One Florida Initiative Proposed by Governor

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Most students have heard about Florida Governor Jeb Bush's controversial "One Florida Initiative." The plan, which is very complex and multi-purpose, was announced on Nov. 9 of last year, which the Board of Regents will be voting on tomorrow at UCF. The focus of the plan is to extend help to schools that the governor rates a D or F that, according to the governor, are mostly attended by minorities. "Unfortunately, while Florida is a place of incredible diversity, too many are at risk of being left behind. For instance, 74 percent of the children attending Florida's D and F graded schools are minorities," Bush said.

"This new initiative will increase opportunity and diversity in the state's universities and in state contracting without using policies that discriminate or that pit one racial group against another," Bush stated.

What does this plan really consist of? Under the governor's website (www.state.fl.us/eog) it gives a brief outline of its elements:

- Replaces race and ethnicity as an admissions factor with other factors that will enhance diversity. Other factors such as a student's socioeconomic background, geographical diversity, first generation college student or whether the student comes from a low-performing D or F school will be looked at for admissions.
- "Adds the Talented 20 program which guarantees state university regardless of SAT or ACT test scores.
- Adds $20 million in need-based financial aid as a means of helping low income students attend a state university and community college.
- "Adds unprecedented resources and attention to high schools and middle schools predominantly attended by African Americans and Hispanics."

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Greek Beat

Presenting Pi Kapp’s First Princess
Alpha Xi Delta member Megan Pattison was crowned Pi Kapp Princess on Jan. 20 at the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity’s first annual Pi Kapp Princess pageant. Pattison a junior at UCF, is majoring in psychology. Being crowned the first Pi Kapp princess at UCF, Pattison will set the stage for the responsibilities, opportunities and reputation expected of future Pi Kapp Princess winners.

“This is allowing me to get closer Panhellenic-wise with fraternity relations, as well as other sororities. This is more than just a one-night thing; this was two weeks worth of work. I was allowed to meet a lot of different girls from different chapters,” said Pattison.

This pageant, which was primarily held for philanthropy purposes, collected 800 books donated to UCF’s library and the Creative School for Learning. One thousand baby products were given to the Coalition for the Homeless, and 600 school supplies were granted to A Gift for Teaching.

Reminder
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As part of the month long celebration of African-American history, the Department of African-American Studies, in conjunction with the Campus Activities Board, is sponsoring a presentation by independent filmmaker Haile Gerima.

Gerima is originally from Gondar, Ethiopia, and he is currently a tenured professor of film at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Gerima has written and directed many independent films in the U.S., he is perhaps best known for his 1993 film Sankofa. The film won awards at the Film Festival, as is Washington, currently a tenured professor of film at Howard University.

Gerima's latest film, Adwa: An African Victory, returns to his Ethiopian roots. On March 2, 1896, the Italians embarked on the final European conquest of an African nation, Ethiopia. With brilliant military intelligence and gallant generals at the helm, the Ethiopians willed their way to triumph over the Italians. The event ignited a lasting flame of hope in the hearts of blacks and other colonized people throughout the world.

On Feb. 22, UCF students will have the opportunity to attend a special screening of Adwa, followed by a presentation and discussion with Gerima. The event will be held in the Cape Florida Ballroom in the Student Union. Call the Office of Student Activities at 823-6471 for more information about this exciting program.

Correction:

The news staff of the Future would like to apologize to Laura Jorden and Ingrid Gonzalez for the misspelling of their names in the Feb. 9 issue.

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Vague questions are not the only thing the operators receive though. The majority of the calls they get are from students and professors trying to locate numbers around campus.

They do however receive odd or strange phone calls every once in a while. "Sometimes we'll get someone looking for Wal-Mart or Universal Studios or something," said Wattkins. "But that's not too strange to me. It's just that they must likely have misread their directory, or weren't looking at the right place.

Hidden away in the depths of the library basement, students have yet to see the faces of those mysterious voices behind the 823-200 number.

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admission to one of the 10 public institutions to the top 20 percent of students in every Florida high school senior class. The program, however, does not guarantee admissions into the university of your choice. Under this plan, an SAT or ACT score is not needed for admission, but each student is required by the University System to have a test score to determine if he/she needs college preparatory instruction.

The "Talented 20" and the "One Florida Initiative" are not far off in the works. The Board of Regents is planning on voting on it tomorrow at UCF and if the plan moves forward by the Governor with or without their recommended vote it will be implemented this August for incoming freshmen.

Student leaders at UCF have different views on how Bush's plan will impact UCF and the education process.

"As a whole there are many questions to be answered about the plan. There are points that are good and can be beneficial, but there are also points that need further discussion and talked about in greater detail," Director of Multicultural Affairs and Women Studies, Alvin Johnson, stated.

Johnson's main concern is that she believes the plan is put into motion backwards right now and that it is too soon to implement.

"My only real concern is the plan starts at the college level now and it needs to start with the elementary level. What is he benefiting by pushing this through for college students so soon?" Johnson said.

The Director of Governmental Affairs, Fred Piccolo, on the other hand is in favor of the plan and believes the biggest benefit from it will be much needed money for college students.

"The problem with diversity is not access to college. The real problem is financial aid. Beyond quotas, this plan brings money to the lower graded schools so that they can compete. Can anyone compete in college? Yes. What this plan addresses is how we can get them to college and this plan addresses that very well," Piccolo stated.

Piccolo also believes this plan would allow more diversity in higher education, not less.

"I think the University sets a percentage of race they allow in. When they get to that point they can stop. With this plan there are no boundaries of how diverse we can be," Piccolo said.

There are many students that are opposed and in support of Bush's plan across the state of Florida. On Feb. 9, Bush met with over 1,000 students at FAMU University where they presented the governor's call to end racial preferences in state university admissions. After that meeting, Bush revised part of his plan and changed the following:

"Ask the state Board of Regents to create a way to determine if his proposed changes in admissions practices actually result in greater diversity within the state universities.

"Ask the legislature to provide money that would allow all students in these struggling schools to participate in SAT preparation courses to improve their chances of getting higher test scores and admission to college.

"Set up a meeting between the students and University Chancellor, Adam Herbert to discuss the Talented 20 Program.

"Soon the "One Florida Initiative" could be passed is still unknown at this time. Bush has made it clear, however, that he would not abandon his executive order to do away with the system that Universities currently use to have representation of minority students now.

"I firmly believe that with the One Florida Initiative, we can prevent our state from being divided along racial lines," Bush said. "It is my hope that the One Florida Initiative can replace conflict with consensus in providing opportunity with diversity and fairness in our state," Bush said.

If you would like more information on either of these plans, you can visit the governor's office home page at www.state.fl.us/eog. On this site you can also email the governor your thoughts or any questions you might have.

