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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-purposed, was announced on Nov. 9 of last year, which the focus of the plan is to extend help to many who are at risk of being left behind. For instance, 74 percent of Florida’s D and F graded schools are minorities.

"Unfortunately, while Florida is a place of incredible opportunity for many, still 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.
- Adds the Talented 20 program as a means of furthering diversity, but recognizes performance differences. Students who are ranked in the top 20 percent of their class in their senior year will be guaranteed admission to a 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.
- One big issue brought up from the “Florida Initiative” is that it will put an end to affirmative action. According to the Governor, this is not the case.

"The One Florida Initiative advocates ending race, ethnic, and gender-based set asides, priorities in university admissions and state contracting, but not affirmative action properly understood. We are not abandoning affirmative action we are expanding diversity and opportunity," he said. Under the “Initiative Plan” umbrella, there is also the “Talented 20” program which guarantees state university admission.

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823-2000 operators help students

Adam Shiver  
Staff Writer

Some students have pondered the whereabouts and jobs of those special people answering the phones for the university. They have been found, it was hard.

The telecommunications specialists we like to call our operators at 823-2000 are hidden mysteriously in the basement of the university’s library. OK, maybe not so mysteriously, but where else would they hide?

"We are down in the basement with the technicians and the computer people for the telecommunications systems on campus," said Telephone Systems Manager, Linda Watkins. "Hopefully we’re gonna get a new home one of these days."

The picture that first pops into the heads of many is that of an operator with huge headphones and a swivel chair full of oversized plugs and wires strewn about is certainly not fitting of the operators here on campus. They are well-groomed and clean cut, and definitely not the classic switchboard operators.

Being a university operator has its ups and downs like any job.

"It’s always a challenge," said Watkins. "That is why I like it so much. I really love this job, and enjoy all aspects of it, like many of the girls do."

The operators normally work four hour shifts, so as not to make for too long of a day. After a day of answering calls for the university, though, it can sometimes be quite unpleasant to have to return home and talk to anyone, much less answer the phone.

While it may seem a trivial job, being an operator for such a large school is no easy task. Operators are required to keep up with the ever changing faculty and staff, clubs and organizations and their telephone numbers as well as their locations, and so much more. All of this comes from experience. While the operators go through training, they are really ‘on the job’ training and are able to learn things as they go.

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UCF helps American Cancer Society

Taylor Clark  
Staff Writer

On March 24 at 3pm, families, clubs, schools, businesses, service groups and many others will gather at the University of Central Florida Arena track for an all around powerful two day event sponsored by the American Cancer Society: the Relay For Life 2000.

Begun in 1985, this charitable tradition of considerable proportions has proven to be the number one non-profit special event in this country. UCF is proud to be the only university in the nation that hosts it.

"Teams of 10 to 15 people will come together to compete against one another in a 16-hour relay to increase awareness of the cancer research and education programs, as well as raise money to support them. We also want to provide prevention knowledge on how to avoid cancer and to become healthier," said Senior Event Coordinator, Amy Wade.

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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
On Wednesday, Feb. 16, Panhellenic will be held at Kappa Delta house at 3pm. Inter Fraternity Council will be held at the Sigma Chi house on Wednesday at 4pm.

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River Clean up

The Chi Omega chapter in collaboration with the Outlanders Club, devoted Jan. 30 to cleaning up the Wekiwa River. This philanthropy event lasted from 9:30am to 1:30pm, until a large portion of trash and debris was removed from the river.

IFC elects additional members

Kappa Sigma member Kevan Stone was elected President of the Inter Fraternity Council on Jan. 26. Stone’s previous positions include Vice President of Correspondence from February through August, and Vice President of Risk Management from August through January of this year.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon member Ryan Komanski was appointed Vice President of Risk Management for the Inter Fraternity Council. He will serve as co-chair to G.A.M.M.A. (Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol) and serves as the risk management professional for the fraternity system. Komanski will responsible for coordinating educational workshops for the entire Greek system, as well as consults with chapter, university, and national headquarters on chapter risk management issues and policies. In addition, he will assist the IFC in setting goals and objectives.

compiled by Krista Zilizri, staff writer
Acclaimed African Director to Speak at UCF

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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 Gonder, Ethiopia, and he is currently a tenured professor of film at Howard University in Washington, D.C. While Gerima has written and directed many independent films in the U.S., he is perhaps best known for his 1993 film Sankofa. The film was presented by independent filmmaker Haile Gerima. Gerima has been hailed as an important leader in the Black independent film movement, and his combination of skilful cinematography and powerful messages have earned him widespread critical praise. According to Variety, Gerima uses the camera "...like a master impressionist painter..." The New York Times calls Gerima's films "...earnest and provocative..."

