Housing task force voices recommendations

UCF student housing to accommodate 22 percent of student population by 2002

**ADAM SHIVER** STAFF WRITER

After eight meetings of the housing task force set up by Orange County Commissioner Mel Martinez earlier this spring, a list of recommendations has been agreed upon. The community and UCF are still in disagreement though on how much housing should be provided by UCF itself.

The housing task force met most recently on Nov. 2 in the university's Student Union. The meeting brought a list of possible solutions to disputes that have been raging between developers and homeowners since early 1999. The community surrounding UCF has recently turned their concerns toward the university saying that they feel more on-campus dormitories are necessary.

"I think to date we've met our civic responsibility," said Thomas Huddleston, Vice President of Student Development and Enrollment Services. "I believe UCF has not been lax in developing student housing on this campus." By fall 2002, 21-22 percent of the entire student body will be housed on campus. This is to be accomplished by through a variety of different ways. A new resident housing village will add 1,600 beds to UCF's current total. In addition to the village, 400 beds in Greek Row and as the housing facilities located in Knight's Krossing and Knight's Court will house the university's students.

These are not the only additions that UCF will be adding in the next five years. How much and where the housing would be located is still undecided, said Huddleston.

The idea of partnership between UCF and other off-campus housing such as Knight's Krossing has not been ruled out, but is not likely as of right now, stated Huddleston. The deal with Knight's Krossing and Knight's Court will not be finalized until mid December or early January, he added.

Redevelopment of many area apartment complexes along Alafaya Trail was a suggestion which won the support of the task force. The redevelopment project would encourage builders to purchase rundown properties, turning them into new student dwellings.

Bacopoulos crowned as Mr. UCF 2001

**KRISTA ZILIZI** STAFF WRITER

UCF sophomore Peter Bacopoulos was crowned Mr. UCF 2001 on Nov. 18 at the annual Mr. UCF pageant.

The civil engineering major competed against seven UCF students in interview, talent, beach and evening wear competitions. Bacopoulos performed a glow stick performance to the techno remix "Angel Falls."

Bacopoulos is involved with several organizations at UCF as well as others outside the university. He is a member of the Tau Kwan Doe Club, a student mentor for the Engineering Association, member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a Pi Kappa Phi fraternity brother. His hobbies include surfing, volleyball, racquetball, drawing and dancing.

Bacopoulos plans to earn a masters degree at Florida Atlantic University in ocean engineering.

This year the Mr. UCF pageant offered five scholarship opportunities to contestants. The new Mr. UCF received $1,200, the first runner up received $800 and the second runner up received $600. Senior Frank Holmes placed second and Junior Adam Payne became first runner up. Two non-finalist awards for best talent and best interview were given to Wesley Todd Holiday and Matthew Kanan. Both contestants were awarded $300. Holiday, a musical theater major, won best talent for his piano and vocal performance to the theme song "Kissing You" from the 1996 movie Romeo and Juliet. Kanan, a psychology graduate student, was awarded best interview. Private interview sessions were conducted earlier in the day before the pageant.

Mr. UCF, as well as the first and second runner up each receive scholarship awards, and complimentary services from Olsen Tires, Friendly's and Power Kickboxing. The new Mr. UCF

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UCF Trial Team ranked 12th in the nation

**ELISSA JACOB** STAFF WRITER

"We've had students hold off graduation so they could be in another year," said Dr. Rob Remis, head coach of the UCF Trial Team.

Such devotion and dedication in a team at UCF is noteworthy and admirable. Teammates not only have a tight bond, but the proven drive, ambition and dedication to win time after time.

"We haven't been to a competition yet where we haven't brought home trophies," said Remis.

The UCF Trial Team is a relatively new organization on campus, and president of the team, senior Corey Harris, thinks the team has hit the ground running. "We're 12th in the nation, in our third year, that's unheard of."

Most of the Trial Team members consist of political science, criminal justice or legal studies majors, but Remis
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Robinson Observatory offers stargazing opportunities

Telescope in storage for nearly 20 years

AMY PAVUK
STAFF WRITER

The next four months are the best time for students to visit the Robinson Observatory, Director Nadine Barlow said. The sky is clearest during cooler temperatures, which gives observers a great view of the solar system. The Robinson Observatory houses the second largest telescope in the state. The 26-inch telescope has the power to view planets, gas clouds and star clusters. Currently, the rings and moons of Saturn, Jupiter and polar caps on Mars can be seen on a clear night, Barlow said. Students and the public can visit the Observatory 7:30-10:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of every month, excluding university holidays. Admission is free and children are welcome.

"We have been seeing 50 to 60 visitors each night, which has been an increase from past years," Barlow said. "We see students who take evening classes and stop by when they see the dome is open. Also, high school teachers often bring their classes for viewing," she explained.

The Robinson Observatory has been operating since 1996. The telescope was originally built for the University of South Florida in 1968, but was sent to the University of Florida shortly after. The telescope sat in storage for nearly 20 years. In the early 1990's an amateur group heard about the telescope and suggested UCF build an observatory so the telescope could be used.

"Barlow said a large donation from Herbert and Susan Robinson provided UCF with the funds to build the observatory. Majors and minors in the astronomy program use the Robinson Observatory as a tool for learning. Barlow said students taking introduction to astronomy, a general education option, may use the observatory a few times during their course. However, upper level astronomy courses use the Observatory frequently. One upper-level course is actually taught in the Observatory," Barlow added. The Robinson Observatory is located on campus, off Neptune Drive. Call (407) 823-1280 for information.

James Nunez
STAFF WRITER

Uh, I believe you dropped something

Tiffany Brown, 18, was stopped for running a red light by Officer E. Lashinsky. Upon making contact with the driver, Officer Lashinsky detected alcohol emitting from the car. He claimed that during the stop, he witnessed Brown remove a picture ID from her wallet and drop it into the back floorboard of her car. After Brown had given him her license, Lashinsky asked to see the ID that she had discarded. Brown did present the ID to Lashinsky who learned that it actually belonged to Brown's sister, Jamie A. Brown. Officer Lashinsky then made the following statement in his police report, "Based on my experience as a substance abuse prevention education and enforcement officer, I believe she used this ID to obtain alcohol, because she was attempting to hide it from me." The ID was placed into evidence.

Drunken driver nearly misses accident with patrol car.

On the night of Nov. 5, Officers Chronister and Popovich were attempting to stop a vehicle that had run a stop sign on Gemini Blvd. The driver, Tracy Borders, had not stopped earlier when commanded by Officer Popovich.

During the pursuit, Borders drove her vehicle directly at Officer Chronister's patrol car. Officer Chronister yelled, "Police stop." Borders did not comply, however, and swerved at Chronister's car hitting the mountain bike mounted on the rear. The vehicle then drove off.

Later, the officers found the vehicle parked in one of the university's parking lots. As they approached the vehicle, they found Borders lying across the passenger seat, asleep. Upon the officer's command, she exited the car and was arrested after failing the DUI tests they had administered.