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The teams are also expected to show their creative side by coming up with a name that coincides with this year's theme: News, News, Read All About It. The name has to relate to some significant news theme, historical or current. Some already chosen team names are Man on the Moon, Great Depression, Vietnam War, and Titanic. Upon arrival, the teams will decorate their campsite to correspond with their team name.

Many volunteers automatically think "18 hours!!!" That is right, it is not a misprint. There will be one person on the track all times throughout the entire relay. If a volunteer can't run to save their life, it's okay. You can walk, skip, hop, gallop. It doesn't matter, as long as you are moving on that track," Wade offered jokingly.

This is not an event solely for the buff and tough. Anyone and everyone are encouraged and welcome to take a part. If volunteers are still questioning their capability as runners, there are many other ways to show support without breaking a sweat. Constituent Relations, the on campus contact for Relay For Life, wants to get people involved in any possible way.

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"We are looking for volunteers, whether available for the whole time or only part of the time," said Wade.

Interested, but solo? That's OK too. Although being part of a team is required, a list of currently registered organizations may be obtained in the Constituent Relations office in the Administration Building. They will happily pair up volunteers with a team that is missing members.

Relay For Life 2000 would like to see remarkable student involvement. According to Wade, students bring such life and energy, so the event would be greatly benefited by more student participation. As of now, seven out of the 74 registered teams are from UCF: Catholic Campus Ministry, Chi Omega, LEAD Scholars, Student Administration Association, Pi Sigma Phi, Student Government and ROTC. When compared with last year, only three out of the 65 teams were students, it seems her wish may come true.

In a final attempt at amplifying this student participation, a kickoff meeting was held in Oviedo on Friday, Feb. 11. "The purpose of the meeting was to," Wade said, "feed them answers to their questions and their beliefs at the same time."

"It seems that students are reaching out, but they really can't grasp the magnitude until they experience it," she added.

The reasons for getting involved are immeasurable. For some, it is an opportunity to show support, make new friends, network and exercise. For others, it is a time to celebrate those who have overcome the disease. And still for others, it is to remember loved ones that have passed. Guaranteed this will be an emotionally powerful weekend, filled with fun.

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Florida Group Plans Affirmative Action March

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. --- Hoping to capitalize on growing opposition to Gov. Jeb Bush's One Florida plan, a coalition of groups plans to march on the state capitol next month to protest Bush's alternative to affirmative action.

The march is scheduled for 11 a.m. on March 7 -- and the timing is no accident.

"If you believe in equal opportunity, and if you really believe that a segment of this state is being left out of the One Florida plan, please join us on March 7," said Adora Obi Nwene of Miami, president of the state NAACP. "We ask you to get on buses, vans and cars, and we look forward to making this the largest demonstration this state has ever seen."

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Hypnotist Tom DeLuca comes to UCF

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On Feb. 10, Tom DeLuca put on his annual show at the UCF Arena. He has previously done shows at the Arena and many students were in attendance. The show was put on by CAB and was free to all UCF students.

DeLuca's show consists of hypnotizing members of the audience and performing a few magic tricks. DeLuca started hypnotizing in graduate school and has been doing it ever since.

The opening trick started when DeLuca chose a girl and a watch from the audience and had the volunteer change the time very quickly. The volunteer did it without looking. DeLuca then told her to stop and he correctly guessed the time she stopped it on.

DeLuca then tried a trick with the Central Florida Future newspaper. Unfortunately, to his surprise and to the audience's, it didn't work.

After his first two tricks, DeLuca asked for volunteers. Some volunteers had signs that read "Please Pick Me." DeLuca chose 21 students from the audience and then proceeded to hypnotize them. He warned the volunteers that they would feel as though they had slept about nine hours after the hypnotism was over. Only about 15 students actually got hypnotized and the left rest the stage.

What happened next was a delight to the audience. DeLuca convinced students in the trance that they had their shoes on backward, and when they heard the word Chicago they would want to dance. These 15 volunteers did everything at DeLuca's command. One volunteer thought he was Ricky Martin, while another thought she was from outer space.

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One student actually thought his hand was talking to him, while another thought he could translate to some nonexistent foreign exchange students in the back of the room. Students seemed to really enjoy DeLuca's show especially when two male volunteers performed ballet.

"I really enjoyed the show. It was the first one I had been to and I thought it was hysterical," said Kimberly Carroll.

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Congress Looking For Way To Slow Increases In College Tuition

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WASHINGTON -- Flush with money from smart investments, administrators at Williams College last month did the unthinkable -- they froze the school's annual tuition for the first time in more than 40 years -- albeit at $31,520.

That was a rarity among prestigious private schools. Officials at the college in Williamstown, Mass., hope the price freeze will engender good will and attract more top-notch sons and daughters of money-conscious parents.

But experts say that's unlikely, mainly because of an attitude prevalent among the young, which holds that a school charging less than its competitors must not be as good. So the Harvards and Princeton of the world continue to hike tuition each year, forcing both to borrow heavily, and often crushing students with debt for decades.

No one is quite sure why education costs have grown so much faster than inflation.

The National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education essentially threw up its hands with little adverse impact on the trend of rising college costs and prices -- nor is there a readily available information about college costs and prices -- nor is there a common national reporting standard for either, the commission report said.

But academic's veil of secrecy may be lifting slowly under growing pressure for accountability.

The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee examined the trend of rising college costs at hearings Wednesday and Thursday. College administrators, professors and other education experts acknowledged their failure to justify tuition hikes, and some recommended steps to take, but no one had a definitive answer on why college costs keep rising so fast.

The colleges' own bills are driven by expensive factors such as complying with regulations, recruiting faculty, acquiring technology and building facilities. All are partly to blame, said William Troutt, president of Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., and chairman of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

One result of skyrocketing tuition is that college has become all but unaffordable for most low-income families and many middle-class ones, forcing both to borrow heavily, and often crushing students with debt for decades.

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Students prepare for Dance Marathon

Darcy Elena Rodriguez
Staff Writer

Beginning at noon on Sat., April 8, the Campus Activities Board and the Children's Miracle Network will be hosting its fourth annual Dance Marathon. This event, held at the UCF Arena, is a 24 hourlong marathon benefitting the children of Shands Children's Hospital at the University of Florida and Arnold Palmer Hospital for Women and Children.

In order to participate, those interested must be UCF students and will need to register with CAB and raise a minimum of $100 by April 8th. Registration was held from Feb. 6-10. However, there is room for more interested students and university organizations. These individuals should go to the CAB office in the Student Union, room 215. The registration fee is $10.

UCF students, community volunteers, and children benefiting from the marathon will be present for this day of fun, food, and dance. The proceeds will go to the pediatrics programs at the hospitals where the children suffer from cancer, birth defects, organ transplants, and chronic illnesses such as cerebral palsy and AIDS. The funds also help to provide medical equipment, research, toys, art supplies, and patient education materials for the hospitals. Students also benefit as they raise money for a good cause.