Haile and his wife, Shirikiana, run their own film production and distribution enterprise comprised of Negrodwood Productions, Myphredah Films, Sankofa Books and Video and the nonprofit Positive Productions dedicated to community education and youth apprenticeship in cinema arts. Their creativity and determination were responsible for the market success of Sankofa, which was distributed nationally through the rentals of commercial theaters.

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.

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...through extensive training, most of their experience comes from six months of direct, hands-on learning.

"The girls we have working here, all but two, are very experienced. They've been here a long time and know a ton about the university."

No matter how vague the question, the university operators can get the information needed, and fast. "We try, and we try our best," said Watkins. "If they don't have an immediate answer, then they will do whatever it takes to help out.

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 Watkins. "But that's not too strange to me. It's just that they most likely have misread their directory, or weren't looking at one at all. We receive emergency phone calls as well and transfer them immediately."
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, a 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 Plan and the "One Florida Initiative" are not far off on 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, Alivia Johnson, stated.

Ip'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 that 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 that 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 promoted 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 those struggling schools to participate in SAT preparation courses 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.

How 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 present 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/ago. On this site you can email the governor your thoughts or any questions you might have.

Education Component of the "One Florida Initiative" includes:

- Eliminate race and ethnicity as a factor in university admissions.
- The "Talented 20" Program will guarantee state university admission to the top 20 percent of students in every Florida high school senior class.
- An increase in need-based financial aid by 43 percent.
- Proposed funding to make the Preliminary Scholastic Achievement Test available to all Florida tenth-graders so that Florida's eleventh-graders will be better prepared to take the SAT.
- Increased availability of Advanced Placement courses in low performing schools.
- A new partnership with the College Board to improve college preparation for students at low performing high schools.
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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 cur-
tently registered organizations
may be obtained in the
Constituent Relations office in the
Administration Building.
They will happy to pair up vol-
unteers 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 regis-
tered 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 ampli-
fying this student participation,
the kickoff meeting was held in
Lucus on Friday, Feb. 11, “The
purpose of the meeting was to,”
Wade said, “feed them answers
to their questions and their bel-
lies 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 innumerable. For
some, it is an opportunity to
show support, make new
friends, network and exercise.
For others, it is a time to cele-
brate those who have overcome
the disease. And still for others,
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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 capital 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.

The first Tuesday in March is the opening of the annual legislative session that traditionally belongs to the governor, whose State of the State speech to a joint session of the Legislature sets the agenda for the two-month "law-making" session. While leaders of the Coalition of Conscience were careful not to make premature predictions, a show of force would overshadow Bush and steal the media spotlight at a moment savored by governors.

Organizers noted that March 7 also is the 35th anniversary of a historic civil rights march in Selma, Ala. It's also "Super Tuesday," the day of presidential primaries in several large states, where Bush's brother, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, hopes to clinch the Republican presidential nomination. Florida's presidential primary is a week later.

"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 Nwzoom 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."

The sheer size of Florida, and the fact that the capital is more than 400 miles from the major metropolitan area of Miami-Fort Lauderdale, pose obstacles for attracting large numbers of protesters from around the state. But organizers have a telephone hotline at 850-877-0307 and a Web site (www.marchontallahassee.com). Protesters include the AFL-CIO, NAACP, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Floridians Representing Equity and Equality, National Organization for Women, Florida Association of Business and Professional Women, and League of United Latin American Citizens. A dozen Democratic legislators are co-chairs of the march.

