Kweisi Mfume speaks about One Florida

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Kweisi Mfume, CEO and president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, spoke to students and the Central Florida public in the UCF Arena on Feb. 20. The event, sponsored by the African-American Student Union and the Campus Activities Board, was one of the many lined up in honor of Black History month at UCF.

Mfume spoke to remind Americans that loyalty, hard work and commitment to a personal change.

UCF's president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Kweisi Mfume, makes his views known to UCF's student body. He voiced his opinions on the Confederate flag being flown at the South Carolina state house, as well as Gov. Jeb Bush's controversial Talented 20 program.

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Parental notification mandated by BOR

ADAM SHIVER STAFF WRITER

That awful hangover may not be the only thing to worry about after a long night of drinking any longer. The Board of Regents voted Feb. 18 on a plan that will allow Florida's universities to contact Mom and Dad and let them know about cases of underage drinking and drug use.

The Board of Regents decided, the day after its vote on the One Florida and Talented 20 plans, that the state's 10 public universities will take up policies that will notify parents of undergraduate students who are caught drinking or using drugs on campus.

Before the vote on Feb. 18, UCF did not notify parents of such things, but will be changing its guidelines under the BOR's directive. The university is going to be dawning this new policy effective immediately.

According to state law, notification of such offenses will only be to those students who are claimed as dependents on their parent's income tax returns. Student's whose parents do not claim them will not be reported to their parents. This however might turn out to be a difficult task for university officials.

The regents are lobbying to have the Florida State Legislature change this policy to match that of the federal government. With such a change parents of all students snared in underage drinking or drug use would be reported, not just those claimed as dependents.

A typical American college student spends more on beer than they do on textbooks showing that underage drinking takes place in a large percentage of student's lives. Underage drinking is not just a problem on campus though. Underage drinking and drug use can be found in many of the surrounding area pubs and apartment complexes near the university.

"A lot of places near the school serve underage kids,"
March 1, 2000

Information Systems major Michael Scully never suspected researching online businesses, he would be so successful when business, BuyCoffee.com. A couple of years ago he began researching online businesses, which eventually led to the selling coffee beans via the Internet in 1997 when he purchased the company.

Duck Head obviously sees uniqueness of his business, its potential. Although Michael obtains praise, but an established name can be frustrating at times. As with many entrepreneurs, Scully was tempted to throw in the towel on several occasions, but refused to give up. His perseverance definitely paid off.

A couple months ago, just as funds were running low and he was pondering the notion of quitting, Scully was chosen as one of the 27 pilot online merchants to launch First USA's eCard, a credit card, which offers incentives for cardholders who make online purchases from selected merchants. As the eCard's popularity grows, BuyCoffee.com will be promoted.

Almost simultaneously, Southwest Airlines' in-flight magazine, Southwest Spirit, named BuyCoffee.com the best site for gourmet coffee on the net, ahead of Starbucks who came in third. Between the recognition in the magazine and eCard, Scully received a surge of traffic, leaving him feeling much more confident about the stability of his commerce. Electrified with good fortune, Scully decided to see how far he could run with it. After hearing about Duck Head Apparel's "Entrepreneur of the Month" contest, not only applied, but won. The contest gives students 18-24 who run their own business an opportunity to win the title, $2,000 in cash and $500 in Duck Head clothing. In June one of the monthly winners will be selected as "Entrepreneur of the Year," winning $10,000 and an internship at College Television Network in New York. The first winner since the contest's creation, Scully was chosen for the uniqueness of his business, its fulfillment of a need in the marketplace, and the likelihood of its long-term success.

Like many other businesses, Duck Head, obviously sees BuyCoffee.com's potential. Since his award he has been in the spotlight via several newspapers and television. As a result, Scully has had many companies trying to sell him coffee, but his loyalty lies here in Orlando.

"I'm impressed with First Roaster's level of quality, excitement and enthusiasm," said Scully.

Following graduation, he plans to move back to his hometown Cheshire, Connecticut. He intends to stick with the coffee business, working closely with his ties in Orlando.

"Hopefully," he said, "I can use BuyCoffee to help a few other online businesses."

Although Michael obtains realistic short term goals, when asked about his long term goals, he replied, "Starbucks goes down!". Then, on more serious note he added, "I would like to expand into a conglomerate of e-commerce businesses."

Michael Scully knows from personal experience that success does not always come easily. His success is a demonstration of just how far a hard work and determination can take you. His advice to other struggling entrepreneurs: "Persistence is the key. It can literally happen overnight, so don't give up."

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said Joe Green", a UCF freshman. "Whether it is because they just don't card or don't care, I don't know. Either way, it happens."

"It's not a problem getting alcohol whether or not you are of age or not. Even if you can't get served at a bar or restaurant or something, just about everyone knows someone who can buy it for them," said freshman Kelly Wright.

"I'm not much of a drinker," explained junior Sue Black, "so it doesn't bother me that they are going to tell parents. I'll just keep me safer by helping to discourage underage drinkers who seem to like to also drive drunk."

At the time of print, nobody with the university could be contacted for comments regarding the policies.

(Tell student names marked with an asterisk have been changed to mask their identity.)
Mfume speaks about political, personal change

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the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and the Civil Rights Act of 1991.

Mfume graduated magna cum laude at Morgan State University, where he also taught political science and communications as an adjunct professor. He also received a Masters degree in Liberal Arts from Johns Hopkins University.

Currently, as the head of the NAACP, Mfume promotes his five-point action agenda, which includes: Civil Rights, Political Empowerment, Educational Excellence, Economic Development and Youth Outreach. The NAACP was founded in 1909 and is the country’s oldest, largest and strongest civil rights organization. The NAACP is dedicated to the political, educational, social and economic equality of minorities. The U.S. organization is committed to non-violence and relies heavily upon the courts, petitions, ballots and the press. Membership presently exceeds 500,000.

Mfume hopes to attract a younger generation of Americans to the NAACP. He invites men and women of all ages, races and religions.

For his achievements and leadership, Mfume has received hundreds of awards, proclamations, citations and is the recipient of nine honorary doctorate degrees.

Bostick learned from Mfume’s speech that “My mission as a black man is never done.” The general view for the ASU is that “we need to get on the ball.”

Mayoral debate set for UCF

A CFF STAFF REPORT

UCF will be hosting a political debate between Orlando Mayor Glenda Hood and her running opponent for the Mayor’s spot, City Commissioner Bruce Gordy, at UCF on March 7.

For more information about this event, contact the Public Relations Department at (407) 823-2947.

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Thursday Knight Jive
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DIANA MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

The Campus Activities Board’s Cultural Arts committee hosted its monthly Thursday Knight Jive on February 24.

Thursday Knight Jive is an opportunity for those who want to share their thoughts, expressions, and feelings to an audience. The poetry readings have opened its doors and expanded American people, such as Maya Angelou and others.

In celebration of Black History month, this TKJ’s host, Marissa Maingot, talked about a former of the night. Besides poetry, the jive’s audience was entertained by a guitar solo, a drum trio, and a song played on the piano by Aiyana Cadwell.

As Grape Koolaid opened the jive, their sounds attracted many Student Union passersby. The Cultural Arts committee has moved the poetry readings from the UCF Barnes and Noble bookstore to the Student Union’s Charlotte Harbor (SU 313) because of a larger attendance rate. Plus, the committee has been providing free pastries and coffee to those who attend the readings, which is an incentive to attract more people. There were many regulars at this jive, as well as many other strangers who shared their expressions to everyone. The poetry and other readings ranged from love to freedom to admiration to family. Besides poetry, the jive’s audience was entertained by a guitar solo, a drum trio, and a song played on the piano by Aiyana Cadwell.

Krista Zilfei
STAFF WRITER

UCF’s Radio TV News Directors Association (RTNDA) will sponsor their annual internship fair-Monday, March 6 in the Student Resource Center from 7 to 9 pm. Coordinated by faculty advisor Michelle Renz, RTNDA is an organization for students studying journalism and broadcasting. As a campus chapter, RTNDA’s focus is to better prepare students for the broadcast news industry. Biweekly meetings invite DJ’s, anchors, producers, and directors to speak to members, and this organization also provides scholarship opportunities available strictly to RTNDA members only. RTNDA’s annual internship fair provides an opportunity for students to network with various radio and TV station representatives in central Florida, including CPN 13, WMMO, WFTV, and WFTO.

“Can it be hard finding an internship, most students don’t even know where to begin,” explains RTNDA Events Chairperson Jacki Giardina.

“That’s why this fair is so beneficial to those seeking out opportunities but don’t know where to start.”

Broadcast stations will have 17 representatives from 13 central Florida stations prepared to give students a clearer understanding of the industry and what incentives their companies offer.

“If students are interested in an internship in radio/TV, they can come out and see which station is most appealing to them,” said Giardina.

“Personally, this event will motivate me to narrow down what stations I want to work for and which ones don’t appeal to me.”

Are you interested in winning a brand new computer?

If so, you can register to win a new laptop computer worth $3,500. How you ask? The State University System of Florida is looking for a name for its new statewide library system, which brings library and information resources and services to SUS faculty, staff, and students at the library, to their home, or office. Submit a winning name and the computer could be yours!

Who may enter: Registered students and currently employed faculty and staff of any of the 10 State Universities.

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight, Friday, March 24, 2000.

Entry Forms: For more information and online entry forms, visit the SUS Library home page: library.ucf.edu and then click on “What’s New” or look at the top of the WebLans home page: weblans.ucf.edu and then click on “Name That System Contest.”