"One of the most gratifying aspects of Dance Marathon is knowing what you’re raising the money for," said Brooke Noey, the marketing director for Dance Marathon. "It’s for the kids."

Every dollar raised will also stay in the community in which it was raised to help the children of Central Florida. Over 50 colleges and universities around the country have teamed up with the Children's Miracle Network to help save the children. Dance Marathon is campus-wide at UCF.

"It's the only entirely student run philanthropic event open to the entire student body," said Kim Coleman, the overall director of Dance Marathon at UCF.

Participants also benefit from the non-stop entertainment. Dance Marathon will also be hosting bands, games, and a great opportunity to meet people and make new friends. The music begins at noon on Saturday and ends at noon on Sunday. There will also be some dance instruction. CAB will provide food and t-shirts will be given out to the participants.

As for the dancing, Kim Coleman says, "No rhythm required. The only requirements are a big heart and a positive attitude.

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It's the real deal: student questions hypnotist's ability

ADAM SHIVER

If you're like me then you probably have had second thoughts about the validity of hypnosis and what they do. In the past when I have seen hypnotists do their thing on television I was quite skeptical about what I saw. Tom DeLuca's recent visit to the UCF arena made me think over my stance a little.

On Thursday, Feb. 10, I showed up for DeLuca's show at the arena, as many did, and was quite amazed at what I saw. I went in to the event as a non-believer and came out, a slight believer who had a remarkable time.

The show started off fairly good, with a little bit of prediction magic, or mind reading as he called it. This to me was slightly impressive. I am an amateur magician, so I have seen many such 'prediction' gimmicks and know a little of how they work. In fact, most are quite simple.

That is why I was even less impressed when Mr. DeLuca failed at his second division act with a his copy of the Central Florida Future newspaper. I was not discouraged though. Not too much at least. So I stuck around to see what he could do to make real life people. Living beings that he proposed to hypnotize straight out of the audience I was sitting in.

After calling up 16 or so students and hypnotizing them, all heck broke loose. DeLuca had these kids doing everything from changing their shoes with each other, to dancing like Ricky Martin. At one point he even had them regress to their early childhoods, remembering special things and getting their reactions to them. Between the dancing and outrageous "translator" bits he had them perform, I was rolling in the aisle.

The antics that stemmed from his suggestions to these select students were quite impressive. As the show progressed it only got funnier. Of course I was bewitched as to why, throughout the show, he kept sending a few select students off stage, returning them to their seats. It was because they just were not good hypnotism candidates and began to lost their 'sleep', very understandable.

Overall I would have to say that a good time was had by all. I personally laughed until I hurt and could laugh no more. Even after a shaky start, Tom DeLuca pulled off a great performance. I may not totally be convinced at the workings of hypnosis and whether or not it is all real, I will admit, whether it is a real thing or not, it was outrageously funny.

I will definitely be attending his show again next year, and suggest you do the same if you missed it this time. Perhaps he will even come through on that promise.

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BECKI PANOFF

We've always been taught that cheating is wrong, right? The instant access of the Internet is making cheating easier than it has ever been for the average college student with the simple ability to copy and paste documents. Welcome to the wonderful age of the world wide web.

Has college become so triv­

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The Internet however, brings a whole other aspect to this time honored tradition. With the click of a mouse you can have papers from virtually every subject right on your screen. Sure, these pages sometimes have disclaimers. "These are not final answers. They are offered for ideas and learning here is what we will make us a living. So If you can't write your own paper, then don't write at all. At least you will be retaining your integrity. Remember college is about who you become as well as the grades you earn.

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My Fellow Good People, not everyone is as bad as you think

I hope that you are the type of person that will hold open a door not matter if it's a girl or guy or even if you're a girl or guy. And if one of your those people that gets a door open for you, say "Thank You." I like the people that had parents or someone important in their lives that taught them to say "Please." "Thank You," and "Welcome." Those little words can make a big difference in an attitude towards others.

Random manifestations of kindness are another key factor in a person’s good nature. Remember that stranger that assisted you when you left your lights on and need that jump start but of course you don't have a jumper cables and just spent the day trying to change your tire that you were really crowing. Mr. Joe Soo Nice Guy comes over and asks you if you need help and sure enough he takes ten minutes out of his life to make your day a little better. When your day could have been one of the worst days since your goldfish was flushed down the toilet still alive in ’86.

Even at work a nice person can make your day but remember don't take advantage of someone's generosity. Every office has that person that will bring in some cookies, just because. Or that person that helps you carry something out to your car or gets you a drink on their break time. Those are the kind of people that make work a better environment and can help make that eight-hour shift a little more pleasant.

Maybe one of the nicest thing someone can do and it's really not that difficult, SMILE. Yes, when someone smiles at you or you smile back, a good feeling is shared. A smile shows that someone is actually acknowledging you and it also shows that they are in a good mood. Bring maybe a little more happiness into this world.

Thanks for listening to my words of wisdom and help sure enough everyone one day will show that good side to the world but for now just smile and don't kill anyone.

I have faith that we will see more students getting interested in politics and government. There are a lot of oldsters on Capitol Hill, and someone will have to take their place.

For those who are impa"nent to see us jump into action, I suggest running a campaign insisting on drastic reductions in federal student financial aid. Those issues don't really touch us, so why bother in Watson than when they were still in school. That's because what our government decides has a much more direct impact on them – and their pocketbooks.

So, are we hopeless? Are we going to snap out of our apathetic funk?

Yes. Our vision will clear up pretty quickly once we leave the utopian environment of college and begin to see the everyday struggles of the average person. And, you know, somewhere out there, there is someone really watching us – and that's you. So please, vote for someone that really cares for us, otherwise we will wake up in the future and say, "Oh, did we miss that election??"

Take a chance — write the Future
‘Screaming’ for more, settling for less

Burke Speaker
(Daily Egyptian)

To sit through “Scream 3” and not leave the theater disappointed by the final installment of the horror trilogy, you have to obey the rules. Don’t know the rules? There are certain rules one must abide by in order to successfully enjoy “Scream 3.”

Rule No. 1: Don’t compare the plot to previous Scream movies.

Just as the original 1996 “Scream” mocked horror movies and “Scream 2” ridiculed horror sequels, “Scream 3” follows the sequence by exploiting the typical trilogy ending. In case you don’t know how the typical trilogy ending works - and really, who does? - final installments are suppose to tie up any loose ends. But judging by the results, the loose ends were never there to begin with.

Credit scriptwriter Ehren Kruger (Arlington Road) for losing the fresh plot ideas Scream-scribe Kevin Williamson penned in the first two. Williamson bowed out because of time constraints, and the result is Kruger inventing an utterly unbelievable back story. And since the plot adheres to examining how the terror began, the twists are replaced with the genre that was so cleverly mocked in the first place.