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Monies reallocated for required classes

Part-time instructors, student assistant expenses cut in CAS

DIANA HENNING
STAFF WRITER

"Recently, Dean Kathryn Seidel asked each department in the College of Arts and Sciences to analyze their overall budgets to see if any areas could be economized. Several cuts in courses and equipment have been decided upon since that will slow the progress of students obtaining their required courses," commented Director of Communications, Dr. Mike Meeske.

"These cuts will include areas such as buying equipment and expenses for operations and such. It is best to trim a budget in these areas first," stated Seidel. "About seven out of our 18 major units said they may have to cut some classes," she further announced.

Courses with low enrollments or low demand were the first to go. The following courses are now unavailable for the spring semester: Broadcast Announcing, Writing for Television, and Advertising Copywriting.

"In several cases, I have been able to reallocate monies so that they can teach these courses after all. My highest budget priority is funding the maximum number of courses possible in the spring," commented Seidel. Ten sections of SPC 1600 and News Reporting were also cut originally, but have now been reopened.

Most of the courses cut were taught by part-time faculty, which represents an additional cost to the operation of a department. "To bring the School of Communications budget into some reasonable balance, it is necessary to cut operating expenses including the hiring of student assistants and part-time instructors," commented Meeske.

Some of these courses are required for student's majors. "Many required courses in our five majors and many sections of SPC 1600 are taught by these part-time instructors," commented Meeske.

"To counteract some of these faculty cuts, some instructors have been assigned additional courses for Spring term."

"Nicholson School of Communication is student orientated and we want to give our majors the best course loads possible. Unfortunately, resources don't enable us to do all that we would like," stated Meeske.

"We will still see strong enrollment growth in CAS for spring," said Seidel.

Mr. UCF 2000 stripped of his title days before the competition

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and first runner up also receive a two night stay at the Marriott Courtyard and Residence Inn by the Marriott.

The former Mr. UCF John Santo did not host the event with Miss UCF Jana Eaton as planned after Santo was stripped of his title three days before the pageant. Santo had failed to fulfill several of his obligations as Mr. UCF according to several Campus Activities Board members.

Senior Chris Rehli, the first runner up for Mr. UCF 2000 became the new Mr. UCF for the remaining three days and agreed to encore the pageant.

Bacopoulos began his position as the new Mr. UCF by taking part in the Oviedo Marketplace holiday parade Monday evening.

Bacopoulos said he will be the best representative for Mr. UCF because he considers himself to be an ideal student.

"As Mr. UCF I want to get more people to go to school functions, even something like getting people to wear a UCF shirt to a football game. I also want people to get more people involved in their major. It gives them the opportunity to excel more." said Bacopoulos.

Junior Anthony Francisco said, "This was an awesome affair. The talent this year was much better than last year."

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Developers to face harsher restrictions

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housing. The idea was unani-
mously accepted since it would
place these new student com-
plexes away from most home-
owners.

Developers are not overly
excited about this prospect. The
redetermination of these proper-
ties would be costly. They say it
would take the county offering a
tax break or some other type
of incentive for them to serioul-
sly consider this venue.

Some Orange and Seminole
county residents have
discussed the possibility of
UCF teaming up with private
developers to increase housing
on campus. This is very unlike-
ly, said Huddleston, due to
tougher building and develop-
ment standards required by the
university.

Developers will be facing
much harsher restrictions in the
future and one of the reasons
is because of planning for
more people than they have in
the past. The university is
expecting more participation by
the public due to their concern
on student housing.

People can sometimes get
annoying and angry if the store
is out of stock or out of the size
of the item they want. Then
there's cleaning up after people
in the dressing rooms when they
throw their clothes everywhere,
and the hangers in another
direction. You definitely have to
be a patient people person. Also
across main streets and tunnels
good under the "311" phone
service. This would allow for
reports of disturbances in stu-
dent apartment complexes
through something other than
'911.'

Increasing public-trans-
portation between UCF and
local student housing apart-
ments was also on the minds of
the task force. Besides
increased Lynx/Laser routes the
idea of an elevated cross-walk
such as a small bridge, that
would cross Alafaya Trail was
brought up as well.

"I've seen bridges that go

DIANA HENNING
STAFF WRITER

"In my job, I keep an eye
out for shoplifters, make sure all
the clothes are straight and fold-
ed, work the register, help cus-
tomers in and out of the dressing
rooms and at the end of the
ight, I vacuum and window and
sometimes stock," commented
Sherry Mathews.

These responsibilities can
describe the average retail job.
Whether at Pacific Sunwear or
Dillard's, most of these jobs will
ask the same of their employees.

"This is a great job for col-
lege students because you get to
meet tons of people, listen to
cool music and you aren't forced
to wear uniforms," said Mathews.

However, there are also cer-
tain unpleasantities that come
with the job.

"People can sometimes get

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International Day celebrated at UCF

Event gives insight into other cultures

DIANA HENNING STAFF WRITER

International students celebrated International Week with a succession of events. On Nov. 14, the Office of International Student Services celebrated International Week with events all day. This holiday was declared by President Clinton.

A procession of students carrying flags from selected countries wound its way from the Barbara Ying Center to the Reflection Pond to start off the events. Following the procession, Provost Whitehouse gave a speech of welcome to all that participated. Countries such as Korea, Japan, Germany and France were all represented as well as India and Italy.

"This event was put together not only to give students an awareness of the internationalities on campus but also to give them a way to interact with international faculty and members of the community," stated Ragda Kurdy, Coordinator of International Students and Scholar Services.

After returning to the Barbara Ying Center, students were able to speak with international faculty and later have lunch. Performances of a Spanish tango also followed. Later in the week, there was an Arabian Night and Brazilian Night.

"International students face different situations and challenges, and hopefully programs such as those will bring the community and university together to help these students succeed and broaden the horizons of the other students," said Kurdy. "International programs on campus such as the celebration of International Week and events such as the International Fair, are important because they put our students in the limelight," she added.

This event allows students of all cultures to learn about cultures they usually would not have a chance to experience first hand. As the entire world becomes more global in its involvement from country to country, universities are becoming more diverse with students from these different countries. Such programs help these students to succeed in a new culture and allow other students and faculty, as well as the community, gain the knowledge to understand these foreign students better.

Team takes home two trophies

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pointed out that they have had members from all five colleges within UCF.

The UCF Trial team differs from a traditional debate team in that instead of being given issues or topics to debate, a trial team engages in mock trials, where they act as actual attorneys, calling witnesses, cross examining and presenting closing arguments. This helps prepare the undergraduate students for a real courtroom and more importantly the competition of law school.

Remis stresses the importance of getting this experience from the Trial Team. "These kids come out of far ahead of their competition in law school. They don't get exposure to this kind of stuff in classrooms; we teach them to think on their feet and respond to situations quickly."