- Shelley Wilson, Staff Writer

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Give blood, receive t-shirt

The Central Florida Blood Bank is going to be holding a blood drive on March 7 and 8, from 11am until 5pm in front of the Student Union. Students are encouraged to come out and donate, and will be given a free t-shirt for their participation. Supplies are low and the blood bank can use all the help they can get. You can contact Karline Cunningham with the Central Florida Blood Bank at (407) 999-4485 for more information.

Graduate students work with folk art at House of Blues

Art professor, Kristin Congdon, holds class each Wednesday morning at Disney's House of Blues restaurant located in Lake Buena Vista's West Side. Her students are studying the bistro’s large collection of folk art. These nine students are producing a book on the art and artists displayed in the restaurant, with the book’s proceeds being given to the House of Blues foundation. For information you can contact Congdon at (407) 823-2195.

Scholarships up for grabs

The UCF Alumni Association is offering scholarship opportunities to current full-time students. Students can apply and pickup information regarding the scholarships in the Alumni Association, ADM 340, Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm.

Taking a break from all that writing

The University Writing Center will be closing Friday March 10 at 3pm and will re-open Monday March 20 at 8am. The UWC is closing for spring break.

Pizzeria hosts UCF Night

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Anything Goes extended to March 12

Theatre UCF is extending it’s run of the popular play, Anything Goes in order to allow more students to enjoy its witty humor. Anything Goes will be running March 2 through 12, with an added 2pm matinee on Saturday, March 11. Curtains will promptly raise opening night at 7pm, all other showings (Thursdays through Saturdays) will begin at 7pm, with Sunday matinees at 2pm. Tickets are $4.50 - $8.75. Tickets can be obtained through Theatre UCF Ticket office at 823-1500.

Health and wellness expo slated

The Health and Wellness Resource Center will be hosting a health and wellness expo in front of the UCF Bookstore Wednesday March 8 from 10am until 2pm. Contact the Health and Wellness Resource Center for further information.

UCF announces conservation biology certificate

UCF is going to be teaming up with Disney’s Animal Kingdom in offering courses in Conservation Biology. The biology department is currently accepting applications to the program for the summer 2000 term. Classes will be offered out at the Animal Kingdom itself for a hands on learning environment. If you are interested in the program you should contact David Kuhn at (407) 823-2976.

-Adam Shiver, Staff Writer
Students have plenty of Spring Break options

ELAINE LEBLANC
STAFF WRITER

A relaxing week sunning on the beaches of the Bahamas? Or skiing down a snowy slope? How about experiencing the infamous New Orleans culture during Mardi Gras? These are options many UCF students are considering for their upcoming week away from school.

Some are considering the Bahamas because of its warm temperatures and relaxing atmosphere. Others are looking for a more adventurous trip, such as skiing in the Swiss Alps. And still others are planning a trip to New Orleans for the annual Mardi Gras celebrations.

Sophomore Katie Auger said, "I really can't leave town this year because of crew practice, but I am just ecstatic not to have to worry about my classes for an entire week!" Others, however, are able to take advantage of this opportunity to leave Orlando. A survey of UCF students found 3 in 10 plan to migrate to the beach. Popular choices included Panama City, Daytona Beach and Key West.

Senior David Howard said, "Key West is the perfect place for me. Between water sports all day and Duval Street packed with college kids at night, it's definitely worth the drive." In addition to the Florida beaches, cruises departing from nearby Cape Canaveral to Mexico, the Bahamas and Jamaica are also frequent destinations.

Freshman Sarah Gagnon said, "I picked Jamaica because I heard there is a place there where you can jump naked off of a cliff." New Orleans is also an annual favorite due to its proximity, eclectic culture, and, of course, Bourbon Street. Celebrated on the last Tuesday before Lent (March 7 this year), Mardi Gras celebrations fill the streets of New Orleans with elaborate costumes, musicians, masks and beaded necklaces. "Bourbon Street, at least for me, is the place to get totally wild and earn some cool beads," said senior Viviana Hampers.

In search of snowy fun, some Knights plan to leave the warm temperatures and venture into colder climates. Senior Ryan Westberry said, "I will not have to hear any mean jokes about Canadians there." Sophomore Karine Trudel will also be donning a heavy coat for her trip to Canada. She said, "The peace and tranquility in the nature of Canada will be a welcome change from the overcrowded streets of Orlando. Plus, I will not have to hear any mean jokes about Canadians there."

But traveling is not the only activity that students have planned for spring break. Junior Jesse Brett said, "I am staying here so I can spend some quality time with my brother without all the distractions of school." For information, students can contact STA Travel at (407) 541-2000. The agency offers student fares for some flights and vacation packages.

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Greek Beat

A Little Big Appreciation

UCP's Panhellenic Council has designated Sunday, March 5 "Big and Little Appreciation Day." In honor of this observance, Panhellenics will be selling Candy Grams, to all frazzled sisters and sororities, who can show their appreciation of their big sister/brother or little sister/brother by purchasing a candy gram for them. Candy grams cost $2.00 each and will be on sale from now until Wednesday, March 1 to all the fraternities and sororities during their chapter meetings.

Kappa Delta Shamrock

The ladies of Kappa Delta are hosting their annual philanthropy event on March 9 at 8:00pm in Visual Arts Building. Shamrock is a dance contest between fraternities, sororities, and campus organizations with a mandatory entry fee and 1.00 admission. Prizes will be awarded for individual and group divisions. A silent auction will be held as well, however chapters are not obligated to participate. Three judges will be selected to review dances. All proceeds will be donated to "The Children's Hospital of Richmond, Virginia.

Krista Ziliz, Staff Writer

Washington who? Study suggests seniors lacking in knowledge of U.S. history

SPECIAL TO THE FUTURE

LOS ANGELES (TMS) -- Know the finer points of George Costanza's life but not George Washington's?

You're not alone. A recent survey released by the American Council on Trustees and Alumni shows that college seniors at several of the nation's top universities know their popular culture, but are from whizzes when it comes to U.S. History.

The report, "Losing America's Memory: Historical Illiteracy in the 21st Century," states that 81 percent of college seniors surveyed in December received a grade of D or F on history questions taken from basic high-school curriculum. The survey was distributed to students on 55 campuses identified by the council.

Among the survey's findings:

- 34 percent of respondents said they knew that Washington was a general at the battle of Yorktown.
- 22 percent knew that the words "government of the people, by the people, and for the people" was a line from the Gettysburg Address.
- 23 percent correctly identified James Madison as the "father of the constitution."
- 42 percent knew that "first in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen" was a phrase referring to Washington.
- By contrast, students' scores soared on the popular-culture front. Almost 98 percent knew that Snoop Dogg was a rapper, and 99 percent correctly identified the cartoon characters Beavis and Butthead.

The study's results are a "clarion call for action," said Anne D. Neal, the study's author and vice president of the council. "If institutions of higher education no longer require their students to have basic knowledge of American civilization and its heritage, we are all in danger of losing a common frame of reference that has sustained our free society for so many generations."

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Florida universities facing new challenges under admissions rules

Maria T. Padilla

State universities will have to find more creative ways to maintain diversity when the Florida Cabinet approves as expected Tuesday a move to abandon the use of racial, ethnic and gender preferences in college admissions.

Although the state's 10 universities will get a new admissions tool that guarantees college placement to the top 20 percent of each high school's graduating class, they still have to figure out how to make it increase diversity.

It sounds like a paradox because the plan, called the Talented 20, is supposed to send more minorities to the universities. But in the short term, at least, some minorities who qualify might not be fully prepared for college.

If Florida universities could find themselves scrambling to maintain or improve on the level of diversity that now exists. Minorities currently make up 32 percent of all students in the state university system, a figure that mirrors the state's minority population.

This is all part of the education portion of Gov. Jeb Bush's One Florida plan, which the state Board of Regents unanimously adopted last week. Approval by the Cabinet puts the plan into effect.

"It will be a different world, but I don't want to make it sound like it's totally different," said John Hitt, president of the University of Central Florida.

Following Tuesday's Cabinet vote, public universities will have to mobilize quickly to figure out what to do next.

Hitt said, for example, he would be convening a "war council" this week to establish a plan to boost diversity at the school. UCF has a minority enrollment of nearly 23 percent.

Looming in the background is a voluntary civil rights agreement with the federal Department of Education that Florida entered into in 1995. It commits the state to increase diversity on college campuses. University presidents don't want to upset that goal even though they have no specific penalties if they do not comply.

Many are looking into the model used by Florida State University, one of five state schools that had ended preferences before last week's regents vote. The others are UCF, Florida International University, Florida A&M University and the University of North Florida.

FSU has a minority enrollment of 26 percent, one of the highest in the state for a non-minority institution such as FAMU or FIU.

It got there by old-fashioned ingenuity, according to Provost Larry Abele.

"It takes time, money and commitment. This isn't rocket science," he said.

Bush developed One Florida last November in part to preempt a ballot measure by California businessman Ward Connerly that would make race and ethnic preferences unconstitutional in public employment, state contracting and college admissions.

Connerly's initiative, which is pending before the state Supreme Court, is considered more severe than Bush's proposal.

For years public universities not just in Florida but nationwide relied on preferences to choose some of their minority students.

The system worked by giving black and Hispanic students "extra credit" for their color or ethnicity in the same way that students also earn points for completing rigorous academic courses, scoring high on standardized tests or being the children of alumni.

Removing race and ethnicity as admissions criteria will have the effect of increasing competition among all students.

Minority students themselves have sensed this. In public hearing after public hearing they have agonized over losing the opportunity to attend college.