Rule No. 2: Understand that the characters are basically stupid.

“Scream 3”, switches the trilogy’s focus from poster-child-for-pain Sidney Prescott (Neve Cambell) to newshound Gale Weathers, played with full-borne bitchiness by Courtney Cox Arquette, and Dewey Riley, the always dopey David Arquette. It seems the killer(s) is striking Hollywood, this time offing the cast of horror movie-within-a-horror movie “Stab 3.”

Following the scary movie format, many characters act foolish when it comes to avoiding the masked killer(s). But at least you’d expect the characters who survived the first two movies to have some common sense. Well, don’t.

In this round, the “Scream” survivors are alive, however, the common sense that kept them that way is dead. We’ve come to expect half-baked sense from each batch of young, up-and-coming Hollywood hopefuls who appear in “Scream” movies. But please, why do “Scream” survivors Gale and Dewey keep splitting up after being chased by the knife-wielding psychopath(s)? Let’s leave the stupidity to dumb, big-breasted blonde characters. Take former SIUC-attendee Jenny McCarthy. Her character’s reaction to getting stalked is priceless — she hides in a room full of the same costumes the killer wears. Hmm... Wonder where the killer is?

Rule number three: Realize you’ll laugh more than you’ll scream.

What made “Scream” such a success with audiences was that the characters poked fun at Hollywood’s predictable horror format while getting sliced and diced according to what they mocked. Virgins lived, big-breasted blondes died and those who said “Who’s there?” end up gutted like a Halloween pumpkin. The film was satirical but also reality-based and scary. There’s few chills in “Scream 3,” as inside jokes, surprise cameos and pure physical comedy upstage the horror. While it’s a welcome relief from some of the cliché horror scenes, what gave audiences such a wild ride in the first two “Screams” was horror. And it’s sorely missed. So if you want to get through the movie without leaving disappointed, just obey the rules and you’ll survive.

Scream 3 takes place in Hollywood, during the filming of “Stab 3, Return to Woodsboro”, a movie which probes troubling questions about the events that terrified the small town of Woodsboro.

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Penn State
Lisa Applegate  
Staff Writer

As many of us know, the world of dating is mind-boggling.

It's sometimes difficult to meet people and even harder to know if the person you get together with is compatible with you.

This past Friday's Dating Game, held outside the Student Union at noon, overcame those barriers for it's contestants.

The UCF Public Safety and the Police Victim Services Unit, along with the Campus Activities Board, Volunteer UCF, Reach Peer Education, and the Department of Housing and Resident Life co-sponsored this fun-filled event to get the message of safe dating out to students.

"We do a lot of educational programming in a traditional lecture-style format. We hoped to reach a larger audience with the Dating Game," said Community Outreach Specialist Nancy Eastman.

Before the "show" began, volunteers in support of this worthy cause gave fliers to passing students that illustrated relationship rights and abuse warning signs.

They also gave out whistles with Victim Services phone number on it, which was a truly ingenious idea.

This Dating Game was based loosely on the 1970's show of the same name. There were two panels of contestants. A female participant asked a series of questions to her three eligible bachelors and chose her date based upon his replies.

A male contestant asked his three bachelorettes and then chose his date. Although they were not obligated to go on these dates, both panels were given movie tickets and dinner passes to local restaurants for participating.

"About four times during the game, representatives from Victim Services asked the audience true/false questions about safe dating practices and recognizing symptoms of abuse. Correct answers were rewarded with candy thrown out from the stage to the onlookers who participated. The crowd drawn by these fun and games were unsuspectingly being provided with information that could keep them out of harm's way in the future," Eastman about this cause.

"Unfortunately many of the clients we work with as Victim Advocates are students who have been victims of dating or relationship violence. We hope that by educating people we can prevent them from becoming victims in the future," contributed Nancy Eastman about this cause.

The messages reached a lot of people and the panelists choosing their dates was entertaining.

Overall, it was a complete success.
Local band gets Hoëck'd up

Hoeck, pronounced "hook," celebrated the release of their self-titled CD by playing at the Hard Rock Live Thanksgiving night.

Then on December 11th played a successful charity concert to benefit the Florida Children's Home. Hoeck played to several hundreds of bikers at the Betty's Laughing Horse Tavern and raised $3,000, tons of toys and clothes for the needy children.

Now their new CD has been on the playlist of M4Radio and WWRR (www.wwrr.net) and can be found in several stores.

The band consists of Hook, vocals, guitar and bass guitar, Joe Krapek, guitar and bass guitar, Mike Pugh, drums, and Mac, vocals.

Their musical influences include bands such as Nine Inch Nails, Patti Smith, Tori Amos, the B-52's and several others.

Although Pugh is the only member of the band from Orlando, the group have become a successful local band playing in venues such as the Hard Rock Live, The Station and the House of Blues.

Hoeck's debut CD is a collection of Hard Rock music. The CD follows in the tradition of the Violent Femmes and Tori Amos.

It contains dark and dramatic lyrics with heavy drumming and some outrageous guitar rifs.

Songs of scorned loves and a unappreciated house wife are not the cheeriest but at the same time demonstrate the bands musical capabilities.

Overall the CD is done very well and would be something that Hard Rock music fans would want to add to their collections.

For more information about Hoeck and musical samples connect to www.digital.net/~Hoeck.
Lead Stories
• In January, government troops in Kutchaburi, Thailand, quashed a hospital takeover by members of the Burmese rebel gang “God’s Army,” largely ending the three-year violent struggle by the 200-strong Buddhist fundamentalist insurgents headed by charismatic twins Jockey and Luther Htoo, now believed to be age 12. The Htoo, often photographed chewing tobacco or smoking cigarettes, instant coffee, 200 from their growing-up by their preaching, having persuaded dis­ciples that they were invincible, immune from bullets and land mines and with the ability to summon thousands of “spiritual” conscripts to help in battle. The twins escaped and are still in hiding.
• Demand-Side Regulation: A bill introduced in the Vermont legislature (by Rep. Fred Mandl) in January would penalize any adult who chooses not to own a gun, by requiring him to register with the state and pay a $500 fee for the privilege of being unarmed. A bill introduced in the Mississippi legislature (by Sen. Tom King) in January would seek to dampen the sexuality in strip clubs by making it illeg­al for a male customer to have an erection, even though he retains entirely clothed.

People Certain to Get Busted Up in Prison
In Chicago in October, Bernard M. Kane, 56, pled guilty in a scheme to sell $135,000 worth of rare seafood (lobsters and U.S. Grade A flounder) and federal prison kitchens. And the next day in another Chicago courtroom, Richard Pergler, 41, was sen­tenced to 40 months in federal prison for billing nursing homes and the government out of $4.1 mil­lion in Medicare payments for ordinary adult diapers that were passed off as medically sophisticated “external urinary collection devices.”

