of eating paper. And researchers told a conference in Los Angeles in October that more men than women suffer from body dysmorphic disorder—people who imagine themselves horribly ugly and deal with it by radical plastic surgery and peculiar disguises. And Canada’s National Post reported in October on polydipsia (“self-induced water intoxication”), which causes addicts to guzzle water to the point of getting high (at which point it becomes life-threatening), including some who jurtively drink from toilet tanks.

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Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

1998 incident in which a neighbor mistakenly jummed 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 California artist renewed his call in September for testing his theory that bombarding developing hurricanes with nuclear weapons would disrupt their circular wind flow and cause them to dissipate, saving lives and property damage. Henry Payne first made the claim in 1997, but a federal weather official said too many bombs would be needed, resulting in serious nuclear fallout even if the bombardment took place far from land.

— Recent Addictions: Daisy Hales pled guilty in Haymaker, South Yorkshire, England, in September to stealing books to feed her habit of eating paper. And researchers told a conference in Los Angeles in October that more men than women suffer from body dysmorphic disorder—people who imagine themselves horribly ugly and deal with it by radical plastic surgery and peculiar disguises. And Canada’s National Post reported in October on polydipsia (“self-induced water intoxication”), which causes addicts to guzzle water to the point of getting high (at which point it becomes life-threatening), including some who jurtively drink from toilet tanks.

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In unrelated incidents, Jesus Gutierrez, 17, was arrested in Springfield, Ore., in October, and Lawrence Eaddy was arrested in Charlotte, N.C., in September, but charged with carjackings rendered unsuccessful because the perpetrators realized too late that they couldn’t drive cars with stick shifts. And the man who robbed the First American Bank in Columbia, Tenn., in December managed enough luck to escape his getaway plan. His getaway plan had been set back when he ran out to the stolen car he had left idling, only to discover that he had locked the key inside.

(Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 83006, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33738, or Weird@computerve.com.)
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, or 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 off your bumper and keep your mouth shut.

Obvious 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.

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The Contino Sessions teases fans

In March 1997 Death In Vegas released their first album, *Dirt*, which was received by the band with some pressure to release a follow-up. The debut album, *Dirt*, received heavy rotation from Radio 1 DJ's Jonathan Ross and Steve Lamacq, among others. The band's label, Dot Allison's, would later release the album 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' first album featured a mix of dance, rock, and electronic music, with influences from artists 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 fans of Death In Vegas may have, but for the outstanding musical talent of all those who contributed to the album instrumentally.

However, the one complaint that 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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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 "Sssh" 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 background. 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 rough 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.

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The Tunnel is a collection that will wake 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, Spoon Dogg and Method Man all have their own individual songs, but the list actually goes on.

"If I Get Locked Up" 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. "Okay" 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 "Demy Want War" by Rucklon, "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 still 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.

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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 surf-pop beats. It's "Rockafeller Skank" for the year 2000.

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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 to the NCAA Regional Championships in Athens, Ga.

In addition to the experienced returnees, new head coach Patricia Allison signed Marielle Gunawan, a sophomore transfer from the Petrus Harapan University in Tangerang, Indonesia. Gunawan, ranked as high as No. 462 in the world 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.

"Marielle 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-TAAC selections Veronica Widyadharma, Gaëlle Gunawan, and Ann-Jeanette Svantesson. Widyadharma, 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, 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.

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 tough teams and opponents including Miami, South Florida, TCU, SMU, Syracuse, Tulane, Louisville and UAB.

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For Arnold and Perry, three each from TAAC contenders Florida Atlantic and Jacksonville.

The trio joined Team, the TAAC announced on Jan. 25.

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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 3-pointers.

This season will be the first time that all 10 teams are allowed to participate in the conference tournament, with the top six teams 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 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 have also moved up in the individual stat races. 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 3-point percentage and 3-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 3.7 assists per game.

-David Munsters
Myers steps up play in Disney Blast

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"I went out there [to OSU] strictly on baseball reasons," Myers said. "The head coach was a good coach with good credentials, but he wasn't a player's coach. He was nothing like Bergman. He didn't talk with you or communicate." However, not everything was bad for Myers in Oklahoma. Despite getting only 20 at-bats for the Cowboys, he still had the opportunity to see what it was like to play in the Big 12 Conference. He also was able to watch a team that advanced to the College World Series, a realistic goal UCF hopes to attain this season.

"There were three or four teams that were played in front of 17,000-18,000 fans against Oklahoma," Myers said. "It helped me a lot playing in the Big 12. It matured me."