Maria Jose Hays, a sophomore at the University of South Florida, broke down and cried during her testimony at the recent regents meeting, saying between sobs that she feared her 15-year-old sister, who has a "pretty good" grade point average, wouldn't be able to go to college.

University presidents do not rule out the possibility, but they maintain that under the Talented 20 plan, students such as Hays' sister still have a good shot at a higher education.

If Hays' sister maintains her GPA, she likely will fail her school's Talented 20. To enter a state university.

Talented 20 students also will have to do one other thing: complete 19 hours of academic credits in core subjects such as English, math, science and foreign language.

Such coursework isn't necessary to earn a high school diploma, but is required to gain entry to a state university.

Preliminary data show that less than half of minority students take such courses, according to the regents.

Making sure that minority students enroll in these courses will fall to the state's school districts as well as the universities.

Under Bush's One Florida plan, universities are expected to partner with high schools, especially low-performing ones.

In such states as Texas and California, where preferences were outlawed either by court order or ballot box, universities have forged relationships with high schools and even middle schools in an effort to identify and encourage talented minority students, news reports indicate.

That is considered crucial contact for minority students - and their parents - many of whom may not be thinking of college, talented or not.

In addition, FSU's Abele said the school already buys "lists" of names of prospective students from the College Board, which administers standardized college admissions tests.

The school telephones and writes the students, planting the seed that they are considered college material.

"You have to have a relationship with the student by the 10th grade. If you wait for the 12th grade, then it's too late," Abele said.

At the University of North Florida, educators plan to focus on four inner-city schools in Jacksonville that earned D grades from the state Education Department last year, said president Anne Hopkins.

Schools such as Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton confirm that more upfront recruiting work is in store for the universities in the years ahead.

"Ten years ago FAU didn't have many minority students. Now we are 14 percent African American and 14 percent Hispanic. That didn't happen by accident. We've had to work much harder with high schools," said Anthony Cataneo, president.

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Spring Break career fair to take a break

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DAYTONA BEACH — Spring break has often found ways to ruin Daytona Beach in the national spotlight, almost all of them bad — pool deck parties on MTV, drunken balcony falls, the occasional shooting.

About the only good publicity tourism officials could count on was the career fair, when sunburned college students stepped off the beach long enough to fill out applications and sit for brief interviews with corporate recruiters.

Tourism officials learned this week that the career fair will be, well, taking a break, at least for this year.

Mike Jiloty of Jiloty Communications, the Holly Hill advertising firm that built up the career fair, broke the news Wednesday to members of the Halifax Area Advertising Authority at their monthly meeting.

"It is a company that had agreed in January to sponsor this year’s event, but organizers thought that was too late to adequately promote it. The company, which asked not to be identified, has shown interest in sponsoring the event next year but won’t be able to commit until completing its annual budget.

"Hopefully, in June or July they will be able to make a commitment for next year," Jiloty said before the advertising authority meeting.

Through out its five-year history the career fair had been funded by the advertising authority, which oversees the spending of hotel bed-tax money to market tourism in the area. The two-day event cost the board $50,000 last year. Its spring break marketing committee decided that was too much, considering the career fair does little to fill hotel beds.

Supporters said the importance of the event couldn’t be measured in numbers. An intangible benefit was that the career fair allowed Daytona Beach to keep spring break while telling the world it promoted a more responsible event.

The event attracted about 50 employers, including IBM and the U.S. Secret Service, and about 1,000 students a day. The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and other newspapers across the country wrote stories about the event.

All that goodwill for Daytona Beach earned some fans for the career fair.

"I think it’s a good thing," Daytona Beach Mayor Bud Asher said recently. "These young people have an opportunity to talk to prospective employers while they’re enjoying themselves here on spring break. I'd like to see it continue in Daytona Beach."

Ironically, the career fair is ending at a time when corporate recruiters are scurrying for job candidates.

"It was a useful event when we introduced it, but it was still kind of a novelty event," Jiloty said. "Now, all of a sudden, the demand for the best college students is better than ever. We'd like to think the students who are going to give up part of their spring break to do this are among the best out there."
North Central College's new dorms like home away from home

LAURA ZAHN POHL
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

NAPERVILLE, Ill. -- The entryway to Ross Gourley's new dorm suite at North Central College includes a large closet for coats and backpacks, spacious enough to please any suburban homeowner. The bay window with vertical blinds frames the entertainment unit and fish tank, while two love seats form a comfortable "L" for studying.

"This weekend, we're going to buy a table and chairs for the kitchen," said Gourley, 21, of Plainfield, Ill. "This is like living in an apartment."

Through a lottery system, Gourley and three friends snared a choice end unit in the new townhouse residence hall, which officially opened Feb. 12. Many of the 90 residents were living temporarily at a former convent owned by Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Located at Loomis Street and Chicago Avenue, the new facility was designed to look like a row of town homes to complement Naperville's historic neighborhood.

The 20 units contain amenities unknown to most dorm dwellers. Many are arranged on two floors, with a spiral staircase joining two upper bedrooms with a living area and bedroom downstairs. Residents can use the small kitchens in their units to supplement dining hall meals. Bathrooms are private, replacing communal shower rooms and rows of toilet stalls.

"There are apartments in the area, but they're expensive," said Melissa Moore, 20, a town home resident from Manitowoc, Wis. "This allows upperclassmen to stay on campus through the holidays or over the summer, because this is their home."

The new town homes will probably be available for year-round living in 2001, Hamen said.

Moore and Gourley intend to return to their new digs next year by taking advantage of a college policy called "squatting." If you can get your roommate to agree to it, you can 'squat it.' said Moore of her desire to retain her unit. "You get first dibs at your old room."
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Beauty Of Politics -- Or New Jersey -- In Eye Of Beholder

BILLY O’KEEFE
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Quick! How many New Jersey jokes have you heard in your life? Hundreds, right? Because if there’s one thing that Frasier, Niles, Jesse, Veronica, Veronica’s whole closet, Will, Grace, that gay guy who gets all the laughs on “Will & Grace” and a bevy of other sit-com players and comedians have in common, it’s that they most likely have all called the great state of New Jersey an (a) swamp, (b) toxic wasteland or (c) the worst vacation destination on earth, the South includ­ed. Even the Simpson family and friendship of Conan O’Brien have resorted to the New Jersey-joke-as-a-last-resort tac­tic.

Too bad for them, because much of New Jersey is actually quite nice, full of bunches, carro­nials, good pizza and several Starbucks locations for those who grow homesick. Basically, it’s Florida without the bugs and crowds.

With an exception here and there, I’ve trekked to New Jersey for a week or two every summer since I was 5 years old. In addition to all of the afore­mentioned good things, much of my dad’s family lives there, in addition to a small fraction of my mom’s side of the family, which has about 30 million cousins and uncles in its tree.

As sure as the sun doesn’t rise because of some imminent hurricane always strikes the East Coast when I’m around, the history of my fam­ily flies through my ears every summer, via stories, stories and more stories.

And you know what? The good old days aren’t that much different than old days. If the people my dad and his brother Billy knew are any indication, that whole line about the 50’s being a time of obedient, clean-shaven kids who did nothing but respect their elders is just that - a line. We may be surrounded these days, and we may have more advanced tools of destruction, but the origin of our evil instincts is hardly a secret. You all know who you are.

Perhaps as result, parents have never played me for a fool, and I know that when it cause trouble or disobed, it just might be for a good reason, or at least due to the fact that I’m a kid who does not yet have to wear a suit, tie and phony smile when leaving the house. I don’t always agree with the decisions they make, but I respect very much the way they’ve raised and respected my sister and me and the rest of you grownups I don’t like.

Welcome to the halfway point in a 16-plus-month marathon we call the presiden­tial race, a contest that’s likely to be decided in two weeks bi, like the O.J. Simpson trial and the NBA Finals, is elongated for the sake of getting ratings.

Despite what Alan Keyes has to say, the race has been whipped down to four candidates: Al Gore and Bill Boring of the Democratic Party, and George W. Bush and John McCain of the Republican Party. And that, my friends, is the most tedious use of the word “party” ever witnessed by yours truly.

The stories in the news are the usual crap. So-and-so is for (against abortion/edu­cation/voting), Campaign finance reform is a hot issue for the next eight months, anyway. Senator/Governor/Vice President Schmoo kissed a sick baby and tried to sing gospel in a black church today. The churchgoers weren’t fooled, but the white folks watching the news thought it was off the charts.

And let’s not forget Old Man Newshound’s favorite: We kids, we just don’t give a damn. Give us our loud music and cig­arettes, and we’re happy. We don’t have to do any of that thinking business. We youth of today are a bunch o’ no­good stupid. They just don’t make ’em like they used to, Bah. Touché, right? In the words of my stupid generation, nuf-sah. To those of us who in fact do follow the news, there is nothing funnier than a blase, dopey news report about how we just don’t care about the candidates, about our country, about anyone. Who needs all these sit-com stars and New Jersey jokes when the pundits on the news are saying things far more laughable.

Personally, I don’t care that “c” word again! I’m just glad to find out why our how my generation is such a colossal disappointment to everybody from Tom Brokaw to my Lena. But I know that we’re not stupid, lazy or even ignorant. We may not be able to name the capitals of all 50 states, but (who really needs to?) or recite the National Anthem (thank our elementary school teachers for making us memorize it without telling us what it even means), but a lot of us do know what’s going on around us.

The fact is, they do make them how they used to, only this time, we have the Internet and other various electronic crap at our disposal, as well as a public and press that con­stantly, brusquely discreet offi­cials and candidates, without­ness their every gut through a microscope. Ignorant? Stupid? Try the opposite: We know too much, too much, we need or care to know.