Organizers said Kwesi Mfume, a former congressman and national president of the NAACP, and Martin Luther King III, son of the slain civil rights leader, planned to attend the protest; the Rev. Jesse Jackson also might attend. Organizers said an economic boycott of Florida businesses is not under consideration.

Bush, who was in Bartow on state business Monday, has repeatedly said opposition to his initiative would not deter him. Spokesman Justin Sayfie reiterated that the plan would increase diversity in university admissions and state contracting, not reduce it.

"The governor is not satisfied with the state quo, and he believes the One Florida plan will increase opportunities for hundreds of African-American high school students to attend the state university system and create millions of dollars in business for African-American businesses," Sayfie said. "He's committed to implementing the plan to increase diversity. ... If people are simply posturing for political reasons, we're going to move on."

The protest is the latest outgrowth of last month's all-night sit-in by two black lawmakers, Sen. Kendrick Meek of Miami and Rep. Tony Hill of Tampa, and more than 4,000 turned out in Miami last week. The third hearing is set for Thursday in Tallahassee, and protest organizers called on Bush and legislators to change the location from a 300-seat legislative hearing room to a much larger site.

Yellow flies circulating in Tallahassee encourage college students at historically black Florida A&M University to show up at Thursday's hearing: "The movement is on ... the masses must be uplifted," the fliers say. Although many protest leaders have close ties to the Democratic Party, the attitude of rebelliousness seems to have mushroomed far beyond what Meek and Hill envisioned when they decided to plop down on the lieutenant governor's couch on Jan. 19.

Sayfie and Bush's deputy general counsel, Reginald Brown, attended the protestors' news conference in a sign of how seriously the administration appears to be treating the growing mood of opposition across the state.

"When the governor was elected, we did not elect a king. We elected a governor to represent the people of Florida," said Matilda Martinez Garcia, past state director of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

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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.
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 wealthy, which holds that a college costs and prices -- nor is there a common national reporting standard for either," the commission report said.

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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 benefiting 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 to be turned in by April 8th. Registration was held from Feb. 6-10. However, there is room for more interested students and university organizations. Those 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 Stoey, 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 on 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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Tuition will hopefully be capped
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Costs per student soared 57 percent at four-year institutions from 1987 to 1996, and 69 percent at private schools, Troutt said.

Most four-year institutions will continue to see annual increases, "probably at rates averaging as much as one to two points over inflation," said William Massey, a professor at Stanford University and a prominent education consultant.

Meanwhile, a uniform system for reporting an institution's costs, prices and subsidies is being developed by the National Association of College and University Business Officers. A task force of experts has been working longer than a year to devise a standard disclosure format, said Gregory Fusco, the consultant heading the project.

Many tuition-paying parents voice frustration and confusion over a related phenomenon: Why, they wonder, does tuition keep going up even as federal student financial aid tops $41 billion a year?

"We appear to be pouring more money into the system only to have it chopped up by tuition increases," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

In 1980, about 55 percent of the federal aid came in the form of grants; loans accounted for about 42 percent. Today those figures have reversed, with loans accounting for 58 percent, and 40 percent in grants.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., who requested the hearings, wondered whether the increased federal aid combined with tax credits for tuition simply emboldens colleges to charge more.

Harvard economist Caroline Hoxby said that was "not likely," but a recent report by the Council for Aid to Education, a nonprofit advocacy group, said the position Hoxby voices is "akin to arguing that the ready availability of home mortgages has no impact on the price of housing.'

Meantime, Troutt said, colleges can do more. Rhodes College and 14 other Southern liberal arts institutions are trying to cut costs by sharing resources like a virtual electronic library and joint technology training for faculty and staff, he said.

"More can be done and must be done, but campus leaders are taking public concerns about rising college prices seriously," Troutt assured the senators. "You've got our attention."
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It's the real deal: student questions hypnottist's ability

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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 hypnottists 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 as a nonbeliever and was impressed. 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 his a 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 real life people. Living being 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 childhood, remembering special things and getting their reactions to 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 bewildered as to why, throughout the show, he kept sending a few select students off stage, returning them to their seats. I suspect it was because they just were not good hypnotism candidates and began to show it off; 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, but 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.