The Trial Team itself is very selective in the students it accepts; they only have 14 members this semester. Tryouts are held in the spring and even returning members must try out again. Once someone is on the team, a member is expected to participate over the summer to prepare for the Ivy League Invitational in the fall. Trial Teams from universities across the nation compete against each other in these competitions. If the teams win at the Ivy League Invitational, they go onto Regionals in February and if they do well in the Regionals, the teams get a bid to go onto Nationals in March.

Over the weekend from Nov. 10-12 the UCF Trial Team competed in New Haven, CT at the Yale Invitational against Ivy Leagues such as Princeton and the University of California, Berkeley. Over 250 students competed for 25 trophies; five were team trophies and 20 individual. The UCF Trial Team received two trophies for Corey Harris and Brad Pupello.

Students interested in becoming involved in the Trial Team must understand the hard work involved, explained Corey Harris. "We meet every Friday night from 5-10 p.m., and you can't just meet without studying it first. It's a daily process and you have to work on your stuff everyday, and walk in there prepared." He went on to say, "Without the Trial Team I would definitely be less prepared for law school, it's such a good experience."

Harris helped explain his team's success by saying, "It's teamwork. You see the Ivy Leagues out there, and when one of their teammates messes up they just criticize him for it. Our team sticks together and supports each other. When one of us wins a trophy, it's because of the entire team."

For more information on the UCF Trial Team contact Rob Remis or assistant coach, Diane Souda.
Employee of the Month

November's Employee of the Month is UCF sophomore Matthew Hathaway. Hathaway is a senior computer repair technician for the College of Health and Public Affairs and has worked for the college for five years. "I do the computer maintenance for the department," says Hathaway. "I work with the hardware, software, do troubleshooting and update servers and accounts." When he isn't at work, he likes to work on computers at home. He also enjoys reading, writing and watching old movies.

Hockey, Anyone?
The UCF community is invited to out to the Solar Bears game as a part of the UCF Fun-Knight on Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. Tickets for the Solar Bears game are reduced for faculty, staff, students and alumni. Regularly priced $24 tickets are $18; $18 tickets are $15; and $14 tickets are $10. Purchase tickets in the Student Union ticket center or by calling Steve Jaret at 916-2905. Group tickets must be ordered by Nov. 27.

For your information
Exhibits "William Childress: Works" and "Jeanette Cole: Paradise" are on display through Dec. 8 in the UCF Art Gallery. You can contact the gallery at (407) 823-2676.

Hangover help: an herbal alternative
Dear Healthnut,
My 21st birthday is coming up pretty soon, and I was wondering if there was any cure for a hangover besides aspirin, I am not keen on taking things like Tylenol and whatnot and was curious if there was some other choice.
Sincerely,
Almost 21

Dear Almost 21,
For some over the counter pain relievers can often cause that already queasy tummy even more nauseated after a night of heavy drinking. For others they simply prefer a more natural way of treating their everyday ailments. So, the good news is there is a hangover rescue remedy for both parties: white willow, the herbal aspirin.

In fact, the pharmaceutical aspirin so many people pop after last night's wild shindig was originally created from a chemical similar to one found in white willow bark. This chemical in white willow can reduce fevers, relieve pain and inflammation without the stomach upset of aspirin. It may also help prevent heart attack, stroke, digestive tract cancers and migraine headaches. Herbal experts say white willow bark will work on almost anything you take aspirin for.

You can buy the powdered bark at your local health food store such as Whole Foods or Chamberlins. To make a tea from the powder, soak one teaspoon of powdered bark per cup of cold water for eight hours. Strain it and you can drink up to three cups a day. It may taste funky, so you may want to add sugar, honey or lemons. Unfortunately, several cups of white willow bark tea is equivalent to two standard aspirin tablets.

Given the preparation time, white willow tea is a remedy you will have to make ahead of time, but it is a safe and effective alternative to aspirin.
Use your voice, evaluate professors

Students should take evaluations seriously

KYM SOLURI
STAFF WRITER

This week I, like most of you, participated in my favorite activity of the semester: course evaluations. I was shocked to find that not everyone gets the same thrill out of this activity as I do. I live for it, from day one I look forward to it. The activity is my right as a student and often the only voice we have.

Course evaluations are the only way our professors are held accountable. Unfortunately, many students don’t take them seriously. They don’t take the time to comment on the teacher’s methods and abilities. As a result, our students don’t know how much we despise or enjoy their classes.

If we don’t take these things seriously, we have no right to complain about professors and to some degree deserve the boredom. If enough of us speak up, we can make a difference. And maybe we can get rid of some of these professors that shouldn’t be teaching on a college level. After all our school, shouldn’t we care who works here?

Which underwear is under there?

ELISSA JACOB
STAFF WRITER

There are two types of men in the world, and trust us guys, in ladies, we notice the difference. There are the better men, and there are the brief men - the question is which one are you, or which one do you prefer?

Of course it’s a tossup as to which women prefer, and to each her own, but the question is which is more appealing?

Personally, I cry every time I see a guy in something tight. I’m not sure what it is, but there’s just something about seeing a guy in Speedos that doesn’t interest me. Briefs, or tighter-shorts, as I like to call them, are close enough to Speedos for me, as I’m a brief girl, rather I prefer boxers.

Although, I’ve never quite understood how guys can wear shorts under shorts or jeans - doesn’t the material get all bunched up under there? For a girl who doesn’t even like to tack shirts in, it would seem uncomfortable to me, but hey, it sure looks good.

I was wondering which would a guy prefer and why? So, I asked a guy friend of mine, and he tried to explain it to me. He said that boxers aren’t uncomfortable and that you get used to wearing them, but also that sometimes you need the briefs.

Different ones for different occasions, I guess. He said that boxers are good for everyday, but briefs provide a little more... um support when needed, running or playing sports. This is nothing new and obvious, but again, I’m cringing, just thinking about the possible pain of not having that support.

Although Michael Jordan tried to popularize briefs, in the Home commercials, there’s just something about tighties-whities that makes me think of a four-year-old in Underoos. I’m sure some girls just go go-go over those.

But me, I buy boxers just signify “big boys” underwear, a little more grown-up, mature and rugged. Then again, I’ve always liked that rugged look.

For those of you guys who don’t want to be classified as a boxer guy or a brief guy, there’s always another option - the boxer-briefs. These may be the best of both worlds, and they look good too.

Me, I’m just glad I’m a girl and don’t have to pick and choose, and of course deal with all that extra material.

Letter to the Editor

Now that we have serious third party challenges, we need an "instant runoff/preference" ballot to avoid dilemmas like "spoiler", "wasted vote" and winners by plurality. An "instant runoff/preference" ballot would allow voters to express their second, third and fourth preferences and have them counted if their most preferred candidate has a low count in the first count of the ballots.

On the second count low candidates would be eliminated and the second (or lower) preference of their first preference supporters would be counted toward their second (or lower) preference candidate. More eliminations would continue until a candidate would achieve a majority.

