Lyons and Co. score NCAA appearance

Basketball team faces tough opponent in first tournament match since 1996

ASHLEY BRUSK

A week of wondering has finally come to an end.

The UCF men’s basketball team entered the NCAA Tournament as a 14-seed in the East Region at Raleigh Regional heading to the Knicks, who recorded 26 wins in their best season in Division I-A. The team, which comes as a No. 3 seed in the Big East tournament, and certainly a No. 2 if they didn’t, said Coach Kirk Lyons of Pittsburgh. "Somehow they slipped in for a No. 3 seed which is very shocking to me.

"I think we’re playing a team that is really a No. 1 or 2. I’m sure that they’re sitting there wondering what happened. The seeds that they’ve had, with their marksmen and RPI, I think they have a lot to prove."

Prior to Sunday’s NCAA selection show announcement, rumors circled the men’s basketball team that had them playing in cities from Denver to Raleigh against opponents from Providence to Wake Forest. The Knights were not predicted by anyone to face the Panthers. Pittsburgh, which lost to Connecticut in the Big East final, you say, was thought by many to be a possible No. 3 seed. "I think we’re one of those teams that can beat anybody," UCF guard Hunter Lynn said. "I’ve been rough not missing what we were going to play, but now we can go into games prepared.

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Coach O’Leary vows to wake a ‘sleeping giant’

HERA D. DE VRIES

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Poet compelled by oppression

Marjorie Agosin spins tales of hardship and injustice

BRAD ALLISON

In 1989, Marjorie Agosin’s grandparents immigrated to Chile from Europe to escape oppression from the Holocaust. On March 3, the journalist-author, human rights activist spoke to UCF students and faculty about creativity, human rights and life under an oppressive regime.

"Everything in life is a story — we all have stories to share," Agosin said before sharing her experiences growing up in Chile and witnessing the people of her country suffer from extreme hardships, political injustice and human rights abuses.

While she was unable to travel and reside in Agosin’s family, "They created a home," she said.

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Video game show contestants

HEIDI D. DE VRIES

UCF is home to the third season of the strangely popular Third Extreme Elimination Challenge show, which participants in gravity-defying mental and physical contests such as running across floating logs and hurling themselves against a Velcro wall.

Both episodes will be held at noon Thursday on the Memorial Mall between Classroom Building and the Student Union, and at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building.

"If you ask me, this is the third season of the second-highest-rated show on the channel," said Spike Schwartz of Iron Chef.

"Iron Chef, Fear Factor ... we’re playing in cities across the country. We’re on the Memorial Mall between Classroom Building and the Student Union. Those selected will be filmed March 21-26 at Universal Studios for an episode to be broadcast April 22.

The episode will launch the third season of the second-highest-rated show on the channel. "Iron Chef," said Schwartz.

In addition, it will be the first time the show will be filmed in Central Florida.

The segments of Most Extreme Elimination Challenge currently being broadcast on Spike TV are taken from a Japanese television show, "Tora! Tora! Tora!" which aired in the mid-70s on the Tokyo Broadcasting System. Rather than dubbing the Japanese dialogue into English, the audio for the show has been rewound to accompany the original Japanese video footage.

The episode run the "combination of Extreme Factory ( [...] Food Chief with a touch of Mystery Science Theater 3000" David Schroeder of Spike TV said. Though the final cut of this first American adaptation will be secret, the episode will involve "human sacrifices," said Scott Flahman, the episode’s director and producer.
Week in Science

Fossil first brings new species to list of human ancestors

Another species has been added to the growing tree of early human ancestors. Scientists have long known that Homo erectus, a primitive hominid species named during efforts to understand modern humans, had lived in Asia for millions of years. Khabzites fossils were found in the early 1990s in the Zhoukoudian, China, and are dated 53 million to 70 million years ago. This would make the new discovery the oldest known hominid species, perhaps one of the first to emerge after the chimpanzee and human lineages diverged from one another some six million to eight million years ago.

Japanese elite get help from new robots

In Japan, corporate enterprises are marketing robots to help care for Japan's aging population and protect robots for elderly care. A group of these robots are a human-like robot used by people to help their elderly parents. With high percentages of Japan's senior citizens suffering from disabilities, there have even suggested experiments to robot people to help their elderly parents. With high percentages of Japan's senior citizens suffering from disabilities, there have even suggested experiments to robot people to help their elderly parents.