Plagiarism.com: "at your fingertip" technology makes cheating even easier

REBECCA PANOFF
STAFF WRITER

We've always been taught 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.

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

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Random acts 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 of your change that taco you were really craving. Mr. Joe Sano Nice Guy comes over and asks you if you need help and sure enough he takes ten minutes out of his life to make you day a little better. When your day could have been 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 house that person will that 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 and 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 sure enough everyone one day will show that good side to the world but for now just smile and don’t kill anyone.

Even if our vision will clear up quickly once we leave the utopian environment of college that we are stuck in those two questions alone. If you want to see a real landslide, just call the White House and say “Hey Mr. Clinton, we’re going to send you a political reform. Republican party or keg society or a young boy that’s going to be part of the real world. It’s a pretty safe bet that relatively current college grads - those that are 25 - now have a much bigger interest in what goes on in Washington than when they were in school.

That’s because what our government decides has a much more direct impact on them — and their pocketbooks.

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 ni­ ent to see us jump into action, I suggest running a campaign insisting on drastic reductions in federal student financial aid.

I guarantee you’ll see us snap to attention then.

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‘Screaming’ for more, settling for less

Burke Speaker

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 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 news-hound 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.

If you want to get through the movie without leaving disappointed, just obey the rules and you’ll survive.

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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 its 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 flyers 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.

"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.
Although drummer Mike Pugh is the only member from Orlando, Hoeck has enjoyed local success playing Hard Rock Live and HOB.

Local band gets Hoeck’d up

Patty Canelo
STAFF WRITER

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 Bity’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 riffs.

Songs of scorned loves and an 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 Kuchaburi, Thailand, qashed a hospital takeover by members of the Burmese rebel gang “God’s Army,” largely ending the three-year violent conflict by the 200-strong Baptist fundamentalist insurgents headed by charismatic twin Johnpy and Luther Htoo, now believed to be age 12. The Htoo, often photographed chewing or smoking tobacco, insisted, "I won’t grow 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’ helpers 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 Manzol) in January would penalize any adult who does not 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 acquires entirely clothed.

People Certain to Get Beaten Up in Prison

In Chicago in October, Bernard M. Kane, 56, pled guilty in a scheme to sell $135,000 worth of rare seafood ( chiefly U.S. Grade A) to state and federal prison kitchens. And the next day in another Chicago courtroom, Richard Perger, 41, was sen­tenced to 40 months in federal prison for killing 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), 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 warned, “(There 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, Monroe Evans, Kiowan Evans, the Evans Family. According to the indictment, Johnnie Lee Evans, Monroe Evans, Kiowan Evans, Pedro Pergler, Pedro Pergler, Commander Pedro Pergler, 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 prosecutor’s theory (that Heyden and his son conspired to kill a man) was ridiculous; because Heyden thought his son was “useless.” “Mr. Heyden wouldn’t hire his son to cut the grass. Why would he hire him to kill some­body?” (However, in October, the two were convict­ed.

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

Chiches 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 inventor David Elliott, 20, announced in June that he was seeking financial backers for a pager (“GayPager”) to be marketed to gay men “that would vibrate in the vicinity of someone with a simi­lar device, thus making instant introductions to help in battle. The twins escaped and are still in hiding.

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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 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 know 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 ring-leader Mark Sandman shortly before the album's completion may mean the band will follow the industry trend of posthumous success.

Much like label partners Earth and Creepo 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 mainstream audiences to grasp. As a fusion band on a major label, Morphine finally may receive the attention it deserves.

The withdrawn smacking of the percussion drives the song's unrelenting groove, but the true essence of the piece — and the band for that matter — lies in the relationship between Sandman's vocals and Colley's brass instruments. While the liner notes credit Colley and Conway with backing vocals, it becomes quite clear that Sandman's partner-in-crime is the horn.

Whither mimicking the depth of Sandman's voice with the fulfill baton sax, or-countering his worn sound with punchy tenor sax lines, Colley's horns play cat to Sandman's mouse, chasing his vocals around the album and running circles around the lyrics and accompaniment.