Even though he is only a sophomore, he has seen what it takes to make the Series. He feels this year's UCF squad is comparable to OSU, which is a good sign for any Golden Knights fan wanting to make a trip to middle America. "This is a great team, and we've got a lot of potential. Compared to Oklahoma State, we could play with them, and we went to the 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."

"Preferably all the way to Omaha for a birth in the College World Series."

Golden Knights look to overcome injuries

Paula Nesbitt did her 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 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/philosophy in one simple sentence.

"You just have to take the people that you have left, go to their strengths, and use them," Striegler said.
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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. Bucked by the strong hitting of senior Dustin Brissie, UCF piled up a 2-1 record at the Blast, including a win against No. 21 Wake Forest on Saturday.

The performance marked the Knights' first back-to-back wins over ranked foes to start a season, but the best thing about Sunday's win wasn't found on the field. In the stands behind the Knights' dugout near left field, a rarely seen pack of Orlando-based animals were seen: rabid Golden Knight fans. A dozen UCF students, who are coincidentally friends with Kennedy, made any hope of a Tiger comeback impossible with their chanting and taunting.

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 UCF had to settle for a "dirty dozen." The equal-opportunity hecklers taunted every Clemson pitcher that entered the game (there were three) and kept the Tigers' All-American Patrick Boyd from making any impact at the plate.

UCF's fans were outnumbered by a larger Clemson crowd, but Tiger fans spent most of the day listening to the Knights' "dirty dozen" was also informative, spelling out the name of the team (U-C-F) that was humiliating the proud Clemson bunch. They also cheered on the stellar performance of Kennedy, something he was glad to have in his first appearance as a Knight.

"My 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 down deep 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 seems focused to prove it belongs in the Top 25 as much as the Miami, Florida States and Cal State-Fullerstoes 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-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.

Named after the 18-year skipper of the Golden Knight program, Bergman Field is something UCF has dedicated itself to the growth of UCF's baseball program. In his tenure as Knights' coach, Bergman has taken a little known program and catapulted it into a NCAA Regional-type team almost annually.

As the Knights keep winning, Bergman and his bunch deserve more than a "dirty dozen" of UCF fans at each game- they deserve a "dirty thousand." Whether that "dirty thousand" of Knight fans shows up is ultimately up to how UCF performs against it's next ranked foes. Opportunities to prove their worth come around only twice for the Knights after the Blast, starting with a three-game series at No.3 Alabama in late February.

Another 2-1 mark and a 12-2 record by that point should leave little reason for the opening of Bergman Field to be a quiet one. UCF will host No. 8 LSU for on March 3 to christen the Knights long-awaited home, making no better time for another Knights' upset. Doesn't it just seem right to dream about seeing the namesake of UCF's new real estate being carried off the field by his players after dубbing the Tigers? The only thing that would make this soon-to-be future brighter is if a thousand of Bergman's closest friends are there to cheer him on.

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With the departure of Tim Booth 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 in UCF’s season-opener against North Carolina. He drew a walk to open 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 Oklahoma State during 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. “I wanted a hometown crowd to be out there for me.”

The shortstop that was there before me was a senior, and we all thought that 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 Diamond 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 Booth 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 pitch he thinks he can drive. He’s going to be a really big help for this team this year.”

Bergman said 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.

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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

Bergman says as long as the UVA transfer stays consistent, he 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

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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 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.

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

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Staff Writer

Pete 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 his first pitching performance as a Golden Knight his best collegiate outing 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 kind of team we have and we played a heck of a game like that in my life.”

Gavillan, UCF’s catcher against the Tigers, said “It’s 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 batters 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 personnel changes overshadowed Kennedy’s talent so 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**

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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 propelled the team's offense during the conference season. The biggest performance was turned in by sophomore guard Reed, who scored a career-high 23 points in the game in a 9-6 loss to the Tar Heels.

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 Roy Leath, Davin Granberry, and Ikechi Nnakwe wear on opposing defenses and don't allow the opposition to concentrate solely on Stewart and Thornton on the perimeter.

In fact, adjusting 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 65-59 win on 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 turned a 10-point 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.

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**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 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 to injure, as the mark of the team is either sidelined or playing hurt.

In the two losses, no player was missed more than center Camille Howard, who remains out after having an 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.

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Forward LaToya 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 Baxter has emerged as another option in conference play, providing an offensive lift off the bench. Guards Tim Grieser 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.