The idea is that "instant runoff/preference" voting is used to elect the Senate and in Ireland, "instant runoff/preference" voting is used to elect the President. Some local community board and school board elections in New York City provide for expression of lower preferences.

By being sensitive to voters’ second, third, and fourth preferences the "instant runoff/preference" ballot would give voters enough confidence to vote their true first preferences without fear of "wasting" their vote. Also no candidate could be accused of being a "spoiler" because the second, third and fourth preferences of their supporters would count should they be eliminated in the early counts. Also, a winning candidate would have to eventually achieve support of a majority of voters, preventing winning the election by a plurality just because opposition is so divided.

-Jim Sengseng
Fantasies that reality can't live up to

A crush is a damnable thing. Developing one is like building a castle in the sand just before high tide. A crush, at least by my definition, is an attraction to someone you do not even know or someone you hardly know, based more on fantasy than reality. You develop the absurd notion that because someone looks like your ideal mate on the outside they might be your ideal mate on the inside. Experience should tell you otherwise, but human nature's inherent flaws often defy experience.

Just as battered women exhibit a pattern of seeking out abusive men, I consistently try to replicate such patterns of developing crushes on girls who for one reason or another are beyond my sphere of influence, such as Alissen - recently married and busy assimilating the American dream, or ocean blue eyes Jennifer - who is at best negligibly aware of my existence.

Recently, I have developed a crush on Wendy, a girl who by my esteem is one of the most perfect female specimens on this planet. Her hair vacillates between dirty blond and sun-bleached brown, each strand as sublime as a thread in a spider's web. The corners of her mouth slightly angle downward, making her upper perpetually lost in thought. Miles of ripened peach and caramel flesh roll like golf course hills over her athletic frame. She has an incredibly likable down-to-earth quality about her, like she might toss a football around with you (and not throw like a girl). She embraces conventional beauty and in doing so she appeals to my most fundamental sense of aesthetic beauty and my most animal instincts.

But think me not shallow dear reader; her packaging is only the icing on the cake. The flashpoint of my crush was watching her class presentation on a book written by Thomas Paine (a political rabble-rouser who Ralph Nader named as a role model). What a catalytic collision of sexy and smart it was. After class I approached her intending only to give her kudos for a job well done, but was unexpectedly afforded the pleasure of walking her to the parking lot. The joint turned into a valley of intellectual stimulating topics. Unfortunatley, the five-minute glimpse into her head left me with a notion of several other things. He even told someone that he said I was like the cartoon of milk that used to come standard with my high school cafeteria lunch, it was not nearly enough to satisfy. But that is where the story must end. Like a spectator appreciating any wonder of nature, the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, I will revel in her marvvel from afar. I will never make myself known to her because if I did she would quickly realize that I am an imman of limited material means who can only offer her the antediluvian virtue of cheap comfort and a touch of exceedingly rare commodity that is a strong mind. If she were to get to know me it would soon become apparent that I am essentially a big nerd, incapable of executing even the most basic dance moves.

Conversely, if I were given the opportunity to get to know her I would be crestfallen. Finding someone is so damn hard. I've met every other girl on this Godforsaken campus - it is Pyrite, all shine and no substance. Oh I mean worse yet, I might find out that she is a vegetarian and a stalwart feminist. And as I will never attempt to find out what the dynamics between the Wendy I see with my eyes open and the one I see with my eyes closed, instead she will remain the deity in my cranial turbanicule, where every daydream ends, like the beach scene in "From Here to Eternity." Like so many ladies in crashes of past, and no doubt many more in crashes to come, is she a fantasy -- and like all fantasies, the reality could never live up.

BETH FINDS HERSELF KNEE DEEP IN LIES ON DATE

Just when you thought it was safe to open your Central Florida Future, I have another "stupid male" column. I apologize but it seems like wacko guys come looking for me under the guise of normalcy. I feel it is my duty to expose them.

So here's my story. I met a seemingly nice guy at a party the other night. However, every time we talked, we talked about only him. That's fine with me because I am a good listener and thought we were doing that whole get to know each other thing. Eventually, we went out, and his incessant talking started to drive me crazy. But that is not the worst of it. All of his stories seemed like tall tales. You know, the I am trying to impress you stories. They all seemed to be about his wealthy family or what a fun, cool guy he was and blah, blah, blah.

When I pointed out that he was the type that stories didn't add up either. You know when someone tells you a story and all the pieces just don't fit? That's how this guy was. I kick myself now for not going with my gut instinct that something was definitely wrong with him.

As it turns out, I asked him if he was still looking up with this girl he used to date and he said yes. So, I asked him what was going on with that. He said nothing was wrong. He was just trying to impress you stories. Then he said that we were going to go to the beach and I was going to babysit. I didn't believe him but went along with it. He was going to "show me around" and "see what the disparity is." I see with perfect clarity what the disparity is. It's his absurd notion that he is better than everyone else.

The ramblings of Beth Shaw

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"In the hands of a free spirit, the cinema is a magnificent and dangerous weapon."
—Luis Bunuel

If Joe Lieberman didn’t have more important things to worry about, he probably would brand Darren Aronofsky as the most dangerous man in America, or in Hollywood at least. The acclaimed writer/director of Pi, and now chief hooligan behind Requiem for a Dream, emerges at a time when Tinseltown is trying to comfortably abide by the rhetoric being frothy spewed from the mouths of bumbling bureaucrats. In the interlaced eyes of politicians, he is the perfect example of an artist waiting to be targeted like a sitting duck: dark, controversial and worst of all, uncompromising. From his debut effort, however, Aronofsky didn’t seem to be much of a threat. Baffling and ingenious, 1998’s Pi was the decree that honestly produced independent cinema could still maintain the malignant sense of edge even after the flood caused by Tarantino’s Pulp Fiction, which had took place four years prior. Relished or not, most everyone who saw the film could agree that Pi was one hell of a mind trip; but what stood out was the film as a “monster” movie. But that is not to say that amid the chaos lies a moral center. Is it misanthropic? Certainly not. It values life but identifies what happens to a life when it decides to make the wrong decisions. There is nothing hateful about that. Through his distinct technical dexterity, Aronofsky uses the camera as an extenuation of each person’s emotions. By the uses of the frantic editing, split screens and extreme close-up we become more psychologically aware of them. While all four do magnificently in their roles, it is the two women who come across as the most compelling. Connolly, known mostly for her figure, completes her triathlon of rich characters which started with Dark City and then with Waking the Dead. And then there is Ellen Burstyn, who hasn’t come across this well as an actress since she won the Academy Award for Alice Doesn’t Live Here Anymore. Watching her as Sarah, we sympathize and struggle with her. What this film does is challenge you to consider your own addictions, no matter how mundane or trivial they might be, and question whether or not you should do something about them. Evoking emotions as deep as they are in this picture is seldom accomplished in modern movies. As much as the praise should be yielded to Aronofsky, Selby and to the cast, much also should be awarded to the film’s distributor, Artisan. In light of the ruling by the ratings board, the film is being released without an NC-17, but with only a warning to help ease the audience in the understanding of the subject matter of the film. More companies like Artisan should be making films like Requiem for a Dream, not to only show that the spirit of independent film is still shining bright, but to convince the so-called leaders that no matter how hard they try to curb the artistry of filmmakers, telling stories in truth will always remain.
Jewel Chronicles Her Dreams In New Book

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She went from living in a car to living on a bus. She went from humble beginnings to being a major celebrity with her feet planted on the ground. She's poured her heart and soul into music throughout the latter portion of the '90s and has also shared her most intimate thoughts in a best selling book of poetry.