"The Night" sports the slinkiest mimicry of all, the syrupy vocals and horns run down the chain of the track. "Souvenir," piano-charged and smoky, offers the caress of Colley's blowing, this time providing the chewy wall as a respite from Sandman's smooth operation. The drumming is once again strong and impulsive, the playing field upon which the vocals and horns bump heads. "Rope on Fire" has an indeniable Latin flavor. Handclaps ground the rhythm section, and the sound of a Spanish guitar plucks its way to the front. 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 nimbly 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 bluesy, laid-back barrage and Sandman lets loose with new, heartfelt voice inflections not previously heard on "The Night." The string section enters for a dose of call and response, and a horn again offers a stirring plea. This combination in "Take Me With You" offers a completeness not achieved elsewhere on this or any other Morphine album; the band's heightened musical consciousness is represented.

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"Take Me With You" offers a completeness not achieved elsewhere on this or any other Morphine album; the band's heightened musical consciousness is represented. Sadly, it is a hitherto unachieved moment. Sandman's death preceded an album that should compel music enthusiasts to round up Morphine's earlier works, hoping they possess the same genuine dedication to musicality that exists on "The Night."

"Like a mirror," Sandman says early on the album, the band's sixth and final full-length LP: "I'm nothing 'til you look at me."

The Rockfords
self-titled

After 20 years of personal success and professional music-making, The Rockfords have released their self-titled debut. As an exceptionally good rock album, it combines some ripping guitar solos, propulsive rhythms, strong singing and a variety of melodies. The group members were influenced by KISS, Aerosmith, The Pretenders and their own previous works with a variety of bands and different styles. Each song on The Rockfords has its own unique sound that lead vocalist Carrie Akre strings together with her consistent sound of intelligent and heartfelt music.

Pearl Jam guitarist Mike McCready took a break from his national-ly renowned band to pursue a reunion with his old friends in The Rockfords. The joy of writing and playing together was a "Sureshot" for the friends as they produced this project in a city with a reputation for good musicians.
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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 Rigg's 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 also the lineup entirely for the season opener against Western Carolina. Fox says he's just happy to play anywhere as long as he's in the lineup:

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

He has moved from second base to the lineup for the third time in the third game against Clemson, but it wasn't at his usual shortstop position. He filled in at third base entirely for the season opener against Western 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 fielded a lineup to see what would work best.

That opportunity was all that Fox would need. After going O-for-2 with a walk in his first three plate appearances, he came to bat in the seventh inning and took advantage of a mistake by Clemson's Kevin Lyons, belting a home run onto the hill behind the left field fence to give UCF a comfortable 4-0 lead.

"They (the coaches) told me before the game that I needed to step in there to try to do something to win a spot out there," Fox said.

Fox's confidence at the plate has continued ever since, as he has yet to have been taken out of the lineup during the Golden Knights last five games. He has a five-game hitting streak, and has recorded two hits in each of the last four contests.

"He's had those tools all the time, but it's just been a matter of using them," Bergman 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 his .895 slugging percentage leads the team ahead of known power threats, Bowser and Dustin Brisson.

Fox has also played the ball to all fields, which has opened up the gaps for him while at the plate. Of his nine hits, five have gone for extra bases (three doubles, one triple, and one home run) compared to his three from last year.

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"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 win a spot out there," Bergman said. Fox got his second start at third base against Bethune-Cookman, but he moved to second base for the three games against Western Carolina. Fox says he's just happy to play anywhere as long as he's in the lineup.

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He has started mostly in the ninth hole of the lineup, and for UCF that spot has always been a catalyst to keep an inning going for the big guys to get to the plate. But Fox has been a run producer from that slot, scoring four runs and driving in six more.

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"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 win a spot out there," Bergman said. Fox has developed in a big way, especially the past three weeks since the season began. Fox says that it's been the coaches' trust in him that's been the coaches' trust in him that's been the coaches' trust.

"It's purely confidence," Fox said. "The coaches got it within me, and now I've gotten it within myself."
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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 onslaught against the Golden Flashes last Saturday. The series was a 6-1 win against Florida Atlantic on March 15, 1997. Pete MacAulughin threw the only no-hitter in school history in 1974.