I’ve been paying attention to the presidential race since 1988, when I was 10. You know what I’ve learned? When the Republicans are vaguely in favor of something (it’s never clear-cut, lest we should offend any neutral voters), the Democrats are not, and vice versa.

Even still (and I know it hurls all you Rush Limbaugh freaks out there to hear this) liberals and conservatives in this country are like night and day, ready to bend in what­ever direction popular opinion directs them. Abortion? Taxes? Porn? Pick your poison baby, because that’s all it amounts to. And we all know how good poison tastes once the sugar on top wears away.

But what about campaign finance reform? They’re all against it of course, yet the big candidates live and die by its current setup. How else does George W. Bush, an idiotic degenerate who couldn’t tap an oilwell in freaking Texas of all places, make it all far? Something else to think about: Because the issue of campaign finance reform seems to magi­cally disappear once the election ends, does that mean we solved the problem? Hello? Nope, didn’t think so. And so the charade continues as a demographic is made the enemy instead of a system that celebrates rich candidates and an outright two-party system that’s absolutely terrified of outside interference.

For about 12 years now, I’ve heard the media ask the same questions over and over. So when does my question get an answer? Why can’t John Q. Promptreader tell me why I should invest so much time into something with so little return? Maybe someone can give me a good reason (and “it’s your patriotic duty” isn’t one of them) and I’ll decide that my generation is doing something wrong. But until then, or at least until all of this is wrapped up, I need another vacation.

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The church of Paula Cole

**Pablo Silva**
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

WMMO 98.9 FM wrapped up its Free Concert Series last Friday with a short 1-hour set played by the Paula Cole Band.

The series that kicked off on Feb. 5 with legendary West Coast lowriders War, attracted local residents to the Church St. Marketplace with the promise of good performances for an unbeatable price - free.

The Berklee College of Music graduate stepped on stage along with schoolmates and collaborators of 11 years, Jay Bellerose on the drums and guitarist Kevin Barry and played hits from her 1994 effort Harbinger, Grammy-nominated This Fire and the latest self-produced Amen.

Hits like “Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?” and “I don’t Want to Wait,” out of the Dawson’s Creek soundtrack, were sure shots to keep the large audience singing along for the rest of the evening.

Cole, who was invited to support singer/composer Peter Gabriel’s world tour in 1992-93, is no stranger to success. This Fire topped both MTV and VH1 charts and was nominated to nothing less than 7 different Grammy categories, including one for producer of the year.

Cole was the first female producer to be nominated to that category.

In Amen, Cole goes beyond the boundaries of her own music trying different approaches to songwriting and producing. Cole, a closet hip-hop fan, enlisted old school Gang Starr’s DJ Premier and Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins of TLC for the needed extra kick.

“I love Gang Starr and was so excited to have someone ‘old school’ and authentic contributing to the album,” said Cole during recent interview. Premier scratches on both the album’s stunning title track and on “Rhythm of Life,” a song which features Paula alternating between rapping and singing.

“I’ve never done that on a record before, but I love hip hop and just decided to go for it. I did do sort of a bare bones talking part on “Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?” but I think it sounds better when you all a little ‘flava.’ I don’t care if I get criticized for it, that’s what moves me.”

Cole left the large Orlando audience with a sweet after taste and promised to come back for a much anticipated show at Orlando’s House of Blues in the near future.

Next month Cole and her boys are off to playing Tokyo and Osaka, in Japan and then a short stop in Mexico before coming back to the U.S.
UCF gets a taste of classical

LISA APPELEGATE
STAFF WRITER

Anyone who doesn't already have a profound love for classical music has never seen dedicated, professional musicians performing in a live setting.

Those fortunate enough to have heard about and then attended a concert by the Arman Ensemble can appreciate this seldom-mentioned art form.

The Arman Ensemble features Deniz Arman Gelenbe, Constantin Bogdanas, and Dorel Fodoreanu who play the piano, violin, and cello, respectively. They formed their trio in Paris and have been astounding their audiences for the past fifteen years, most recently at our very own music rehearsal hall this past Wednesday night.

Their chemistry was nothing short of miraculous, as if they were born-playing these beautiful instruments together in one womb.

From love to pain, hope to fear, and new beginnings to foretold demise, these artists painted an emotional portrait in their audiences' minds using classical music perfected with grace and refinement.

"The cello seemed to represent tension, the violin fury, and the piano provided us with a passionate resolution," said student Missy Nordstrom about the first half of the concert, "I've never heard these pieces performed so well before."

The University of Central Florida's Chamber Arts Series, founded by UCF faculty member Ms. Gelenbe, was gracious enough to allow students with school identification into the show free of charge.

This collaboration invites artists from all over Europe to perform here. This past fall it was the Talich Quartet (from Prague), and this spring will feature the Haydn Quartet (of the Netherlands). In spite of all this, there were only 20 students at the event.

Those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity to see a talented musical performance and be exposed to cultural ambiance are encouraged to do so at the Series' next recital on Sunday, April 2 at 3 p.m.

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Henderson takes readers on a soul journey

CHRISTINE QUINN
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George Henderson, author of Our Souls to Keep, had me, as a white liberal, pegged before I read the first page.

Unfortunately, he didn’t know how to communicate with me, which was the stated intention of his book.

“Even white liberals, while they do not trivialize the issue of slavery..... wish blacks would just celebrate their culture and stop being obsessed with their past,” Henderson wrote in the first chapter. He is right, to a certain extent. I do feel that as Americans, both black and white, we should concentrate on changing our society by eliminating his definition of race as “a wall between blacks and whites.”

The past should serve as a warning, not as an unpayable debt.

It is at that point that any similarity between my views on race relations and the views he attributed to “white Americans” ends.

This discrepancy results from his tendency to overgeneralize the views of “white Americans” and “African Americans.” While I think he did an excellent job summing up the barriers that exist in a society comprised of a variety of races, I don’t think his proposed solution to ending those barriers is probable.

He suggests that white Americans become more knowledgeable, and thereby more concerned, with the culture of black Americans. I wish this attitude was possible, but I don’t think anybody can condition themselves to care more for a person who is not in their immediate family or race than they naturally do.

Caring about the world their children will grow up is a different matter.

For this reason, I feel that his excellent writing style should have been directed at a more specific solution than changing the thought process of “white Americans.”

What about rewriting the history books? Fully educating underclass blacks and whites? Changing the culture of America to accommodate everyone, regardless of skin color?

Instead of using recent data, or stories from real life, he composes several fictive conversations between whites and blacks that ultimately stereotype both races.

These mini-stories, though they ultimately undermine his attempt to demolish a racial communication barrier, do show a wonderful skill in storytelling.

I would love to read Henderson’s autobiography; the few, brief pages where he outlines his childhood were my favorites.

Or, if that project is too limiting, I’d like to see a collection of personal anecdotes from blacks and whites that illustrate the racial barrier.

Convince people of the severity of the problem, then propose solutions that involve both races.

If we can work as a nation, not a race, to end segregation, discrimination, and racial tension, then we won’t be keeping our souls, we’ll be sharing them.
lead Stories
Cynthia Lane told reporters in February that she would file a court action with the Ontario Human Rights Commission because Windsor Regional Hospital had labeled her Down syndrome child on charts as "FLK," which several health care personnel testified she was a commonly used term meaning "funny looking kid." Said the hospital's chief of pediatrics, "A lot of parents dislike the term." State-of-the-art veterinary care was described in a January New York magazine story on Manhattan's Animal Medical Center, including kidney dialysis (at $55,000 a year), catheter removals, hip replacements, anterior cruciate ligament repairs, root canals and brain surgery. CPR on small animals (such as, witnessed by the reporter, a pet rat) consists of placing the animal's head inside a doctor's mouth. The New York Times reported in January that veterinary care flourishes in Canada because the private sector runs it, unlike human health care; one man, long wait-listed for an MRI at Ontario hospitals, quickly booked time at an animal hospital.

Lost Words
"Who wants old ugly Kevin Green, anyway?" (uttered by a 17-year-old Atlanta woman who was then shot to death by Kevin's other girlfriend, who was convicted in December, "Make me (stop humming Christmas carols)" (uttered in December by a 78-year-old Menlo Park, Calif., man who was then strangled by his roommate). "I killed your dog" (uttered tauntingly by a 37-year-old Missouri man to her boyfriend's husband, who then shot her to death, according to his December confession; she had already admitted having an affair with an old boyfriend).

Compelling Exploitations
Former pastor Eric Daniel Harris, 37, pled guilty in November to the 1996 arson that burned down the Kentucky Missionary Baptist Church in Saline County, Ark. According to a federal prosecutor, Harris said he did it because "there was a division among church members, and they needed a project to unify them."

In October, a Pennsylvania Corrections Health Court accepted driver John Carlin's argument that it was impossible for him to comply with the police's Breathalyzer demand because he had to urinate so bad that he could not blow firmly into the devise. Said Judge Rochelle Friedman, "The difficulty of such a task is obvious." Officers had denied Carlin a restroom break until he consented to make the standard two blows; the first registered 0.18 (over the legal limit), and he refused to take the second.

According to reports of an NCAA investigation published in the Knoxville News-Sentinel in February, an official in the University of Tennessee English department last year claimed that a star football player plagiarized a class paper, but the university concluded that an athletic department tutor had merely misinterpreted the federal Americans With Disabilities Act. The athletic tutor said she thought the act allowed a student with a learning disability to talk to her about a classroom topic and "a tutor could then draft a paper for the student."