Family Values
• Last spring, Cambridge College (Middlesex, Mass.) told Carol Ann LeBlanc, 51, and her son Troy, 29, that they could no longer take classes together in their quest for graduate degrees in psych­ology. Since 1989, the two have taken their high school equivalency exam together, every class together at Lesley College (where they received bachelor’s degrees), and every class together (to that point) at Cambridge College. The administration would not say why it broke up the LeBlancs, except that an instructor had remarked, “(T)here are some things that you wouldn’t say with your mother pre­sent.” In October, the LeBlancs filed a lawsuit against Cambridge.

• Fifteen members of an alleged nationwide ring of pimps were indicted in July in Minneapolis, 12 of whom are related to each other and known as the Evans Family. According to the indictment, Johnnie Lee Evans, Minnie Evans, Kiwan Evans, Levon Evans, Glen Evans, and others procured at least 50 women (some of them juveniles) on the street over an 18-year period and induced them into a life of prostitution in Minneapolis and St. Louis, among other cities. An unindicted Evans daughter defended her father but was unable to explain to reporters how family members lived so well even though they had no steady jobs.
• In closing arguments in September in a Barrie, Ontario, murder case, the lawyer for Jack Heyden, 55, explained why the prosecution’s theory (that Heyden and his son committed to kill a man) was ridiculous, because Heyden thought his son was “narcissistic.” “Mr. Heyden wouldn’t hide his son to cut the grass. Why would he hire him to kill some­body?” (However, in October, the two were convict­ed.)

• Diane Haasflether, 29, was charged with theft in Waukesha, Wis., in January after her 7-year-old ran her cat as having directed him to shpilf a CD player and a camera from a Wal-Mart. However, according to authorities, Haasflether claimed she was actually performing a public service by setting the boy up to get caught so that she would learn the consequences of crime: “I picked out the most expensive item so he’d get in trouble.”

Cliches Come to Life
• Three researchers, analyzing 25 years of data from the famous Kinsey Institute, concluded in a 1999 issue of Archives of Sexual Behavior that gay men’s penises are longer than heterosexual men’s. (average 6.46 inches erect vs. 6.14 inches). And British surgeon David Elliott, 20, announced in June that he was seeking financial backers for a pager (“Gaydar”) to be marketed to gay men who “would vibrate in the vicinity of someone with a simila­r device, thus making it easier to get to know.”

Life Imitates Art: Rowan Atkinson, who plays the shy, bumbling Mr. Bean in the British TV series, fled on foot from onlookers in October after being involved in a car crash near Lancaster, England. According to a witness, Atkinson ran in the distinc­tively awkward Mr. Bean style (“His arms and legs were flapping”) to a nearby factory, where he had been working.

• Writing in a 1998 issue of the British Medical Journal, researchers concluded that physicians indeed have “unusually poor handwriting.” worse than that of other health-care professionals. In October 1999, a jury in Odesa, Texas, ruled that a physician’s sloppily written prescription caused a pharmacist to dispense the wrong drug, which con­tributed to the death of a 43-year-old patient.

People Who Are Not Like You and Me
A 36-year-old father was arrested in Norfolk, Va., in January and charged with allowing his 2-year-old son to puff away on a cigarette in a restaur­ant. (According to eyewitnesses, the kid handled the cigarette like it wasn’t his first one.) And a 33-year-old mother was arrested in Paris, Texas, in December and charged with requiring her four chil­dren to drink alcohol at home, including a 16-month-old boy with a 126 blood-alcohol reading. (According to authorities, the woman said, “He wants what his mama wants. What am I supposed to do about it?”)

Update
When Peter “Commander Pedro” Fagan made News of the Weird in 1997, he had not yet entered himself as a transsexual-in-progress, probably because he had just been convicted of assault and firearms charges as the leader of a white supremacist gang in Ohio and feared what his neo-Nazi buddies might do to him if they knew he suffered from “gen­der confusion.” In November 1999, a Columbus Dis­trict judge on Ohio charges applying for state­funded sex-change operations revealed that Commander Pedro is now out of the closet, having received the surgery and having asked guards to treat him as a woman.

Also, in the Last Month...
A murderer sentenced to 92 years in prison but paroled after 21 years won the $3.9 million Missouri Lottery. A kindergarten teacher was suspended after forcing a defiant blackboard-dodging pupil to kick off her graffiti (Oakland, Calif). The man in charge of enforcing Palmuith, Mass., sexual harassment regulations for the last nine years was fired for sexual harassment. A Hawaii state senator introduced a bill to permit government workers to go to sleep dur­ing their coffee breaks. A man charged with manslaughter by DU and reckless endangerment condition that he not drive, arrived late to his first court hearing, abandonedly explaining to the judge that he had trouble finding a parking space (Saltlake, Utah).
Dear Nancy,

I recently ended a two year relationship. Since then I’ve gone on a couple dates with different people but I don’t enjoy it. What’s wrong with me?

— Confused

Dear Confused,

I’m confused. What’s the problem? You have dates. If you’re not having fun don’t do it. Since when did common sense become such a high commodity?

Did you ever think that maybe you’re not over your ex yet? You probably just need some time for yourself. Chill with your friends solo for awhile until you feel like going out with someone.

Dear Nancy,

I got my nipple pierced about three days ago and I don’t know if I should tell my parents or not. I’m 18 so it wasn’t illegal or anything but I think they’re going to freak out. My dad has been known not to talk to me for weeks over stupid little things like this. I haven’t been home since I got it done but I’m supposed to go home for a wedding next week. What should I do?

— Pierced with problem

Dear Pierced,

You’re 18 so you can technically do whatever the heck you want—almost.

And unless ma and pop are paying your bills, like tuition for example (that’s a big one) and they threaten to cancel their checks when or if you do “stupid little things.” Have they?

That’s what you really need to consider before opening your mouth or lifting up your shirt. And whose money paid for it? That could also pose a problem. If you used your allowance and they find out about it at a day at the beach they might get peeved.

If that’s the case don’t say a word and stay away from home during hot weather because they’ll probably make you pay them back.

I’m a little suspicious as to why after it’s already done that you care what your parents think. It’s obvious that you knew how they felt about it. So maybe you got a needle poked through your nipple for attention, eh? Don’t worry I will love you no matter who you are or what you do to your body.

OK, here we go, “you will always be my baby. I’m so sorry I didn’t spend more time with you as a child.”

There, I saved you the time. Feel better? Now you can take it out.

By the way I’m assuming you’re a guy because if you’re a girl who’s worried about her parents seeing her nipple ring, you’re on your own for this one.
Death does unto many musicians what most musicians hope of their first demo tape — it makes them famous. In the case of Morphine, the death of ringleader Mark Sandman shortly before the album's completion may mean the band will follow the industry trend of posthumous success.