Jewel has followed her heart and done a lot of growing up from her days of hunger to her current state of triumph. For those that want to know the whole story from rags to riches, Jewel tells all in her first ever autobiographical book Chasing Down the Dawn.

"I sort of see the book the same way I see my records," says the pop star author in a recent phone conversation. "They tend to be the same in the sense that there's a story to be told, poetry to be spared, life emotions to be expressed, and observations of the people I see around me."

Poetry was the main focus of Jewel's debut book A Night Without Armor, a subject that fans embraced and critics came down upon. "I was really happy it sold," laughed Jewel. "I didn't write it with the media's influence in mind or really my fans either. I was guided by my interests."

Much of the media attention focused on the fact that the book was filled with larger than normal fonts and spacing, while sometimes filled with abstract reflections. In addition, Jewel was scrutinized for releasing a book of poetry before a life story.

"The publishing company wanted this book (Chasing Down the Dawn) to come out first," she recalls. "My job is to create without as much noise as possible and that's how I can be so personal. When you create in an inorganic environment, or one focused on sales and pleasing others, you don't get that honesty. When you create in an organic environment, your love for your craft comes through in your work and it is a lot less calculated."

That's why Chasing Down the Dawn continues in the tradition of honesty and openness, with the core influence coming from Jewel's time on the road on her Spirit World Tour. During that time, she drove from coast to coast in the U.S. and flew overseas for numerous dates in support of the album.

"The book chronicles my changes and shifts throughout our lives," Jewel says. "My observations are all very personal, just like my music. The same things that strike a person with my songs will do so in the book."

Jewel's message is particularly poignant to the college-aged crowd as she experienced a lot of trials and tribulations during those years. "I love that age group because they are still on fire," Jewel says. "They are still so close to the dream of what is possible. That's a very potent place to be. The more I'm around politics, the more I lose a lot of fire and passion and replace it with cynicism. These days it harder to bring about change, especially as you get older."

This musician and author is currently signing copies of her book and meeting up with young people on a tour all across the nation. Although the issue is not a focus of the book, she does get asked to comment on the political realm quite a bit, especially in light of the upcoming election. She can also identify with student's lack of interest or confusion when it comes to this year's candidates.

"I was the same way, to a degree, it is easy to do that," she recalls. "That isn't a noble way of thinking but that's why I write."

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Joe C. Dies

Joseph Calleja, also known as Joe C., the sidekick of Kid Rock, died in his sleep at his home in Taylor, Mich. Calleja died on Nov. 16 at the age of 26. Kid Rock released a statement on behalf of all his bandmates: "We have lost part of our family. Family and friends are everything. Without them, all of the fame and fortune means nothing. Joey gave us the world he his love. He brought a smile to everyone who has ever known or seen him. In a world full of confusion, Joey made all of us laugh. No matter what color, religion, race, or beliefs we have, he made us all smile. He gave us the gift of joy. Joey, thank you. We will never forget you. We love you." Police officials said Calleja's death was from natural causes. Calleja was suffering from celiac disease, a digestive disorder, which resulted in his short height. The disorder forced him to take 60 pills a day. He was working on a solo album, "Enquiring Size Wants To Grow," prior to his death. Calleja's fight with the disease forced him off Kid Rock's 1999 tour. He will be missed by many including Jonathan Davis of Korn who said: "He had a really positive energy about him. For such a little guy, he really lived big and walked big, and he's gone. It's like losing a piece of yourself." Moss, who lives alone at the house, is staying in the States until a new security system has been installed in her home.

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STAKIN' OUT STEAK ESCAPE

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There are some things that you can expect as UCF grows and expands, scarce parking, heavy construction, crowded classes at registration, heavy traffic on University Blvd., the list goes on and on. But there are some perks too, like new parking garages and more people. But the best doesn’t stop there, they have a “Wild West BBQ” sandwich, which is a regular cheesesteak with barbecue sauce and cheddar cheese, and a variety of sandwiches, all cheesesteak style, made with turkey, chicken, ham or veggies. Menu items also include fries and salads, which can also be made with grilled steak, ham, chicken or turkey, and “smashed” potatoes, which are a unique concept. Like the name suggests, it is a smashed, not mashed, baked potato, which you can get covered in you choice of meat, (steak, turkey, chicken or ham) onions, mushrooms, peppers and cheese. It is a good size menu with lots of variety for fast food, and everything is cooked to order.

I ordered The Grandest Chicken” sandwich, which is basically a cheesesteak made with chicken. It has big chunks of juicy chicken, provolone cheese, onions, and green peppers. It is served on fresh baked bread, with your choice of mayonnaise, mustard, lettuce, tomato, and hot or mild peppers, as are all of their sandwiches. It came as a combo meal with fries, a drink and a 7” sandwich for $5.39. The combo can also come with a 12” sandwich for $2 more. Sandwiches by themselves are $3.69 or $5.79 and sides range from $1.09 for small fries up to $4.29 for a grilled salad. The food in general is fair, above average for fast food, and there is a great selection. Plus, everything is cooked to order, so you can get stuff made the way you want it. It has a great location and the reasonable prices should leave you with no excuses for not stakin’ it out!

WPRK Provides an Eclectic Mix for a Unique Club

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Part pool hall, part bar, part concert venue, the Kit Kat Club is one of the best places to hang out in downtown Orlando. Dim lounge lighting, airy fabric draped from the ceilings and hidden back rooms create the perfect atmosphere—sophisticated, yet laid-back.

The main room features a stage fer live music, a bar and plenty of space to hang out or shoot pool. National Indie-rock bands frequently perform at the Kit Kat, as well as many local bands. The club features drink specials and a small menu, mostly snack foods. Two back rooms are set behind the bar, one black-lit room with a few pool tables and the Leopard Room—an animal-print lounge perfect for escaping weekend crowds.

Kit Kat fans always rave about the club’s jukebox. It’s probably one of the only places where you can hear 1970s Punk-rock, James Brown and the Chemical Brothers all in one set. Orlando Citysearch recently honored the Kit Kat for having the best jukebox in Orlando.

The Kit Kat is part of a trio of trendy spots on Wall Street. It is under the same ownership as Harold & Maude’s Espresso Bar and The Globe, a late-night restaurant that is perfect for a bite to eat after a club or a show.