Not My Fault
"A court case has been resolved," Jack Ramsay, who is a member of the Canadian Parliament and who was convicted in November of the 1969 attempted rape of a 14-year-old girl while a member of the Mounted Police, said the case "would never have happened" if she had not let him see her panties. Ramsay admitted recently that while questioning the girl as a crime victim in 1969, he needed to know whether she understood the concept of sexual intercourse and thus asked her to demonstrate it. Ramsay said it was a moment he still maintained she saw the fatal glimpse of her panties. (Ramsay has been ousted from the Reform Party but has not resigned his seat.)

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Dear Nancy,

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- Noisy Neighbors

Dear Noisy,

If you're counting beats instead of sheep and singing along to the words through the wall, it's time to put the neighbors in check. And as usual Nancy has a number of ways to accomplish this. You choose the one that works best for you:

1. If and whenever they're not playing music call and ask them to turn it up because you're going through withdrawal.
2. When they are playing their music call and request a song.
3. Bust through the wall like Hulk and turn it down yourself.
4. Break into their apartment and steal their stereo (when they're not home).

Of course you could do it the conventional way (which will probably be the most effective and keep you out of jail). You could knock on their door and ask them politely to turn it down. I also suggest that when you do this play it cool. You don't want to sound like a person they can push around. You have to let them know you mean business so don't squeak or snort or talk in a puny voice.

And DO NOT tell them you're trying to study — that's just too dorky. And will most likely result in them playing their music increasingly louder.

Dear Nancy,

Lately all I do is sleep. I have a thousand things that I could be doing and things I'd like to do, but I don't have the energy. I find it a challenge to get out of bed in the morning and a lot of the time I'm late to work because of that. A friend asked me the other day and I said I didn't know. How do you tell?

- Too Tired

Dear Too Tired,

Get a grip, you're not depressed or you'd know it. So stop listening to The Cure and examining yourself in the mirror looking for clues because you're fine. You might not like your job and in that case you are not alone. But you have to work so, suck it up and get there on time. Exercise is especially important it gets the chemicals in your brain working (runner's high is not a myth).

There's also foods like peanut butter and bananas that are supposed to give you energy. Unless you have a life threatening disease you have no excuse to stop whining and get out of bed.

The Outdoor Festival will take place on “The Green”, March 21, 2000 from 10am – 3pm. It is open to the UCF community. Mark your calendars! We’ll see you there!
Treat yourself some Bacco

PATTY CANEDO
ASSIST. ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

For the past seven years Bacco Ristorante Italiano has featured delicious Italian cuisine served by a warm, friendly staff. Roberto Bozzalino and Liliana Badamo, owners and chiefs of the restaurant, have been recognized for this not only in Orlando but throughout the country.

Bacco’s serves savory southern and northern Italian dishes, which are made fresh in the restaurant every day. It is for this reason that in 1996 and 1997 Florida Trend named Bacco’s one of the top 200 restaurants in the country and Zagat Survey named it one of the top ten for ‘96, ‘97, ‘98 and ‘99.

Eclectic Gourmet Guide of Orlando ‘99 stated that the restaurant “distinguishes itself with authentic dishes expertly prepared.” But Bacco’s has not only been recognized for its marvelous food, but for its delightful service as well. In 1997 Entertainment awarded Bacco’s the Members Choice Award for “Friendliest Service.”

In fact the owners not only help prepare the food but they walk around the restaurant greeting and chatting with guests, as well as serving them.

Along with an attentive staff, Bacco’s provides a casual, home like atmosphere. Liliana Badamo said that she used to entertain guests quite often.

Since the restaurant is like a second home to her, she has incorporated that ambience in Bacco’s with beautiful Italian decor from her own home and antiques that she has brought over from Italy.

Every month the menu is changed to feature several dishes from the various northern and southern regions of Italy.

For this month, dishes varied from veal cutlets, filet mignon, pork tenderloins, duck legs, a medley of seafood prepared over linguine and various pasta entrees, as well as a Crepe appetizer and another type of appetizer.

The Crepe appetizer for the month was a fresh mushroom shallot served in the creamiest goat cheese sauce with zesty Italian herbs surrounded by a soft delicate dough.

But make sure that you don’t fill up on the outstanding appetizers, you’ll want to save room for the amazing entrees.

The Penne 4 Formaggi was made with fresh penne pasta and had a mozzarella, gorgonzola, fontina, and parmesan cheese sauce, which tasted even better than it sounds! The Rigatoni alla Bolognese is a northern Italian pasta entree.

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Anthrax

Return of the Killer A's

There is no doubt that Anthrax lives and dies for its fans. While most bands would release "greatest hits" packages to entice new fans, Anthrax put its collection together for the people who have stuck with the band through thick and thin. And now, fans of Anthrax can hear the best tunes out of its 17-year career with its latest release, "Return of the Killer A's." Killer A's is packed with the best songs from one of the most innovative yet underappreciated bands to ever storm the planet. From the opening classic "Bring The Noise," featuring Chuck D and Flavor Flav of Public Enemy to their newer hits like "Inside Out," Anthrax refuse to disappoint its fans. Though original plans for a dual-lead singer tour fell apart, current frontman John Bush and ex-frontman Joey Belladonna set their egos aside for their fans like magnets. With chops, two guitars, two drums and three voices. Gordan Gano's raw vocals accompany his equally crude, but amazing, guitar playing. Talented bassist Brian Ritchie follows Guy Hoffman's precise meter. Five other musicians join the others on various songs, but the band's unique folk/punk approach to songwriting and performance are evident throughout.

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Violent Femmes

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Think of rebellion and you might think of the Violent Femmes. In an age of music excess — foot-high hairdos, overproduced albums, bombastic live sets, the band was bare bones. When spouting cliched love ballads was considered poetry, they were writing meaningful satires and critiques. While Poison and Winger mounted their groupies, the Femmes mounted a revolution. 18 years and 12 albums later, the Femmes are still relevant. Pop music has changed: fake breasts have replaced fake hair, boy ballads have replaced power ballads and screaming female fans have been replaced by, well, more screaming female fans. And although the faces of good music's enemies have changed, the fight against them is the same.

Viva Wisconsin, the Violent Femmes' newest live release, epitomizes the spirit of this fight. Recorded live at six different venues in the cheesestate, the album is 20 tracks of live, unadulterated Femmes: the way they were intended to be. For fans and Femmes virgins alike, the album is a must listen. Wisconsin is a carnival of sweet Femmes songs. "Prove My Love," "Add It Up," and crowd favorite "Blinder In The Sun" each bring the house down. The previously unreleased songs "Life Is An Adventure" and "Sweat Worlds Of Angels" are also played in top form. The band's unique folk/punk approach to songwriting and performance are evident throughout.

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The UCF men return to action on March 5 when they host Sienna College at the UCF Tennis center at 2:00 p.m.

McPherson Leads UCF To Second Best Finish
University of Central Florida golfer Jeff McPherson fired a three-round 217 (70-73-74) to place eighth at the Ron Smith/USP Invitational, helping the Golden Knights crack the top 10 individual and top five team standings for the first time this season.

McPherson hit 37 out of 54 holes at par to finish just six strokes behind Florida Southern's Jeff Klauk, the tournament champion. Freshman Ben Osbrach (Gainesville/Bocholz HS) finished at a six-over-par 219 to grab 15th place honors. His second round stroke count of 68 was the single-round lowest score of any competitor at the tournament.

"This was the best performance of the season, and by far the most consistent," said UCF head coach Brian Craig. "Jeff McPherson and Ben Osbrach stepped up their games, which we needed in order to be competitive as a team."

The two top 20 individual performances helped the UCF men finish at a season-high fourth place, tied with 50th-ranked Middle Tennessee State. Simon Sainz (Madrid, Spain/Arturo Soria HS) and Jeff Whitman contributed 224 and 228 to the team total of 886.
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Being in a conference means bowl game affiliation, national recognition, and above all else, money. To get into a top conference, however, a school needs to prove that it will be competitive and bring in a lot of fans. In addition, they have to have money. Last year, the Golden Knights were courted by some conference whose acronym doesn’t even bear repeating, which included such powerhouse as Middle Tennessee and Louisiana-Monroe. Yeah, right. The immediate benefits might have been good for UCF, but joining a rinky-dink conference would not have been a good decision for a team that expects to become a national power. In his speech, Fowler weighed in on the issue, saying that UCF should wait for the right situation.

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QB Penn named Offensive Player of the year at annual awards show

Bright," Fowler told the crowd. "There’s no reason this program can’t go as far as you want it to. It has progressed with a courageous vision. Those of us that follow this sport admire that, and appreciate that kind of vision and the guts to play anybody anywhere.

"Obviously you didn’t get that breakthrough win you were looking for, but you will always be able to look back and remember taking on those giants week after week. And you’re going to get that breakthrough win; it’s going to happen."

Much to the audience’s delight, Fowler observed that UCF was most definitely robbed against Georgia last season, and looked forward to bringing his show to the Citrus Bowl sometime in the near future.

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Then it was time for the awards, which included the recognition of the seniors, introduction of the letterman, Academic-Athletic awards, Strength and Conditioning Awards, Individual Team Awards, and the "Big Stick" award.

Quarterback Victor Penn took home the Offensive MVP Award, defensive lineman Justin Moore earned the Defensive MVP, and Ricot Joseph was selected as MVP of Special Teams. The Most Spirited award went to defensive lineman Josh McKibben, and graduating senior Marv Richardson won the Stuart Stipe Award, given to a walk-on that makes the most significant contribution to the team. The coveted "Big Stick" award, which is given weekly and at the end of the year for the biggest hit during a game, went to strong safety Elliot Shorter for his destruction of a Georgia Tech wide receiver.