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West: Blacks not yet truly free

If there was a "fly in the ointment," it would be that we have not yet attained our goal of true equality. As President John Hitt put it, "freedom" was the most important word of the entire presentation. Thus, I believe that we have not yet attained our goal of true equality.

Beck's understanding of the concept of "freedom" is quite profound. In her speech, Beck emphasized the importance of self-determination and human rights. "It is not just about being free," she said. "It's about being able to live a life that is truly fulfilling." This is a sentiment that resonates with many people, especially those who have experienced discrimination and oppression.

Throughout her speech, Beck emphasized the importance of education and access to resources. "You can only be free if you have the tools to be that," she said. This is a sentiment that is echoed by many individuals who have experienced the effects of systemic racism and marginalization.

In conclusion, Beck's speech was a powerful reminder of the ongoing struggle for true freedom and equality. Her words resonated with the audience and inspired many to continue fighting for a world where everyone is truly free.

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Close members will be given the opportunity to work with the production team and will also be looking to add additional volunteers. "Most of our officers are film majors, but this really benefits any students that are interested in the process," Reiber said.

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200 dead, 1,500 hurt in 10 Madrid bomb blasts

MADRID, Spain — 200 people were killed and at least another 1,500 injured when a series of terrorist bombs ripped through trains and the Spanish capital's commuter hub Thursday.

Government officials quickly said the bombings occurred less than three days before national elections.

The Basque separatist group ETA, which has waged a bloody guerrilla war for independence for years, claimed responsibility. A letter to an Arab-language newspaper in London later claimed the attacks were carried out by the al-Qa’ida terrorist network but provided no evidence.

The letter was signed by the Abu Hadî al-Mauri Brigades, which affiliated to al-Qa’ida, and has falsely claimed responsibility for other attacks.

King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia visited hospital after "Whoever did this are vile and cowardly murderers," the king said in a address to the nation.

Spain's interior minister was quoted on the Web site of the newspaper El País as saying officials were investigating the possibility of al-Qa’ida's involvement.

**King Remedies to unite Democrats, answers Republican attacks**

WASHINGTON — Surrounded by Senate Democrats in acapella, Kerry refused to take back comments from a recent debate, which he called "the most crooked ... lying group I've ever seen.

In response to a furious backlash from Republicans, including his party leader Dennis Hastert, Kerry said: "I have always been consistent whatever it is to the minute ..., that I was a Republican attack squad and I'll own the results, no matter how many people think I was wrong.

I want to thank the president needs to know about the real priorities of our country."

Kerry said new Bush attack ad portrays Kerry as "eager to raise taxes" and "weak on national security." The ad contends that Kerry, who plans to cut Bush's tax cuts for taxpayers who make less than $200,000 a year. The outlook, according to the national surveys, improved over the past two years. Companies surveyed said they plan to hire 15 percent more graduate than last year. However, job seekers might be competing with more graduates after two years of decline.

"The market is still saturat­ed with candidates from last year," said Robb Pickering, a spokeswoman for Manpower Pro­fessional in Milwaukee.

With the modestly better outlook, some students are returning to class at fall or working as interns. Kerry is advising students to broaden their options and think creatively about how to use their skills.
WHILE YOU WERE OUT

Students take a love of nature downtown, Student Union gets a face lift

A coalition of UCF clubs wrapped up the two-week Unplug 2004 campaign, aimed at disconnecting students from technology, by taking a bike ride from the Student Union to downtown Orlando and back March 6.

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Alex Babcock
Refugee seeks peace through her stories

Agosin said.

Agosin described a childhood of happiness and joy, simple things, not material things. "My mother always taught me to love and respect money and they were our wealth," she said. "When we didn't have much to wear, she would always surprise us with something very special."

Some scholars, protesters, and exiled intellectuals, "as her mother assured her," were also strong believers in her democratic goals and educated in the strength of their cause created by President Salvador Allende.