NEAR PERFECTION

David Rankin, Clint Wells, Mark Smietana, 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, Smietana, 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-hitter shutout came in the same season with a 5-0 victory over Maine on March 15, 1997. Pete MacAulughin threw the only no-hitter in school history in 1974.

During the Golden Knights 21-0 win over Western Carolina on Saturday, UCF tied the school record for most hits in a first inning with seven. Leading 1-0 with two outs, UCF scored three runs to lead after two innings, combining with three 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.
UCF enjoys busy sporting time

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SPORTS EDITOR

It's mid-February and love is very much in the air—especially for sports-lovers. Particularly here at UCF, there is plenty to warm the cockles of one's heart. Forget Louisiana as Sportman's Paradise, if its athletics you want, the Golden Knights are supplying it all in heavy doses.

Men's and women's basketball heads into the homestretch of the regular season, hoping to peak in time for their respective conference tournaments early next month.

Both teams have fallen back behind the leaders in the TAAC, being hampered by injury problems that have left them short-handed. However, the teams have gotten used to playing with little depth and could be a force if everyone gets healthy when it counts.

Meanwhile, on the baseball diamond, there is plenty of reason for optimism. UCF improved its No. 23 Baseball America preseason ranking by taking two out of three in the ACC Disney Blast, getting past Wake Forest and Clemson, a pair of top-tier ACC squads. Following an unexpected setback at Bethune-Cookman, the Knights are now tied atop the TAAC, being hampered by injury problems all season.

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The football team is also waking up from its brief slumber, which has been very restful at all, as Coach Mike Kruczek and strength and conditioning coach Reese Bridgman have had the guys working hard in the weight room, hoping to get physically stronger in preparation for this upcoming season.

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Receiver Kenny Clark (88) has developed a reputation as a tireless worker in the weight room and on the practice field, and will serve as the leader of a young segment of widesots that began spring football on Feb. 16.
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 lost 87-75 to Campbell. LaToya Graham led UCF in scoring with 18 points against GSU and a career-high 26 points against UCF 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.

The return of Howard to UCF's lineup and UCF's upcoming games gives the Knights reason to think their fortunes are beginning to look up. Jacksonville has the worst scoring offense in the TAAC at 55.7 points a game, but allows the third fewest points in the TAAC. Delaware State, which is currently at the bottom of the TAAC standings.

The return of Howard to the lineup with nearly identical results. The Hatters lost 75-69 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 Dowlat leads the team with 11.7 points, 3.9 steals, and 3.3 assists a game, while senior center Nicole Knapppmaier 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 end up 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.

"If you don't rebound and play good defense, then you aren't going to be able to beat very many people," said UCF coach Gail Striegler. "Any coach in America will tell you that."

The Golden Knights will have home advantage in their favor, as all six of their wins this season have come at the Arena. Striegler has maintained all season that when healthy, UCF is one of the top teams in the conference. With the return of Howard, the Golden Knights may now get a chance to prove her right.

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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 McElrath, who is the TAAC's second leading scorer, led GSU with 25 points. Panthers guard Marcia Maddox 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. Paula 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 15 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. Kholiah Quintony led UCF with just five rebounds, and Erin Paige four. Forward LaToya Graham and Paula 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. Paula 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 15 points. Graham once again led the Golden Knights with 26 points, and sophomore guard Leslie Deaton scored a career-high 18 points.

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Point guard Diane Hill has been thrust into the lineup as a freshman because of the lack of guard depth and has improved steadily under first-year Coach Gail Striegler.

2-23, but that still did not live up to the standards it has set this year. Graham and Nesbitt combined for 11 rebounds in the game, but no other player had more than three.

"If you don't rebound, you're not going to be able to beat very many people," said UCF coach Gail Striegler. Of next week's opponents, only Jacksonville has a positive rebounding margin. The Dolphins rank fourth in the TAAC with a +2.4 margin, while Stetson is seventh with a -3.8 margin.