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The University of Central Florida made a giant step toward re-establishing a women’s softball program at the school Thursday as former Texas Tech coach Renee Gillispie has been singled out by the search committee as the recommended candidate for the coaching position. Her hiring will become official after the search is reviewed by University officials and a contract is issued.

Gillispie, who announced her resignation at Texas Tech this week, has spent the past nine years building the programs of three different schools. UCF is hoping to revive its own program, which started in 1975, but was disbanded after the 1980 season. Gillispie will have the remainder of 2000 and 2001 to organize the program, which will begin play in the spring of 2002 in a soon-to-be-built on-campus softball complex.

"Gillispie stood out because she has started programs at other schools and brought them to national prominence," said UCF associate athletics director Mary Kaufman. "Everyone we talked to noted that she has brought success to each softball program she has touched. We are looking forward to the contributions that she can make at UCF and I am personally looking forward to working with her because she is very personable and I believe she will interact well with the central Florida community and will develop a dynamic program."

Gillispie, 40, spent four years building the Texas Tech program, leading the Red Raiders to a 17th place national ranking in 1998 and a 24th place ranking the following year. Her teams posted a three season record of 115-79-1, garnering runner-up honors to the 1999 NCAA Regional Championship third place in the 1999 Big 12 Conference Tournament and fourth place in the 1998 conference championship.

Prior to her successful career at Texas Tech, Gillispie rebuilt softball programs at Bradley University and Joliet Junior College. She took over the BU team in 1993, transforming a 1992 record of 12 wins and 25 losses to 33 wins and eight losses in 1994. The 1994 team also finished second place in the Missouri Valley Conference and ranked fifth in the nation for winning percentage.

A member of the National Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association, Gillispie took conference coach of the year honors as head coach of the 1992 Joliet Junior College conference championship softball team. Gillispie inherited the team in 1991, just after they had posted a 2-29 win-loss record in 1990. She transformed the team into a NICAA Regional runner-up with a much improved 32-12 record in 1992.

She graduated from West Texas State University in 1984 with a degree in Recreation Administration. Gillispie set seven school records while pitching at WTSU, including records for career strike-outs and wins.

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Junior Jason Arnold came to UCF from Melbourne High School with a reputation as a hard-throwing starting pitcher. When he chose to attend UCF, it already had three established starters but was in need of a closer.

Arnold fit the bill.

Knowing that relieving would be his best opportunity to make an impact as a freshman, he took the role as the closer and the rest, as they say, was history.

"The main adjustment you have to make (from starter to reliever) is a mental adjustment," Arnold said. "It took a while, but I was groomed pretty much the whole fall (as a freshman) for that. It didn't come as hard to me as it does come to a lot of people. They always say that anybody can start, but not anybody can relieve." Arnold has proved that he can pitch out of the bullpen and is one of a select few who can be a dominant closer.

Perfect time.

"Going into the season I pretty much had an idea that I would be able to do it. And what a place to do it. This year, Arnold has only thrown 10.1 innings in the first 15 games, a far cry from last year he was used in a variety of roles that became very difficult to handle. On two different occasions, he closed the first game of a double-header and started the next game. Other times he would come in relief in the fifth or sixth inning and throw the remainder of the game. Starter David Rankin says it's one of the few closers in the country that every team has got to have that type of mentality for a closer. And any team that has a closer like him has a chance to be successful at that role," Coach Jay Bergman said.

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Arnold seeks out first trip to NCAA's

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But while all the personal accolades have come for him, his hopes of winning multiple conference championships have not come as quickly and easily.

“We haven’t even won a TAAC championship since I’ve been here,” said Arnold, a two-time first-team All-TAAC selection. “We’re talking about all this tradition, but we haven’t done anything since I’ve been here. It gets kind of frustrating when you win some games and you have good individual statistics but we’re not going anywhere. It’s time right now to get it done.”

He jokingly wonders what he has to do to help the Golden Knights win a TAAC title while he is here.

“It makes you just wonder, what am I doing wrong?”, Arnold said. “I think that all the guys have their mind set on this year, and that goal (to win the TAAC) is extremely reachable. And our goals are a lot higher than that.”

Arnold will be draft eligible this year, and UCF knows what it’s like to be hit hard with underclassmen leaving for the big leagues, having lost seven juniors to the pros following the 1998 season. Scouts are waiting for Arnold to make the jump to the next level, but he says that winning a conference title is something that he wants to try and accomplish before leaving.

“I want to see how this year goes as a team especially,” Arnold said. “It’s going to effect my decision a lot on how the team comes together and how we fare. I’m really pretty much in the middle right now on what I think I’m going to do.”

Rankin says he is one of the two best pitchers he has seen, along with Michael Zeigler of Florida State. And he feels Arnold has everything he needs to succeed at the next level.

“He’s got three pitches that are unbelievable,” Rankin said. “It’s nice to throw 93 miles per hour, but at the same time he can rely on some other pitches too, which makes him even more effective. He’s got the complete package.”

Despite having the complete package, Arnold is still hesitant to say if he would definitely turn pro after this season. He saw last year that then-junior Dustin Brinson turned down the New York Mets to return to UCF for his senior year after putting up record-breaking numbers.

Arnold now has had his own record-breaking season, but he said it will take a lot of persuasion to get him to leave UCF.

“It’s going to have to be a good enough offer from a team where it’s going to outweigh the experiences and stuff that you have in a senior year and the value of graduating,” Arnold said. “It’s going to take quite a bit to get me out of here, but it could happen.”

So while UCF will have to play the waiting game to see if Arnold decides to turn pro, it will at least have him for the remainder of this season to make a run at regaining that TAAC dominance that brought him here in the first place.

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LSU in town for three game series

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“This is a typical LSU team because they’re going to have power pitching and they’re going to swing the bat,” Coach Jay Bergman said.

The Tigers are the highest profile team to visit Orlando since the University of Florida made a trip to UCF in 1994. The Golden Knights are 1-7 all-time against LSU with its only win coming in the middle of a three-game series in 1985. LSU has since won six straight over the Golden Knights.

Pope has been looking forward to his opportunity to throw against the Tigers again, since he was the starting pitcher in the 18-4 loss one year ago.

“I can’t wait. I’ve been thinking about this game for a year now,” Pope said. “I just can’t wait to step on the hill and throw against them.”

The Knights have a good understanding of what LSU is capable of after playing Alabama for three games. Playing in front of 6,000-plus fans per game but weekend at Alabama definitely gave the Crimson Tide the home-field advantage.

Bergman hopes bringing a team the caliber of LSU to Orlando will draw the fans out to Tinker Field so that UCF has the same home intensity.

“We hope that the city of Orlando and the students can come out and support us,” Bergman said. “If they don’t, then it’s like playing a road game.”

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UCF TAKES ONE AGAINST A TOP 5 PROGRAM

UCF (9-6) traveled to Tuscaloosa, Alabama in search of some respect against the No. 5-ranked Alabama Crimson Tide. It earned it Friday night, going 3-2 against a Top 5 opponent, but Alabama (9-6) came out the next two games wanting to prove why they were ranked fifth in the country. They did so in a big way, losing 18-4 and 10-5.

On the weekend, everything went right for the Golden Knights outside of the series that we wanted to get because we wanted to play on the road against a Top 10 with in a very hostile with a good baseball environment, and that’s exactly what we did,” Coach Jay Bergman said. “We won one ball game, we got blown out, and we played hard in the third ball game. These are the carry over things you look for.

Sunday’s finale was over early, much like Saturday’s game, as the Crimson Tide scored early and often in route to a 10-5 victory over UCF. Justin Pope was the second consecutive UCF starter to struggle as he allowed four runs in the third and three in the fourth.

The Golden Knights made the score respectable and never let up despite being down 8-1 through four innings. UCF scored two in the fifth and two more in the seventh to give itself some confidence heading into a three-game home stand against LSU.

“I thought we hit the ball real good, but we didn’t hit the ball in the air and they got the ball up and the wind carried a couple of them,” Coach Jay Bergman said. “We put ourselves in a position to win, and Pope did not pitch that bad of a ball game.”

The loss Saturday resembled the drubbing that UCF took last year in Baton Rouge against LSU. It was over early because of an offensive outburst by Alabama, and it was the identical score (18-4) the Golden Knights lost to LSU.

David Rankin struggled early, lasting only 1.2 innings and left the game in the second inning with the bases loaded. Jesse Marlo relieved Rankin and was greeted by a Rock Mills’ grand slam to put UCF up 8-0. Rankin is just in a zone all year.

“I thought we fared well in the second inning weren’t earned, but I didn’t pitch well,” Rankin said. “And that’s the bottom line.”

UCF managed very little at the plate as Jon Bertelli against the Crimson Tide, the Golden Knights staff threw 25 innings, yielding 33 runs in 42 hits. But Alabama crushed five home runs, including three off Justin Brisson, who was just in a zone all year.

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“TROUBLE WITH LEFTIES

UCF pitcher Dustin Brisson threw 18 innings with no walks, and he threw less than 10 pitches in four of his eight innings. Jason Graham ended his 11-game hit streak Saturday with a 0-for-3 performance against LSU.

Max Bertelli, who gave up eight runs on seven hits in 4 2/3 innings, also started for UCF. Bertelli struck out four and lowered his season ERA to 3.59 in 30 at-bats. More importantly than the averages, UCF is 6-9 when its opposition throws a righty and only 3-5 for lefty starters.