A club this diverse would not limit itself to only techno or dance music, and that’s where the diverse tastes of WPRK come in. Each Thursday, two different DJs will provide the nightly soundtrack, and anything goes—music will include from Funk, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Space-rock, Indie Rock and Pop, Electronic and more. The music gets started around 8 p.m., with the guest DJs spinning at 10 p.m. and 12 a.m.

On Nov. 23, Caroline Keisner will spin an “eclectic mix” and Brenda Carone will play ‘60s mod music. The following week, on Nov. 30, Greg Cline will fill the club with a happy pop set, and Aulick will follow with drum and bass. Admission is free and there will be plenty of drink specials, so take a break during the school week, and get a bunch of friends together to shoot some pool and enjoy some unique sounds from the best young DJs in Orlando.

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LEAD STORIES

William Graham was fired from his job in St. Louis Park, Minn., in May, for sexual harassment for talking excessively about his pierced penis at work (almost exclusively, he said, in response to questions from coworkers). His employer was Video Age Inc., whose only line of business is distributing hardcore pornographic videos and sex advice to a chain of 14 offices, which are staffed with telephone operators to take catalog orders from customers, some of whom inevitably talk dirty to the operators. In fact, each employment applicant is required to certify that he or she understands the nature of the workplace.

According to police and health department authorities in Huntsville, Ala., in July, a further apparent case involved several poisonous snakes for an 13-year-old boy to keep around the house as pets, but after the boy was bitten by one, he may have hidden the snakes for fear that they would be confiscated. Included are a black mamba (generally regarded as the world’s deadliest) and a gaboon viper (only somewhat less deadly). And at press time, authorities could not rule out that the snakes had simply been released into the countryside, which would significantly lower the quality of life around Huntsville. Said a city health control officer: “It’s a macho thing to have venomous snakes. I guess stupid supersedes macho.”

Latest From Weird Japan

A June Wall Street Journal dispatch from Tokyo reported the trend of “serial divorce.” Young married women desiring to keep their maiden names on official documents circumvent Japanese law by momentarily divorcing when a government document is needed, and then usually remarrying their husbands immediately afterward. And cosmetics firms’ sales of products to reduce or mask the odor of “menstrual” are booming, according to a March New York Times report; nonest is a chemical released in greater quantity as people age and in super-hygienic situations; the odor is inversely proportional to the number of times one goes on top of them,” and La Maliciosa mountains “has a pair of highly suggestive ‘mountains’ that are ‘black, swole, Wild and happy, like Naomi Campbell’s labia.’

Recurring Themes

News of the Weird reported in 1988 on an Indianapolis substitute teacher’s suspension for arranging the well-behaved kids in her fifth-grade class to line up and spit on the ones that had bothered her. As they walked back through their classroom line-up-and-punch incidents. A sixth-grade teacher allegedly assigned good kids to line up and punch a bad one (Sun, Branson, Mo.). An 18-year-old female athlete was hit on the head and killed by an errant toss by the country’s hockey goaltender Ed Belfour, desperately trying to avoid a public intoxication arrest, offered two paratroopers $100,000 to forget the whole thing, and, at press time, authorities could not rule out that the snakes had simply been released into the countryside, which would significantly lower the quality of life around Huntsville. Said a city health control officer: “It’s a macho thing to have venomous snakes. I guess stupid supersedes macho.”

In Their Own Words

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Undignified Deaths

A 32-year-old bungee jumper was killed in the Swiss Alps in May when guides for the tour company Adventure World, according to local police, failed to change cords after people had finished their earlier, much longer jump. Two weeks earlier, at a regional track and field meet in Turnov, Czech Republic, an 18-year-old female athlete was hit on the head and killed by an errant toss by the country’s best hammer thrower.
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Defensive Player of the Year:
Elton Patterson - While Tito Rodriguez, Damien Damps and Tony Hardman all had more tackles, Patterson's 10 sacks and school record tying 19 tackles for lost yardage wreaked havoc in the backfields of many a UCF opponent this year. Patterson also had a team-high 22 quarterback hurries, more than double the next closest amount. His disruption of many an opposing quarterback went a long way in forcing bad throws that ended up in the hands of Golden Knight defensive backs. All in all, Patterson's year was one of the most dominating in school history by a defensive end.

Single Game Offensive Performance of the Year: QB Ryan Schneider vs. Eastern Michigan - In Schneider's first ever collegiate start, he faced inexperience, cold weather, artificial turf and an away crowd, but none of this potential adversity phased him. He completed 27 of 38 passes for 393 yards and two touchdowns to lead UCF to a 31-10 victory that day, and went on to guide the Golden Knights to 5-2 record to finish the season.

Single Game Defensive Performance of the Year: Lil Willie Davis vs. Eastern Kentucky - In so many words, it just wasn't fair for Davis. Davis was all over the field, seemingly in two places at once, making 13 tackles and an astonishing four sacks, one short of the single game school record. Davis was a jack-of-all-trades for UCF this season, filling it at middle linebacker when Tito Rodriguez missed the first two games of the season, accepting a backup outside linebacker role when Rodriguez returned, and returning to the starting lineup when Elliot Shorter was forced to move back to the secondary after injuries ended Tommy Shaver's season.

Drive of the Year: While it would be easy to give this award to the game-winning drive at Alabama, perhaps the most important drive of that game was the 11 play, 98-yard drive that UCF mounted just before halftime to pull within 24-17. The Golden Knights had fallen behind 24-0, and a two-touchdown halftime halftime deficit might have been too much to overcome, but Ryan Schneider led UCF to an 11 play, 92-yard drive by multiplying many times in that game and capped the drive with a 12-yard touchdown pass to Tyson Hishaw, who caught the ball despite getting drilled by two Clemson Tide defenders and having his helmet knocked off. An unsung hero of this drive was little-used tight end Mario Jackson, who made two acrobatic catches to help the Golden Knights get out of the shadow of their own end zone.

Play of the Year: Javier Beorlegui's game-winning 37-yard field goal at Alabama. It was 'The Kick Heard Round the World' to UCF fans, and it ended the constant misery of having come so close to upset after upset only to falter in the final seconds of each game. Beorlegui kicked it from the right hash mark, and snuck it just inside the right upright of the goalpost. Not only is this the Play of the Year, it will go down as the most famous play in UCF football history.

First Runner-Up: Kenny Clark's 79-yard touchdown catch on a deep post route from quarterback Vic Penn against Georgia Tech. Penn threw a perfect pass and Clark caught on his fingertips in full stride and then outran the entire Yellow Jackets secondary to the end zone. It was the third-longest pass reception in UCF history.

Second Runner-Up: Tyson Hishaw's wide receiver gadget pass from Blake Bostick on the first play of the game against Northwestern State. Hishaw took an end around hand-off from Vic Penn, but instead of running, he pulled up and fired a crossfield pass down the opposite sideline to Collins, who rumbled for a 58-yard gain and nearly scored a touchdown. The play was featured the next week during the halftime show of ESPN's Thursday night college football game.