However, on Sept. 11, 1973, the presidential palace was bombarded and Allende was killed along with an era of political change and social transformation. "Augusto Pinochet and his military forces, with the United States's full consent, overthrew our country, destroying the rights we had struggled for," Agosin said.

For the brutality and violence of Pinochet's regime against those who suffered during his 17-year rule, Agosin's personal identity, sense of place and language..

Agosin said writing poetry helped relive that her bond with Chile. Agosin has published 16 books of poetry, most of which depict the lives of those suffering during Pinochet's regime. "Poets believe they can change people through poems," Agosin said.

While attending graduate school, Agosin began collecting women's tapestries called "arpilleras." Women who had lost their exists,Sale, brothers and sons created the arpilleras, or "drapery of resistance." Arpilleras are made with thread, cloth, and clothing elements of the clothing of the missing person.

According to Agosin, "The arpilleras represented the only public space witnessing in a society obliged to silence." Each of the arpilleras tells a story," Agosin said pointing to a few, "You will never abandon another woman chained herself, either shows a woman being tortured at a stadium.

"All they have is their story," Agosin added. Many of the arpilleras have small text narratives. Some simply say, "Where are you?"

"Gender and creativity intertwine," Agosin added, "women make their private pain into public action." Agosin said, "The power of women's identity is the collectives." Agosin's personal collection of arpilleras, most of which arpilleras smuggled out of Chile, will continue to be on display through March 31 in the

A-Sun champs move on to NCAA

Funs A1

were fast going to have to play the best we can no matter what." Most of the UCF players took a few days off this week for Spring Break, but once Thursday rolled around, it was business as usual. Spencer resumed practice Thursday, despite coming to move his teams to locations other than the UCF Arena.

"I'm just happy we're in the tournament," junior Marcus Avant said. "We're not going there just to make a trip. We're going there to win. It's going to be a tough game and Pittsburgh could have been a No. 2 seed, but we're a good team too.

The men also took some time to support the UCF baseball team Friday night, as they were all smiles during the 9-0 Knights' victory over Gardner-Webb. They were paying the baseball team back for its support in Nashville at the A-Sun tournament last weekend. Spencer showed off his arm before the game as he threw out the first pitch.

"The Knights will resume full practice this week, and are treating this game like any other," Lavin said.

"All the seeds are out, it's time to play ball. It's the dream for all of the great guys on this team. We've been waiting on this all week. It's time to go to work," said Bodden.

For Bodden, Lyons, Moments and Ross, they'll keep hoping that they can push their last game as Knights back one more week.

Said Lyons, "If you're hungry, you've got to get a 100%.

Famous Roe never had abortion

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The resolution was struck down, 21-3. Senators also overwhelmingly supported a bill to fund a campus visit by Norma McCorvey, the former "Jane Roe" of Roe v. Wade, which is U.S. Supreme Court ruling that made abortion legal. The campaign rebuilding a Conservative Consortium Office, Students for Life and Catholic Campus Ministries are bringing McCorvey to campus on April 9.

McCorvey went public with her identity as "Jane Roe" in the 1990s, a decade after the 1973 court decision. She was granted the right to have an abortion under the decision, which legalized abortion under the larger heading of a woman's right to privacy.

Because the case dragged on for so long, McCorvey never went through with the abortion, and instead gave her child up for adoption. In the years since, McCorvey has become an anti-abortion activist, traveling the country in support of overturning the Roe v. Wade decision.

Her appearance in the Competition of Rights to Choose Tournament," the SGA said. "All students. McCorvey's visit will come shortly after the Senate 8,500, of which Smith already has been allocated to ROCK for an event that never took place.

Sen. A.J. Amour was the only senator to vote against the bill, saying that McCorvey would not be talking objectively about the abortion issue, but would be pushing her pro-life stance.

Heather Smith, the president of ROCK, disagreed. "This woman has stood for over 20 years for the fence with the abortion issue. She's traveling the country as a student, regardless of race, can learn and benefits from them.

The Senate also accepted the motion of Sen. Ben Reed, creating an open seat representing the College of Business Administration, SGA President Paton, will appoint a replacement.