“It’s the second weekend in a row that we’ve had the same pattern in the middle game of a series with a left-handed pitcher pitching,” Bergman said. “I have no answer to it. We just have to play through it and figure out how we’re going to his left-handed pitchers. That’s just a matter of the players doing what they’re supposed to do.”

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On the eve of last year’s 18-4 loss at LSU, Alabama beat UCF by the exact score Saturday... Outfielder Jason Graham was suspended for Sunday’s finale against Alabama due to a team rules violation. Graham ended his 11-game hit streak Saturday with a 0-for-3 performance against LSU.

UCF pitcher Dustin Brisson extended his team-high hit streak to 11 games Sunday with a two-run double in the seventh inning... UCF is now only 5-28 with the bases loaded this season. UCF pitchers lost control in the final two games against Alabama, hitting eight Crimson Tide players... The Golden Knights helped Alabama set a record for the largest crowd to ever see a three-game series at Sewell-Thomas Stadium. The three-game total of 18,772 fans broke the previous record of 15,331 set against LSU May 9-11, 1997.

TROUBLE WITH LEFTIES

Coach Jay Bergman has expressed all year that UCF has to prove that it can hit against left-hand-
Women's basketball team closes regular season

For the UCF women's basketball team, a very long, regular season is about to come to an end. The defending TAAC Champions have endured what Coach Gail Striegler calls "a merry-go-round of injuries," losing seven of the 12 players on their roster to injury at some point during the season. Mixing and matching lineups on the court, the Golden Knights have struggled to find any measure of consistency and currently sit in next to last place in the conference standings. Their 7-19 record is the worst for the team since the 1992-93 season.

But if the Golden Knights can put together four wins in four days, all can be forgotten with a Cinderella run through the upcoming TAAC Tournament.

Last week, the team broke a four-game losing streak with a 69-60 win over Troy State, but then returned to their struggles in a 49-33 loss to Mercer. This week, the team plays its last regular season game, a home matchup with conference foe Florida Atlantic (14-12, 12-5 TAAC) on Mac 4. FAU is riding a four-game winning streak, and picked up an 89-88 win over TSU and a 59-56 win over Mercer last week. The Owls are the conference's top offensive team at 73.2 points a game, but also are league's worst defensive team, giving up 77 points a game.

Senior center Sheridan Andrews leads the way for FAU with 18.7 points and 6.5 rebounds a game. The Owls offensive strength lies in their passing, as they have three players that rank among the TAAC leaders in assists. Their main outside threat is junior guard LaTorrja Mathews, who is seventh in the conference in three-point shooting.

The Golden Knights have the edge in rebounding, averaging 41.1 per game to FAU's 38.3.

UCF will rely heavily on forwards LaToya Graham and Khaliah Guillory, who have carried the team since the loss of center Camille Howard to a knee injury. During that time, Graham has averaged 16 points and 7.1 rebounds per game. FAU, on the other hand, is averaging 13.6 points and 6.8 rebounds. After missing almost two months following arthroscopic surgery, Howard has begun to dress with the team but hasn't yet to see any game action. Her return will undoubtedly help the Golden Knights, but may not bring any drastic changes to the team's strategy.

"(Her return) changes some stuff around, but we really can't add to many things," said Striegler. "Everyone will be back, but people aren't used to playing with each other so you can't make a lot of changes. It probably won't change a lot of different things, we just need to execute the things that we have better and do a better job of stopping other teams on defense."

UCF currently sits in ninth place in the conference standings, and depending on the outcomes of this week's games, could play either Troy State or Jacksonville University in the first round of the TAAC Tournament. The Golden Knights swept Troy State in the regular season, including last week's win and a 78-70 victory over Jan. 8. Jacksonville, however, took two close games from UCF winning 61-54 on Feb. 17 and 57-56 on Jan. 15, the Golden Knights' first game without Howard following her surgery. In both games, Jacksonville took big early leads, forcing UCF to make second half comebacks that weren't quite successful.

Regardless of their opponent, the Golden Knights will have to play to their full potential if they want to earn the TAAC's bid to the NCAA Tournament. Striegler has maintained all season that when healthy, her team is among the best in the conference. The Golden Knights face an uphill battle, however, winning four games in four days will require them to reach a level of consistency that they haven't had all season.

"We're just going to have to come to play every night, do whatever it takes to win each ballgame," said Striegler. "You can't look too far ahead, you've got to prepare for each one individually and try to win it."
FROM THE SPORTS DESK

UCF signs four area stars

In an effort to maintain its national ranking among team scoring leaders and establish a strong defensive foundation for the future, the University of Central Florida men's soccer team announced the signing of four local student-athletes to national letters of intent Monday.

Striker Bruno Santos (Orlando/Dr. Phillips HS) is foremost among them. Orange County's leading scorer with 26 goals is 5-foot-11 and 175 pounds. He will join another forward with a keen scoring touch, Hugo Martinis (Orlando/Dr. Phillips HS), a 5-foot-8, 150-pounder who has been Santos' teammate since the age of seven, ranks just behind him with 23 goals.

Forward-midfielder Fernando Villalobos (Lake Mary/Lake Mary HS) also had a superb season with 21 goals. At 5-foot-10 and 170 pounds, he'll bring another dimension of speed and versatility to the squad. While much of the UCF attack crumbled from the air game in recent years, the Golden Knights lose this year with the graduation of stars Heikki Ritvanen (Espoo, Finland/Makelanrinteen Lukio) and Ari Nurmii (Helsinki, Finland/Hammenkyhyn Lukio), who combined for about 40 percent of UCF's goals in 1999 and paced the Golden Knights to sixth place in the NCAA Division I rankings at 2.84 goals per game.

"These players have proven they can score at the club and high school levels over the last four years," says Winch. "They will be looked upon to compensate for the 41 goals lost to graduation."

All-State candidate Nick Ascenzo (Oviedo/Oviedo HS) gives UCF an excellent option at backup goalkeeper, a position at which the Golden Knights were caught short this past season. The 6-3, 200-pound netminder averaged 17 shutouts per year the last four years. The leader for a Class 4A Region 1 Finalist squad, Ascenzo backstopped a playoff run that ended with Friday's overtime loss to Orange Park.

"Nick is very vocal back there. He dominates in the box and reminds me of [Miami Fusion keeper] Jeff Cassar," says Winch.

The Golden Knights look forward to senior leadership from (wo)-time TAAC keeper Antti Laitinen (Vantaa, Finland/Makelanrinteen Lukio). Junior striker Remi Hariz (Veby, Norway/Vesbygrendse Skole) will be able to move back to his natural position from midfield and improve on his 13 points of 1999 as a go-to man.

Women's tennis defeats FAU

The University of Central Florida women's tennis team defeated Florida Atlantic 8-1 in Tennis action Sunday at the UCF Tennis Center. The win improves the Golden Knights to 6-2 overall and 3-0 in TAAC play.

UCF swept all three doubles matches and won five of the six singles matches to defeat the Owls. In the singles #1 UCF's Veronica Widyadharmata fell to FAU's Kristin Jordan 6-2, 6-2 for her first loss of the year after seven straight wins to open the season. The win comes after the Golden Knights defeated Rollins 9-0 at the UCF Tennis Complex on Friday afternoon.

UCF returns to action on March 2-3 when they travel to Dallas, Texas to take on SMU and then TCU. Both matches are slated to start at 2:00 p.m.

Men's tennis falls at USF

The University of Central Florida men's tennis team fell 4-3 to South Florida in Tennis action.

Women's Basketball Notebook

Bring out the Brooms

The UCF women's basketball team picked up their first sweep of a TAAC opponent this season with a 72-62 win over Troy State last week. Trailing by as many as 10 points early in the game, the Golden Knights used a 20-3 run to take a rare 33-25 halftime advantage. UCF (7-19, 4-13 TAAC) extended its lead to as many as 20 points in the second half before holding off a late rally by the Trojans to seal the victory. Forward LaToya Graham led the Golden Knights with 22 points, while Khaliah Guillory added 11. The Golden Knights shot 44 percent from the field, beating their season average of 40 percent.

In the two teams first meeting, UCF center Camille Howard dominated in the post, scoring 17 points and grabbing 10 rebounds to lead the Golden Knights to a 78-70 victory. Freshman Erin Page led UCF in scoring with 19 points and added six rebounds, while Graham scored 14 points and had five rebounds.

The 78 points scored in the game by the Golden Knights is their second highest total of the season. The score of 81-71 against Florida Gulf Coast is their season high.

UCF is currently seventh in the TAAC regular season standings, and is one of UCF's possible first round opponents in the conference tournament. The Golden Knights are coming off the standings with one game left on their schedule.

Merce Has UCF's Number

In contrast with their success against Troy State, the Golden Knights have struggled this season against Mercer, losing once again to the Bears last week. Mercer, who is the TAAC's top defensive team, held UCF to 24 percent shooting on route to a 49-33 victory.

Senior Chumma Robinson led Mercer with 15 points, 11 rebounds, and seven blocked shots, while sophomore Mia Washington added 13 points and five rebounds.

The Golden Knights reached double figures in points, with LaToya Graham scoring a team-high seven. Senior guard LaDonna Larry led UCF with 10 rebounds. The 33 points scored by UCF was their lowest output of the season.

Their second lowest total of the year also came against Mercer, when the Bears once again put the defensive clamps on UCF in a 50-36 win on Jan. 6. The Golden Knights shot an identical 24 percent in that game, including making only two of 13 three-point attempts. Junior guard Nancy Richter led the team that day with nine points, as UCF scored just 18 points in each half.