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. 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 Season 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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Points per game
1. Detric Golden Troy State 18.0 432/24
2. Marc Salyers Samford 16.9 406/24
3. Calvin Slaughter Jacksonville 16.7 350/21
4. Adun Fellers Campbell 16.4 377/23
5. Q’Quan Stewart Central Florida 15.5 371/25
6. Anthony Reese Georgia State 15.2 338/23
7. Sebastian Singletary Stetson 15.1 362/24
8. Scott Emerson Mercer 14.2 368/26
9. Ryan Hercek Florida Atlantic 13.6 300/22
10. Reed Rawlings Samford 13.4 322/24

Rebounds per game
1. Sebastian Singletary Stetson 9.5 229/24
2. Santos Hampton Stetson 8.9 214/24
3. Scott Emerson Mercer 8.2 214/26
4. Marc Salyers Samford 7.7 184/24
5. Mike McDaniel Jacksonville 7.5 166/22
6. Calvin Slaughter Jacksonville 6.8 143/21
7. Jacova Jenkins Troy State 6.6 158/24
8. Paul Reed Central Florida 6.5 161/26
9. James Simmons Campbell 6.0 139/23
10. Jarrod Hill Georgia State 5.9 130/22

Assists per game
1. Detric Golden Troy State 6.0 143/24
2. Rishard Willis Jacksonville State 5.3 129/23
3. Kevin Morris Georgia State 4.7 108/23
4. Cary Perry Central Florida 4.2 84/23
5. Mike McDaniel Jacksonville 4.2 100/24
6. Shawn Platts Jacksonville 4.1 86/21
7. Raviel Green Stetson 4.0 84/21
8. Al Miller Central Florida 3.9 98/25
9.antom Murphy Florida Atlantic 3.7 66/18
10. Kevin Sheppard Jacksonville 3.7 84/22

3-point field goal percentage
1. Jason Thornto Central Florida .514 75/146
2. Robert Rushing Troy State .436 34/79
3. Chris Weaver Sanford .433 36/83
4. Atonin Reese Georgia State .431 37/86
5. Deonte Golden Troy State .425 28/65
6. Matt Holman Troy State .424 27/64
7. Rishard Willis Jacksonville State .418 19/46
8. Marc Salyers Samford .413 34/83
9. Shawn Platts Jacksonville .413 19/46
10. Brandon Williams Jacksonville .410 64/156

Field goal percentage
1. Donnie Davis Georgia State .568 71/125
2. Jacova Jenkins Troy State .556 84/151
3. Calvin Slaughter Jacksonville .547 35/65
4. Shawn Platts Jacksonville .547 37/69
5. Marc Salyers Samford .546 153/280
6. Scott Emerson Mercer .542 142/262
7. Mike McDaniel Jacksonville State .532 109/205
8. Mike McDaniel Jacksonville .530 109/206
9. Marvin Augusin Jacksonville .508 98/189
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Tennis teams down Jacksonville

DAVID WINBERG

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 Dullman 6-1 and 6-1 at No. 1. Ann-Jeantette Svantesson, a native of Kalmar, Sweden, came from behind to defeat last year's All-TAAC selection Meria Koregoankar 4-6, 6-3 and 6-1 at No. 2.

At No. 3, sophomore transfer Marieke Gunawan defeated Tamara Kaftalovich in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1. Senior Gaelle Goldsmith won her first conference victory over the serve-and-volleying Dutchman Bram Tukker 6-3, 6-4 at No. 2. Freshman David Gunayden Moore won his first collegiate match as a Golden Knight defeating Hart Pollack 6-1 and 6-3 at No. 4. Sophomore Johan Westin topped Tom Frieburger at No. 3, 6-2, 6-4, and freshman Augusto Sanubria 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 be ready 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 assists per game, providing stability to a lineup that was badly in need of some after missing the conference tournament last year.

While the Gamecocks have turned their fortunes around this year, Samford, the league's defending champion, is tied for third, losing four more conference games than it did all of last year.
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Maack leads Tennessee Tech in against Knights

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 1989-96 before leaving to work with pitchers at the University of Tennessee, and took the Tech job when it came available before last season. However, Maack has coached against Bergman once before when UCF faced Tennessee in Maack’s first game with the Volunteers.

"Obviously it’s gotta be exciting," Maack said of his return to Orlando. "It was really strange being in the other dugout (with Tennessee). I follow the University of Central Florida still, and I still feel like part of me is there. I can’t even describe the emotions that I have right now going back."