Game of the Year: "Game of the Year" is an understatement for this award, which obviously goes to UCF's 40-38 upset win at Alabama. Not only did the Golden Knights beat Alabama, the most storied team in college football history, but they also beat them on their home field, on Homecoming. The 40 points scored by UCF was the second most points ever scored against Alabama at Bryant-Denny Stadium, and was the most points ever scored against Alabama on their Homecoming. The implications this win had and will have on UCF football are immeasurable. Because of it, top recruits now will be calling UCF, instead of UCF calling them. High-quality recruiting class that the Golden Knights are expected to sign this spring will be in large part because of the visibility and respect gained from that victory.

Runner-Up: UCF's 20-16 win over Louisiana Tech. The game was televised for the first time ever, and was an emotional high from the win at Alabama, and UCF had given Auburn and Miami fits in the previous two weeks. The game was played at Louisiana Tech, and the weather was bad. But somehow, even though they didn't play well, the Golden Knights managed to pull out a victory, going ahead on Eddie Mack's 6-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter and then holding on with an interception by Damien Damps inside the UCF 10-yard line with just seconds remaining.
David Masters  
Staff Writer  

A total of five players signed national letters of intent to play for UCF's baseball team during the recent early signing period. Highlighting the class is short-stopping-handed pitcher Matt Fox, who is the brother of current UCF second baseman Mike Fox.  

I'm pleased with our recruiting class.

Greg Frady  
Assistant Head Coach and Recruiting Coordinator  

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Intramural Corner  

Jeff Dolnack  
Contributing Writer  

The Lake Show edges Kappa Sigma for competitive championship  

Eugene Herrin scored 15 points, and Michael Gaines led the way with nine points in the second half for the Lake Show, as they defeated Kappa Sigma 45-43 for the Competitive Basketball Championship.  

"Big time players make big plays in big games," said Gaines, who finished the game with 11 points and 4 rebounds.  

Kappa Sigma took a six-point lead into the half, but the Lake Show stormed out with an 11-2 run to start the second half, and never trailed the rest of the way, capping off an undefeated 10-0 season.

BCM knocks off Pi Kappa Phi in overtime  

BCM captured the Recreational Basketball Championship with an overtime win over Pi Kappa Phi; 48-46. Matthew Crawford scored with three seconds left in regulation to tie the game and force the overtime, and BCM outscored Pi Kappa Phi 6-2 in overtime. Mike Wofford led the team with 10 points as BCM finished the season with a perfect 11-0 record.  

"We weren't expected to win," said Wofford. "But through hard work and unity we fought hard and came through victorious."  

Tri Delta defend title with one-point victory  

Delta Delta Delta won its second straight Women's Basketball Championship with a 26-25 victory over Alpha Delta Phi.  

"Second time around feels just as good," said Lindsay Wright, who led the team with 8 points.  

Tri Delta led 14-11 at halftime, and held on late for the upset win, finishing with an 8-1 record. Alpha Delta Pi beat Tri Delta in the regular season finale, but came up short in the rematch, suffering their first loss of the season. Kelly Lattrell led Alpha Delta Pi with 10 points in the losing effort.
Volleyball Notebook

Morgan, Sante, Whalen honored

JOE MANZO

Senior Writer

Junior middle blocker Piper Morgan was named to the All-TAAC first team last week by the Trans American Athletic Conference, the second consecutive year she has received that honor. Along with Morgan, freshmen outside hitters Leyre Santaella Sante and Lindsey Whalen were both named to the TAAC All-Freshman Team, and Sante was named to the All-TAAC second team.

Morgan led the Golden Knights with a .341 hitting percentage and 91 total blocks, and ranked in the top four in the conference in both categories. She moved up in the UCF record books in several categories, and now ranks second in block assists and total blocks, fourth in solo blocks, sixth in kills, and ninth in attempts.

Morgan was named to the Colorado Powerbar Invitational and Radio TV Challenge All-TAAC teams, and was named TAAC Player of the Week on October 30.

Sante led UCF in kills with 4.01 per game, which was third in the conference. She also had 46 service aces per game, which ranked sixth in the conference. Sante had 22 multiple-kill matches, and was named TAAC Player of the Week on October 23.

Whalen came on strong after a slow start, finishing second on the team with 244 digs, and had 12 multiple-kill and multiple-dig matches. Sophomore setter Becca Saldana, an All-TAAC selection last year, did not make any of the All-TAAC teams this season. Saldana was hampered early in the season by a groin pull.

Freshman setter Jenny Frank did not make and All-TAAC teams either, despite being conference ranked in several categories.

UCF Signs Three Top Recruits

High school volleyball stars Tanya Jarvis, Sara Judy, and Amanda Stoutjesdyk have signed a national letters of intent to play for UCF next year.

Jarvis, a 5'10" outside hitter from Orlando, led Bishop Moore High School to a Class 3A State Title last year. She is second on her team in kills this year with 216, and has a hitting percentage of .299 to go along with 30 total blocks and 87 digs.

"Tanya is a big-jumping outside hitter," said UCF Head coach Meg Colorado. "We will look for her to challenge our current outsides right away."

Judy and Stoutjesdyk are both middle blockers. Judy is 6' 1" and from Jefferson High School in Bloomington, Michigan. She averages 23 kills and 15 blocks per match, and was named to the All-State team this year.

"Sara has had good training, and will make an immediate impact," Colorado said. "She brings experience and a high level of competition to the team."

Stoutjesdyk is from Lowell, Michigan, and was named All-Conference this year.

"Amanda is a great athlete who has tons of potential. She should jump right in and challenge," Colorado said.

UCF to Host Thanksgiving Tournament

UCF will end its regular season this weekend, playing two games in the UCF Thanksgiving Tournament. On Friday, the Golden Knights play Temple at 5 p.m., and on Sunday, UCF will play its final game of the year against Fairfield at 2:00 p.m. Both games are at the UCF Arena.
UCF women's basketball begins season 1-1

KRYSTY SHONKA STAFF WRITER

The UCF women's basketball team opened the 2000-2001 season last weekend at the UCF Golden Knights Classic, defeating Wofford College 29-49 on Friday falling 81-66 to North Texas on Saturday.

Against Wofford, the Golden Knights' offensive attack was led by freshman center Adrienne Billings, who scored 15 points and pulled down 10 rebounds, earning her first career double-double. Sophomore guard Duna Hill also scored in double figures with 11 in just 15 minutes of play.

Wofford led going into halftime, 22-21, but after several lead changes in the first 10 minutes of the second half, UCF took the lead at the 9:53 mark and never relinquished it. The win was a bittersweet one for the Golden Knights, however, as junior forward Kahlilah Guillory went down 15 seconds into the game with a sprained right ankle. She jumped into the air and landed on another player's foot, turning her ankle as she fell. Guillory led the Golden Knights in the preseason, averaging 20 points per game.