Much like label partners Earl and Creeper Lagoon, Morphine's soundscapes, as broad as ever on their latest release, "The Night," have been too rich for mainstream audiences to grasp. As a fusion band on a major label for indie group. Perhaps in the case of Morphine, the death of Sandman's partner-in-throwback, new, heartfelt music.

"Rope on Fire." Sandman vanishes from the power trio's early on the album, the band's sixth and final full-length LP. "I'm nothing 'til you look at me."e.

Whole-night, Spanish guitar plucks its way to the forefront. The result is a beautiful Latin dance-sounding track, conjuring up images of quick feet and roses between teeth.

"Slow Numbers" crawls into the album's last chamber as Colley's saxophone abyss reemerges, walking slowly at first and more nimly by song's end, to attend Sandman's drowsy, meditative singing. The lyrical spark at the core of "The Night" is exhibited in Sandman's pensive remarks: "The number four means nothing to me! But the number four means death in Chinese."

The final song of the album is frighteningly Clapton-esque — something to be applauded. The acoustic guitar leads the blurry, laid-back barrage and running circles around the lyrics and accompaniment. "The Night" sports the slickest mincetoof the vocals and horns bump heads. "Rope on Fire" has an indelible Latin flavor. Handclaps ground the rhythm section, and the sound of a Spanish guitar plucks its way to the forefront. The result is a beautiful Latin dance-sounding track, conjuring up images of quick feet and roses between teeth.

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Fox makes most of his at-bats

Travis Bell
STAFF WRITER

After playing in 51 games last year, including 32 starts, junior Mike Fox felt comfortable as the starting shortstop for UCF's baseball team. He replaced Eric Riggs following the 1998 season, and felt entering this season that he was going to retain his role as the starter.

But the arrival of sophomore shortstop Mike Myers from Oklahoma State bumped Fox from not only the starting shortstop position, but from the lineup entirely for the season opener against North Carolina.

"It wasn't really disappointing, but I want to be in there and contribute for the team," Fox said.

Fox finally saw the starting lineup for the first time in the third game against Clemson, but it wasn't at his usual shortstop position. He filled in at third base while Coach Jay Bergman fiddled with the lineup to see what would work best.

"I pictured myself playing shortstop and contributing there, but I'm comfortable at second and third," Fox said.

Fox put up decent numbers by college standards last year, hitting .265 with 17 RBIs, but he only managed three extra-base hits. He was patient at the plate as evident by his 22 walks compared with 25 strikeouts, and something was missing all year.

"In the past he hadn't found his swing, and he didn't get a lot of at-bats," fellow junior Matt Bowser said.

In the past five games, however, Fox has gotten the at-bats and he has obviously found his swing. He has gone 9-for-19 for a .474 average since rejoining the lineup, and for his nine hits, five have gone for extra bases (three doubles, one triple, and one home run) compared with his three from last year.

"The great thing about a player like Mike Fox is the fact that he listens to you, and he does what you ask him to do to stay within himself," Bergman said. Fox has developed in a big way, especially the past three weeks since the season began.

"It's partially confidence," Fox said. "The coaches got it within me, and now I've gotten it within myself."
baseball world about their personality.

But no sooner were the Knights set in the WBE mold that they decided to show the flip-side of their personalities, the UWS (Underdog Win Supplier). In a 4-2 loss to Bethune-Cookman College, the Knights allowed an unranked and sure-fire underdog take some of fun-loving style out of the Knights’ early-season personality.

The Knights’ quest for their personality got a boost last weekend as they swept Western Carolina in a three-game series. The wins showed UCF might have at least one part of its personality down, as its BBN (Bounce Back Nicely) persona likely left the WCU Catamounts with some personality issues themselves.

With all these altering personalities, the Knights could pass for an escaped mental patient than the team it truly is; a group with realistic hopes of reaching its first College World Series. Knights’ coach Jay Bergman says his Y2K team is better than one of the best in UCF’s 18-year history at UCF.

Five years ago, one of the most balanced and talented UCF baseball teams in school history rewrote state record books. Winning 29 consecutive games, then a state record broken by Florida Atlantic last season, the 1995 Golden Knights’ coach Jay Bergman says his Y2K team is better than one of the best in UCF history, one that struggled to find its personality also.

After their equal, its place early in the season. Bergman’s role for the Knights seems to be nothing new for UCF; especially in the last five years. After UCF’s historical winning streak, the Knights have lost games to teams they probably were not considering their equal.

Before the Knights can find themselves for sure, they need to face more challenges and game situations to mold their personality. UCF is still waiting for its next comeback win attempt, much like this year’s team, struggling to find its place early in the season.

UCF players crossed the plate 41 times against Western Carolina, rebounding from a disappointing two-run output against Bethune-Cookman in a disappointing loss early last week.

The Knights boast a team ERA of 2.77 and have shown no Achilles heel to speak of. While UCF is still searching for its personality on the field, the Knights haven’t shown any lack of unity on the field. This is probably one of Bergman’s closest teams in his 18-year history at UCF’s helm, meaning if the Knights can choose between the WBE, BBN or even the UWS role, UCF’s coach will know whether he’s looking at a CWSC (College World Series Contender) or a regular at personality page.com.

An 8-7 loss to Southwestern Louisians in 1996, a 4-3 loss to Bethune-Cookman in 1997 and two losses to Nicholls State last year were all games UCF lost in the first month of each year’s schedule. As Bergman often says, losing is just a part of baseball, but it’s a part of baseball the Knights are trying to become less familiar with this season.

Already losses to No. 20 North Carolina and an unexpected defeat at the hands of B-CC last week tainted the Knights’ record. With all the personality struggles UCF has faced already this year, the Knights 3-1 week shouldn’t drop them any lower than the late teens or early 20s in the newest BA poll.

Bergman said his team’s ability to bounce back from it’s biggest disappointment yet this year, the loss to B-CC, was key in the development of this year’s team’s personality.

“We had a good series against them and it was crucial for us to come out and play well,” said Bergman, who has coached UCF for the past 18 seasons. “I think we’re starting to find out what the personality of this team is, but we’re not there yet.”

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SWEEP OF WCU REGAINS CONFIDENCE

The UCF baseball team had a convincing three-game sweep of Western Carolina last weekend in the wake of a disappointing 4-2 loss against Bethune-Cookman the previous Tuesday. While UCF will have a chance for revenge against B-CC next Tuesday at home, it is still reeling from its 41 run outburst in the three-game series. "It was really important (to sweep the series)," coach Jay Bergman said. "The only disappointing thing this season was last week's game against Bethune. We just wanted to come out (against WCU) and make sure that this was a good, hard series."