Bergman is not the only coach at UCF that Maack has ties with. Pitching coach Craig Cozart was a four-year starter for Maack from 1993-96, and now works in the same role that Maack held at UCF. Cozart was one of many pitchers that Maack developed into professional material. He produced 23 pitchers who were drafted during his eight years at UCF.

"Coach Maack has taught me just about everything I know as far as pitching is concerned," Cozart said.

Maack is best known for his teaching of the pickoff move, especially for left-handers. After ending his playing career with the Tennessee Volunteers, Maack joined the coaching staff at Palmetto High School in 1987 and later co-authored a book, "The Move," in 1995 providing insight about the pickoff move for left-handers.

"The move was something that I needed as a pitcher," Maack said. "I developed it to get runners out and it lengthened my career. It definitely became my claim to fame."

During his tenure at UCF, his pitching staffs were among the best in the country, ranking fourth in 1989 and third in 1990 in earned run average. UCF left-handers picked off 268 runners under his tutelage.

Tech suffered through a disappointing 17-36 record last year during Maack’s first season, but he says that last year’s team was undisciplined and that he has been able to bring in a new group of young players that should help turn this season around.

"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. 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.

"Jay gave UCF instant recognition after coming from Florida," Maack said. "Jay really instilled work ethic in his players and that is what I’m trying to do here. I saw this as a great challenge."

His next challenge will be containing an explosive UCF offense that started hitting on all cylinders last weekend, scoring an average of nearly 14 runs per game.

Special To The Future

UCF Athletic Director Steve Sloan has the Golden Knight athletic program moving in the right direction, and will apparently be around to continue his efforts for years to come.

President John Hitt announced that Sloan will receive a two-year extension to his existing pact, meaning that the former Alabama star will be under contract for the next five years.

"I didn’t expect of ask for this. I really appreciate Dr. Hitt’s and the Golden Knight Club’s support," Sloan said.

The announcement was made by Hitt at the annual Night of Knights fund-raiser.

"Steve didn’t request this, but we wanted to do this is a reward for the way he’s led our program with integrity and quality," Hitt said. "He and his wife Brenda have instilled a work ethic. He’s probably a better athletics director than we deserve."

Sloan has been instrumental in using his extensive contacts to generate strong schedules for the UCF football program, including games against Virginia Tech and Alabama this upcoming season. Sloan quartered the Crimson Tide from 1963-65, earning All-America honors as a senior. He’s also served as head football coach at Vanderbilt, Texas Tech, Mississippi, and Duke and as an AD at Alabama and North Texas.

Sloan gets contract extension

Knights close out home slate with key conference contests

TONY MEJIA
SPORTS EDITOR

Desperation is beginning to set in for Kirk Spurrier’s men’s basketball team, who now face a mad scramble to finish with the highest possible seed for March’s conference tournament.

After coming empty on its recent road swing at Mercer and Towson State, UCF returns home for a pair of critical conference contests against Jacksonville State and San Francisco, both of which need wins over the Knights and lead them by multiple games in the standings.

UCF is hoping to secure one of the top six seeds, which would help them avoid a play-in game against No. 10 Florida Atlantic on March 1, forcing them to win four games in four days in order to get into the NCAA Tournament. UCF enters the week tied for fifth place with Campbell, one half game ahead of Stetson, which holds a head-to-head tiebreaker over the Golden Knights with wins in each of the team’s two meetings.

Jacksonville State dropped UCF’s 90-83 in Alabama earlier this year, erasing a four-point lead with 20 seconds remaining on a 3-pointer by Mike McDaniel, the last of which—a desperation 28-footer, tied the game with seven seconds left, forcing an overtime session in which the Gamecocks dominated.

RSU enters Feb. 17 game against the Knights in second place in the AAC, leading a three-team logjam that features Georgia State and Samford, all separated by half a game.

The additions of Nebraska transfer Brant Harrison and the academically ineligible Gurley in mid-December have given the level of play of Mark Turgeon’s team, which also has been getting valuable contributions from JUCO transfer Mike McDaniel and freshmen Josh Bryant, Jarred Greer, and Johnny Kilpatrick.

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