Against North Texas, turnovers and missed free throws plagued the Golden Knights. UCF had 22 turnovers compared to only 7 by North Texas, and only shot 45.2 percent from the free throw line. North Texas shot 80 percent from the line, and five free throws accounted for 36 of their 81 total points.

"A good team is going to knock down free throws and beat you; and that's exactly what they did," said UCF Head Coach Gail Striegler. "If we can take them off the foot line, we can win the game."

While Striegler was disappointed in the loss, she wasn't disappointed in her team's overall performance.

"Overall I wasn't disappointed because they played hard the whole game," said Striegler. "It's hard when you come out, and come out dead and give a 12-point lead and expect to catch up on a good team. You're just not going to do that. They fought and got back into it, and then we started fouling them and putting them on the free throw line, we can't do that against a good team."

Striegler has a positive outlook for the rest of the season because she thinks this team plays hard the entire game, a quality she thinks last year's injury-plagued team may have been lacking.

"If the kids go out and play hard and continue to get better all year, we're going to be very good by the end," she said.

Injuries Plague Golden Knights Again

Following last season's injury flooded season, in which the Golden Knights used 18 different starting lineups, UCF was hoping for an injury-free year.

Unfortunately, this wish came to an end when preseason scoring-leader Khalilah Guillory went down just 15 seconds after tip-off in the first game of the regular season. Guillory sprained her right ankle after coming down on another player's foot.

Guillory is expected to be one of the team leaders this season, and her experience and offensive ability were greatly missed against North Texas. Her absence forced Striegler to play Erin Paige in the post more than she would have liked, in turn causing her to have to play another guard off the bench. The injury hurt the Golden Knight's usual rotation, but Paige and freshman Ballance were in charge of filling the void left by Guillory.

Billings scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds against Wofford and 12 points and five rebounds against North Texas. She had six points on two free throws, three boards against Wofford, and against North Texas, she led the team with 16 points and was second on the team with nine rebounds. While Billings and Paige both had big games, the play of Guillory could have been the difference between a win and a loss against North Texas.

"We would have put the ball in (Guillory's) hands and gotten about 10-15 points both nights out of her and it would have made a difference," said Striegler.

Guillory is expected to be back in full force for the Nov. 28 game at home against Florida State.

Redshirt freshman Ashlee Ballance is also struggling to get healthy. She suffered a recurring abdominal ailment that comes and goes. She was able to play for 19 minutes against Wofford, but managed five minutes in the second half of the game, sitting out the entire second half. Without Balance, the Golden Knights' offense is in the hands of freshman point guard Alyson Dunson.

One of these freshmen is Molly McGriff, who twisted her ankle during the week in practice and was unable to practice most of the week. Without practicing, Striegler didn't feel McGriff could play, leaving fellow freshman Nicole Denson to run the offense for the most of the night.

Denson's natural position is shooting guard, but until Ballance gets healthy and a complete knowledge of the offense, Dunson could be spending a lot of time at the point guard spot.

While injuries are difficult to overcome, Striegler says they give other players valuable game experience.

"The good thing is, in the long run, these other kids are going to get playing time, and it will make the rest of them better," said Striegler.

Freshmen Make Big Contribution

In their first two regular season games, freshmen Nicole Denson and Adrienne Billings went a long way in living up to the hype of this year's top recruiting class.

Denson started both games for the Golden Knights, playing for 25 minutes against Wofford and for 35 minutes against North Texas. Billings did her first start against Wofford, but played 29 minutes in relief of Guillory, and then played 17 minutes against North Texas.

Denson scored eight points, and had four rebounds, two assists and a steal against Wofford, and then scored eight points and pulled down three boards against North Texas. Against Wofford, Billings earned her first career double-double, scoring 15 points and grabbing 10 boards, also adding one assist, two blocks and a steal. She followed that performance up with 15 points, five rebounds, one assist and one steal against North Texas.

Striegler had nothing but good things to say about both of her standared freshmen.

"They're two very good freshmen and they'll not a lot of playing time throughout the year," said Striegler. "Nicole Denson is definitely a pure shooter who can go both left and right. Adrienne Billings did a fabulous job last night, stepping in for (Guillory), but (Billings) is going to play a lot. She's a physical post player, something we don't have a lot of, and she blocks a lot of shots."

According to Striegler, Billings and Denson's work ethic and never say die attitude are the trademarks of this year's Golden Knight team.

"My favorite thing about them is they play hard the whole time; they're never going to give up," she said. "They're going to play hard the whole time, and at times last year that was something we were lacking. I don't think our team is lacking that this year; they play hard almost the whole time."
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Volleyball falls in TAAC Championship

The UCF volleyball team lost to Georgia State in the finals of the TAAC tournament.

David Marsters
Staff Writer

Boca Raton, FL - In a different year, but the same result for the UCF volleyball team.

Last year, the Golden Knights entered the TAAC Tournament with the number seed and were favorites to advance to the NCAA Tournament. But last Saturday marked the Golden Knights’ first appearance in the tournament semi-finals.

The Golden Knights will close out the season with the Thanksgiving Tournament at the UCF Arena

Sante led UCF with 15 and 10 kills, respectively, while junior middle blocker Piper Morgan added 10. The Golden Knight offensive attack was guided by sophomore setter Bocca Saldana's 35 assists. UCF's defense halted the Dolphins offense with 13 team blocks. Morgan led the way with eight, including two solo blocks.

JASON STAFF WRITER

The Golden Knights first had to get past Jacksonville in the tournament semi-finals. Though the first two games of the match were close, with UCF winning both by the slim margins of 15-13 and 15-12, the Golden Knights were able to pull away in the third game, winning 15-3 and advancing to the finals.

The Golden Knights played their first Top 10 team at home (Virginia Tech), and the attendance at the Citrus Bowl topped 50,000 for the first time in school history. Entering the final week of the season, there was still hope that UCF could earn its first ever bowl bid, and, of course, the Golden Knights got their first ever upset win over a big name Division I-A program. By the numbers, it wasn’t necessarily the greatest season in UCF football history, but it certainly can make a case for being the most memorable. So as another year of college football comes to a close, let’s take a walk down memory lane with some of the best moments of the 2000 season.

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The 2000 college football season is over for UCF, but the memories of what has been a truly groundbreaking year in the history of Golden Knight football will stay with us long after the New Year's bowl games.

While the 7-4 record was perhaps not quite what the coaches and players had hoped for during preseason camp, it will be the "first" for UCF this year that will be remembered. The Golden Knights played their first Top 10 team at home (Virginia Tech), and the attendance at the Citrus Bowl topped 50,000 for the first time in school history. Entering the final week of the season, there was still hope that UCF could earn its first ever bowl bid, and, of course, the Golden Knights got their first ever upset win over a big name Division I-A program. By the numbers, it wasn’t necessarily the greatest season in UCF football history, but it certainly can make a case for being the most memorable. So as another year of college football comes to a close, let’s take a walk down memory lane with some of the best moments of the 2000 season.

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