UCF made it a very hard series on the WCU pitching staff, with 45 hits and eight home runs. The lineup was silent with Matt Bowser and Dustin Brisson finally came alive in the eighth. The 21-0 rout allowed Bergman the opportunity to see most of the players on his roster, so he can have a better feel of who will produce in key situations. "We needed a game where we could get our back-up players some experience," Bergman said. "We've been waiting for one of these games."

Near Perfection

David Rankin, Clint Wells, Mark Smitetana, and Chris Youngberg combined on a one-hitter in UCF's 21-0 romp of Western Carolina Saturday night. Rankin had a no-hitter through five innings and allowed a lead off single in the sixth. Wells, Smitetana, and Youngberg threw one hitless inning apiece, while the four pitchers combined for seven strikeouts and only two walks. "I think I did really well considering that we got up by so many runs because that's one of the hardest games to pitch in," Rankin said. "You're not really going to throw a no-hitter, but it's nice to give it a shot for a little bit."

The last one-hitter for UCF was a 6-1 win against Florida Atlantic April 28, 1997. UCF's last one-hit shutout came in the same season with a 5-0 victory over Maine on March 15, 1997. Pete MacAulough threw the only no-hitter in school history in 1974.

EXPLOSIVE INNING

During the Golden Knights 21-0 win over Western Carolina Saturday, UCF tied the school record for most hits in a first inning with seven. Leading 1-0 with two outs, UCF reeled off five consecutive singles to jump out to a 6-0 lead. The seven hits tied a record that was set twice in 1996 against Maryland and Stetson.

BREAKING OUT

Matt Bowser was hitting .118 heading into Saturday's game against Western Carolina and in the midst of arguably the worst slump of his career. He broke out of the slump with a 2-for-4 performance with two runs scored and two RBIs. However, he proved that he was back for good on Sunday, going 3-for-4 with two home runs, six RBIs, and three runs scored. He hit a fifth-inning grand slam to give UCF a 10-1 lead, and then added a solo home run in the seventh. "It (bases loaded) was a real good opportunity for a break out, and I'm really glad that that happened," Bowser said. "I'm seeing the ball a lot better and I'm taking some more aggressive hacks at the plate. That's what I need to do."

Dustin Bishop, who set the single-season record with 17 home runs last year, followed Bowser's grand slam with a solo home run off the scoreboard in left field for his first home run of the season.
Tony Mejia  
SPORTS EDITOR

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UCF tries to claw back into contention

David Marsters  Staff Writer

Good news has been scarce for the UCF women’s basketball team this season, but the team got some good news this week. Camille Howard, the Golden Knights’ leading scorer and rebounder, will return to the lineup Feb. 19 against Stetson. Howard has missed over a month after having arthroscopic surgery on her left knee. Her return will be a much-needed boost for UCF (6-16, 3-10 Trans America Athletic Conference), which is currently at the bottom of the TAAC standings.

The Golden Knights enter this week coming off two road losses, an 81-57 loss to conference-leading Georgia State, and a 70-56 loss to Campbell. LaToya Graham led UCF in scoring with 18 points against GSU and a career-high 26 points against CU while sophomore guard Leslie Deaton scored a career-high 18 points against Campbell. Those were the only bright spots in a week where the team needed to gain momentum heading into the season’s end.

But all is not lost for the Golden Knights, who still have a shot at sixth place in the conference and a first-round bye in the TAAC tournament. This week, UCF plays home games against Jacksonville (5-16, 4-8 TAAC), and Stetson (8-13, 4-8 TAAC), the two teams currently tied for sixth. With wins over both of those teams, the Golden Knights could put themselves into good position for earning a first-round bye.

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Under the basket, the Dolphins interior defense is anchored by freshman center Milica Miklosic, who leads the TAAC in blocked shots. JU lost twice last week, 63-54 to Troy State and 57-53 to Mercer. Stetson played the same teams as JU last week, and came away with nearly identical results.

The Hatters lost 75-64 to Troy State, and 57-53 to Mercer. Stetson leads the TAAC in steals and offensive rebounding, but it ranks near the bottom of the conference in total offense and defense. Junior guard Cher Dyon leads the team with 11.7 points, 3.9 steals, and 3.3 assists a game, while senior center Nicole Knappmiller gets 6.6 rebounds a game.

With two wins this week, UCF could enter into a tie for sixth place with only three games left on their schedule. Two of the Golden Knights final games are against Troy State and Mercer, teams with whom they are battling for position.

If they are to get two victories, however, the Golden Knights will have to rebound better than they did last week. The team was uncharacteristically bad on the boards last week, getting outrebounded by a combined 53-48. UCF had been ranked in the top 10 nationally in rebounding margin.

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Trophies to James Robinson
Forward/center Khaliah Guillory stepped up as teammates around her became injury victims. With the team getting healthier, depth and experience will be a factor in UCF’s run at a TAAC tournament title.

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Traveling Troubles

The UCF Women's basketball team entered last week with some rare momentum, coming off a 67-65 victory against Jacksonville State. Road games at Georgia State and Campbell, however, proved not to be a good recipe for maintaining that momentum. The Golden Knights (6-16, 3-10) first traveled to conference-leading Georgia State, where they were defeated 81-57 by the Lady Panthers. Leslie McBath, who is the TAAC's second leading scorer, led GSU with 25 points. Panther guard Marcia Madden registered her first career double-double with 17 points and 11 assists. Forward LaToya Graham led UCF with 18 points, but was the only Golden Knight in double figures.

Freshman Erin Paige scored nine points and had four rebounds in her first game back from a hamstring injury. Against Campbell, the Golden Knights fell behind 42-34 at halftime, and lost 87-75 despite a second half rally. Pauli Nesbit's layup with 13:43 left in the game cut Campbell's lead to 53-50, but the Camels answered with a 14-1 run over the next 4:45. UCF was unable to get closer than 10 points the rest of the way. Guard Sarah Moore led Campbell with 18 points and five rebounds, while forward April Cromartie added 13 points. Graham once again led the Golden Knights with 26 points, and sophomore guard Leslie Deaton scored a career-high 18 points. Next week, UCF returns home to play conference games against Jacksonville and Stetson.

Rebounding Woes

UCF entered last week ranked ninth in the nation with a +8.4 rebounding margin, but struggled on the boards against Georgia State and Campbell. Against GSU, the Golden Knights were outrebounded 30-21, only the second time that has happened this season. Khaliah Guillory led UCF with just five rebounds, and Erin Paige four. Forwards LaToya Graham and Pauli Nesbitt combined for only three rebounds in 54 minutes of play. Georgia State ranks second in the conference in rebounding margin, trailing only UCF.