Mercer (13-12, 8-8 TAAC) has clinched the fifth seed in the upcoming TAAC Tournament, and is not a team that UCF would face until the semifinals if both squads were to make it that far.

Super 6's

Since center Camille Howard, the teams leading scorer and rebounder, went down with a knee injury nearly two months ago, LaToya Graham and Khaliah Guillory have carried the team on their shoulders. Only once in that span of 13 games did a player other than Guillory or Graham lead UCF in scoring. During that time period, Graham averaged 16 points and 7.1 rebounds, while Guillory averaged 13.6 points and 6.8 rebounds. No other Golden Knight is averaging double figures in scoring.

Howard is now dressing with the team, but hasn't seen any game action yet. She is expected to be able to play in TAAC Tournament, which takes place March 8-11 in Palm Beach, Alab. It will take some time, however, for Howard to regain her early season form, so UCF's success in their bid to repeat as TAAC Champions will likely continue to depend on the play of Guillory and Graham.
Junior inyo Cue has stepped into the starting lineup and will have to play big to give the Knights a good chance in the TAAC Tournament. Because of injuries, the 6-foot-4 Cue is the team's power forward.

UCF needs a carbon copy of their final fifteen minutes against the Gamecocks to be successful in their quarterfinal rubber game. The Knights out-scored JSU 39-26 in the second half of that victory, erasing a 46-35 lead with 15:39 remaining.

UCF scored the game’s final seven points, holding the Gamecocks scoreless for the final three minutes of the contest. Gurley couldn't match his performance in the first outing against the Knights, scoring just four on two-of-nine shooting and committing five turnovers. He missed each of his six 3-point attempts.

JSU ended the regular season by beating surging Mercer, 81-79, in overtime. The Gamecocks lost two of their last three prior to the win.

UCF must overcome lack of height, depth.

UCF must play smart and play with the level of intensity that helped them gain short-handed wins against Samford and Jacksonville State during the final homestand of the season. The team must rebound collectively and scrap for every loose ball, rebounds included. Stewart must dominate offensively, and Jason Thornton will have to regain the form from beyond the arc that at one point had him as the nation’s second most prolific 3-point shooter.
TAAC has five teams capable of winning NCAA bid

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This week's TAAC Tournament has a chance to be one of the best in recent memory, as the top five seeds, including the University of Central Florida, all have a realistic chance at winning the tournament. A win in the TAAC tournament would be a major milestone, and the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

The conference race has seen two teams finish near the bottom of the standings a year ago surge to the top this year, with Troy State actually gaining a share of the conference crown, and Jacksonville State, UCF's quarterfinal opponent, remaining in contention until the final week of the regular season. Georgia State also gained a share of the conference title, winning their last five games, including a 78-51 beating of the Golden Knights to end the regular season. Samford enters with wins in six of its last seven games and finished third in the TAAC despite losing five more conference games than it did last season. Throw in a UCF team that has beaten each of the top five seeds except Troy State and has the athleticism to compete, and it's anybody's ballgame. Even upset-minded Campbell, has the athleticism to compete, and it's anybody's business of the five favorites involved and what five seeds, including the Florida, all have a realistic chance at winning the tournament.

Strengths: Point guard Deric Golden can take over a game like no other player in the conference and is a virtual lock for Player of the Year honors. His ability to control the action will be critical to the Trojans' success. Another strength is the team's 3-point shooting ability, with their percentage ranking among the national leaders. Matt Holman, Tote Christopher, and sixth man Robert Rushing can all ignite rallies with their perimeter shooting.

Weaknesses: Golden can't afford to get into foul trouble because guard Nekolus Jenkins and is a virtual rock for Holman, and has the athleticism to compete, and it's everybody's business of the five favorites involved and what five seeds, including the Florida, all have a realistic chance at winning the tournament.

Turnamen kep: Play consistently and with lots of energy. The Panthers don't shoot the ball well consistently, and if they did, this conference tournament would be a moot point, as they would be the clear favorite. They can still win without catching fire however, by simplifying hustling on both sides of the ball and relying on their sheer superiority in the talent department to gain the bid.

No. 3 SAMFORD

Strengths: Samford comes in with the confidence of having been there before. Last season, the Bulldogs rolled through the regular season with a 15-1 mark, but weren't the clear-cut favorite to win the crown, as Georgia State and UCF still got the most consideration. However, Tillitt's team carved up the competition and cruised into the NCAA's. They'll use that same system and veteran savvy in their quest for a return trip.

Weaknesses: The Bulldogs' invincibility is gone, and they will have to fight for everything they get. The team has for some reason lost their room for error, and must execute at maximum efficiency in order to get by the three games in three days.

No. 4 JACKSONVILLE STATE

Strengths: JSU may be the deepest of any of the teams in Jacksonville this week. The guard combination of Rashard Willie and Marlon Gurley is a formidable one capable of putting a lot of points on the board, but the most improved strength lies upfront, where underrated Mike McDaniel and Nebraska transfer Brazi Harriam have become two of the league's top rebounders and most effective post tandems.

Weaknesses: Gurley and Willie can be formidable players, but the Speed and having been ineligible from postseason play since coming over from Division II in 1996.

No. 5 UCF

Strengths: UCF can rely on its guard play, which is always pivotal during tournament play. Seniors Cory Perry and D'Quarius Stewart have one last chance at an NCAA berth and will do

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Golden Knights seeded fifth in TAAC Tournament

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Forced to scrap with an undersized line-up for the latter part of the regular season, UCF managed to get through it and earn the fifth seed in the conference tournament, gaining a favorable draw in that it avoids Sanford and Georgia State, the TAAC's two hottest teams and pre-season favorites, until the final.

"Certainly, Georgia State and Sanford come into the tournament as the two highest teams, playing the best basketball," Coach Kirk Speraw said. "It appears we'll avoid them for as long as possible, but Troy State and Jacksonville State in the our bracket are tough teams as well."

UCF split with opening opponent Jacksonville State during the regular season, and fell in both meetings against Troy State. However, the Knights' early-season struggles are now obsolete, as they now face the same predicament that faces each of the TAAC's top six seeds: win three games in three days or see your season end.

Simple as that. The 2000 Bank of America Trans America Athletic Conference tournament gets underway on Mar. 1 in Jacksonville with the opening round of play-in games, pitting No. 8 Mercer against the No. 9 tournament host Jacksonville Dolphins. No. 7 Stetson takes on No. 10 Florida Atlantic in the second game of the evening, as the Hatters look to advance to the quarterfinals by keeping FAU winless in conference competition. The Owls finished the regular season at 0-18 in TAAC play.

Thursday's quarterfinals will feature No. 3 Samford, the defending champion, facing No. 6 Campbell at 1 p.m., with No. 2 Georgia State playing the Stetson/Florida Atlantic winner following the conclusion of the first game of the day. The evening session of action at the Jacksonville Memorial Coliseum will start with No. 1 Troy State facing the Mercer/Jacksonville winner at 7 p.m., and conclude with the No. 4 Jacksonville State/No. 5 UCF matchup.

UCF played Jacksonville State well this season, blowing a double-digit lead at the Pete Mathes Coliseum in an eventual 90-83 overtime loss on Jan. 10. JSU leading scorer Marlon Gurley matched Jason Thornton's and DJorius Stewart's 28-point output, and hit a pair of 3-pointers in the final 20 seconds, the second of which forced the extra period.

Thornton tied a school record with eight 3-pointers in that game, but had his performance offset by Gurley, who countered with six. JSU also got solid contributions from its frontcourt, getting 17 points and nine rebounds from Mike McDaniel and 14 points and 15 rebounds from Nebraska transfer Brent Harriman, who has emerged as the conference leader in rebounding, getting an average of 9.6 per game.

UCF got even and started its late season surge against the Gamecocks, suffering at the UCF Arena, 68-64 on Feb. 17, rallying from a double-digit deficit of its own to pull themselves out of a two-game losing streak.

Coach Kirk Speraw announced that big man Roy Leah would be out for the tournament, leaving a sizable void in the frontcourt for the Knights to fill.

UCF has a chance for a second straight SEC foe, and a chance to test itself against a high-caliber opponent, the Golden Knights. The LSU Tigers make their way to Tinker Field for a three-game series beginning Friday, giving UCF another opportunity to test itself against a high-caliber opponent.

This is the second straight season UCF will have played LSU at home after losing a two-game set in Baton Rouge last year. Following an 18-4 drubbing in the first game of the series, UCF managed a respectable 5-2 loss in the finale.

Fortunately for UCF, 18 current players faced the Tigers last year and know what to expect from the perennial national title contender. LSU fell one round short of the College World Series last year after losing both games in the Super Regional in Tuscaloosa.

Sophomore starter Justin Pope faced the Tigers last year and hopes this weekend's experience against Alabama will help the team get comfortable opposite SEC-caliber competition.

"We got to go on the road in front of a big crowd, and we played Alabama, who is a great competition," Pope said. "Hopefully playing Alabama will help prepare the guys for it."

LSU was ranked No. 8 in the preseason Baseball America poll and had risen to No. 3 last week. However, the Tigers have lost the last three games after going into a tailspin since rising in the polls after a 6-0 start.

They won two of three games against then-No. 17 Arizona State, but lost the final game of the three-game series to the Sun Devils starting a five-game losing streak that includes getting swept in a three-game series against Houston at home, which was the first home-sweep of LSU since 1988. Despite the Tigers' recent struggles, UCF knows its in a battle for its regular season.