Against Campbell, which ranks third in the TAAC in rebounding margin, UCF did win the battle of the boards 42-34 at halftime, and lost 87-75 despite a second half rally. Pauli Nesbitt's layup with 13:43 left in the game cut Campbell's lead to 53-50, but the Camels answered with a 14-1 run over the next 4:45. UCF was unable to get closer than 10 points the rest of the way. Guard Sarah Moore led Campbell with 18 points and five rebounds, while forward April Cromartie added 13 points. Graham once again led the Golden Knights with 26 points, and sophomore guard Leslie Deaton scored a career-high 18 points. Next week, UCF returns home to play conference games against Jacksonville and Stetson.

Graham Leads, Deaton Emerges

In both of UCF's losses last week, LaToya Graham led the Golden Knights in scoring. Graham had 18 points against Georgia State, and her 26 points against Campbell were a career high. Since the loss of Camille Howard to a knee injury, Graham has stepped up to lead the team in scoring and rebounding, and is shouldering much of Howard's offensive and defensive duties in the post. "I think LaToya's good enough to have 20 points and 10 rebounds every night," said Striegler. "I honestly think we have the best post players in the conference." Sophomore guard Leslie Deaton, who has seen more playing time over the last few weeks because of all of the team's injuries, set career highs in minutes played (31), points (18), and three-pointers made (6) against Campbell. Deaton, who is primarily an outside shooter, has shown versatility this season, having to play a number of positions to fill voids in the lineup. Deaton has seen time at point guard, shooting guard, and even small forward this year, despite being a natural shooting guard. Her six three-pointers against Campbell were only one off the school record of seven, set by Kelly Ely last season.

Howard Set to Return

The Golden Knights will receive a boost this week, as center Camille Howard is set to return from a knee injury. Feb. 19 against Stetson, Howard, who is the team's leading scorer and rebounder, will be playing in her first game in over a month following arthroscopic surgery on her left knee. "We're hoping for the Stetson game," said Striegler. "That's what she's shooting for." The return of Howard will not only mean getting her 11.2 points and 7.4 rebounds back, but her defense and leadership as well. Howard, who is one of the team captains, will be very important to the Golden Knights as they near the end of the regular season and the TAAC tournament.

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Tennis teams down Jacksonville

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The UCF women's team opened up its 2000 match dual season by downing Trans America Athletic Conference foe Jacksonville 9-0 at the JU Tennis Complex. Led by Veronica Widyadharma, UCF rolled past the Lady Dolphins in singles. The senior from Semarang, Indonesia, Widyadharma defeated Martyna Dallman 6-1 and 6-1 at No. 1. Ann-Jeanette Svantesson, a native of Kalmar, Sweden, came from behind to defeat last year's All-TAAC selection Meritza Koregoankar 4-6, 6-3 and 6-1 at No. 2.

At No. 3, sophomore transfer Marleke Gunawan defeated Tamarra Kalfasovich in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1. Senior Gaelle Gouttefarde and junior Sharon Okal defeated junior Laren Schmeiser at No. 4 singles, Okal defeating junior Loren Goldsmith at No. 5 singles 6-2, 6-4 and Ronen topped junior Shannon Kennedy 6-1 and 6-1 at No. 6. In doubles play, the Golden Knights only dropped a combined seven games. The Indonesian duo of Widyadharma and Gunawan topped Dallman and Koregoankar 8-3. Svantesson and Gouttefarde won by the same score against Kalfasovich and Goldsmith and Ronen and Sonja Prokopc scored a convincing 8-1 win against Schmeiser and Kennedy.

"The team played very well. What is exciting to see is that each player played like she practiced," said UCF's first-year coach Patricia Allison, who earned her first win at UCF. "I was pleased with Aj [Svantesson]'s win because her back was against the wall, and she demonstrated the kind of fight a coach loves to see." In men's action, the Golden Knights improved to 2-2 on the season by defeating Jacksonville 5-2. Junior Federico Camacho fell to 2-2 in dual match play after losing to last year's All-TAAC selection, Ivan Cabrera, three sets to none at No. 1. Camacho won the first set 7-5, but dropped the last two 7-5 and 6-3. A native of Lyon, France, William Guerin improved to 4-0 in singles play by defeating the serve-and-volleying Dutchman Bram Tukker 6-3, 6-4 at No. 2. Freshman Grayden Moore won his first collegiate match as a Golden Knight defeating Hart Pollack 6-1 and 6-3 at No. 4, Sophomore Johan Wexin topped Tom Freiburger at No. 5, 6-2, 6-4, and freshman Augusto Sanabria rolled past Pedro Renda at No. 6, 6-1, 6-0. Addams England recorded Dolphins' second win by defeating Fernando Martinez 6-3 and 6-1 at No. 3.

"It was a nice win against a good Jacksonville team. Now, we have to build on this victory and prepare for the encounter against Stetson next week," said men's coach Bobby Cashman.

Knights face a must win situation

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Point guard Rashard Willie has found a level of consistency after struggling as a freshman last year. and ranks second in the conference in conference tournament last year. and holds the kind of fight a coach loves to see.

The Bulldogs have faltered despite returning virtually the exact same lineup from last year, only adding Mississippi State transfer Derrick Jones to the mix. Jones has been instrumental in the team's last two wins, hitting seven 3-pointers against Stetson in a 35-point victory. Despite struggling this season, the team has been playing very well of late, thrashing Stetson and Jacksonville in the form that they dominated the league last year.

Marc Salyers has replaced Reed Rawlings as the team's go-to guy, outgoing the 1999 league MVP, averaging over 17 points per game. Seniors Mario Lopez and Will Daniel comprise the backcourt, and runs Jimmy Tillette's system of back cuts and screens to perfection. Salyers visits the UCF arena on Feb. 19, and like the JSU game, will tip off action at 7:30.
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Travis Bell
SPORTS WRITER

A familiar face makes his way back to Orlando after leaving the UCF baseball program following the 1996 season, and now comes in as the opposition. Second-year Tennessee Tech coach Mike Maack brings his Golden Eagles to Tinker Field for a three-game series beginning Feb. 18 against the Golden Knights.

Maack served as assistant coach for Jay Bergman from 1993-96, and now works in the same role that Maack held at UCF.

"It's going to be exciting," Cozart said. "It's gonna be exciting," Maack said.

"It was really strange being in the other dugout (with Tennessee). I follow the Volunteers."

"I'll be happy with a .500 record," Maack said. "We weren't as bad as our record indicated last year. We just didn't have any pitching."

UCF has the advantage of game experience this season and is coming off a three-game sweep of Western Carolina by a combined score of 41-9. The three-game series this weekend will be the first action for the Golden Eagles.

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Maack is happy that his team will have a chance to play against a team of UCF's caliber. Maack says Tech is in the same developmental stage that UCF was when Bergman took over the Golden Knights in 1983. Maack hopes his years working with Bergman will pay off as he helps build the Tech program.

"I expect the players to be very good," Maack said. "I expect the players to be very good."