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No. 1 UCF defeated No. 3 Mercer 71-65
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Frida March 5 - Semifinals

No. 1 UCF defeated Stetson 85-82

Saturday, March 6 - Championship

No. 1 UCF defeated Troy State 84-75

UCF tourney recap

After returning from the A-Sun tournament in Nashville, Tenn., the UCF men’s basketball team celebrated their first bid to the NCAA Tournament since 1996 with this fan outside the UCF Arena March 4.

‘Give me a break

Even I don’t want to be on vacation with me.

Does anyone know what torture is? I know what torture is. I know that because that’s what I speak about. I understand what all of my gái friends have been telling about.

I spent most of this past week with a pecky cold. Maybe it had something to do with the damage I did to my immune system orienting last Saturday night after our basketball team punched its ticket to the NCAA Tournament.

I wish I could have been in Bradenton for the regular season, but I make as much money as a 90-year-old hooker with a peg leg. Nonetheless, I’m still glowing a weed here.

Because I was left in Borelando for the first time by my own choice, as I promised. I was not going to go home this weekend. I have no freedom thoughts, I’m going to share them with you. The reason UCF plays Pittsburgh in the first round is because the NCAA Tournament.

I saw a photo of Oscar Gill at Friday night’s semifinal game against Belmont. I think Mr. Country Music should start watching basketball games and start playing a few himself. Put the cupcake down, Vince. It’s called the Athlete.

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Baseball keeps on winning

Bergman’s bunch wins 5-4 of first two A-Sun series

FRANK KOSHEL

While most students were celebrating Spring Break, the Knights baseball team was taking care of business with Lipscomb and Gardner-Webb, compiling an impressive 5-1 A-Sun record early in the season.

UCF took two out of three from the Lipscomb Bisons in Nashville with lots of extra baseball throughout the series.

"I don’t think the players felt like they played as well as they are capable of playing," UCF Coach Jeff Bergman said of the Lipscomb series. "We didn’t play too well offensively, I thought we pitched well all series."

The Knights (14-4, 5-1 A-Sun) opened with the 4-1 game, which was called after six innings due to rain. Matt Fox struck out six batters, giving up an unearned run in the third on an infield single by Lipscomb first baseman Kyle Jackson, giving Fox his fourth win of the season.

UCF gave Fox some run support early with Dee Brown driving in David Mann in the first inning for an early 2-0 lead. UCF added another run in the second and two more runs in the third by sacrifice flies from Brian Bono and Drew Butera.

The Knights lost 4-3 in game one of Saturday’s doubleheader, after a walk-off home run by Lipscomb right fielder Nathan Smeal that gave reliever Tim Runyon his first loss of the season. Pitcher Kyle Bono struck out six batters in five and two-thirds innings, giving up six hits and an unearned run in the third by sacrifice flies from Brian Bono and Drew Butera.

The Knights lost 2-0 in the eighth inning, outfielder Dee Brown came through with the clutch go-ahead RBI, coming through with a sacrifice fly that scored senior Dee Brown. Jon Cooper and Drew Butera knocked in two insurance runs, allowing reliever Darren Newlon to get his first win of the season.

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Tennis continues to dominate doubles

NATHAN CARTUS

Both the men’s and women’s tennis teams found success during the weekend, each team both finished the weekend 2-3 and picked up big wins.

The first step for the men was a lot easier and more comfortable than the women, as they swept the Stetson Hatters 4-0. It was the fifth straight win for the Knights against the Hatters.

The final game for the men was last week’s game against the University of Toronto. It was the highest-scoring game of the season for both teams, with the Knights coming out on top 6-0. The win was the third straight over the Hatters for UCF.

The women’s team was a bit more difficult, as they faced off against the Miami Hurricanes.

Rafaela Heredia, the second singles player, was the first to lose for the Hurricanes. However, she was able to come back from being down two sets to win her match.

The second singles match was the first of three straight losses for the Knights, as the third singles match went to the third set, with the Knights losing 7-5. The fourth singles match was won by the Knights, with Myrle Fluharty winning 6-3, 6-3.

The doubles matches were won by the Knights in straight sets, as the first and third doubles teams both won, with the second doubles team losing.

The Knights head to Jacksonville this weekend for a two-match series against Jacksonville State. The first match will be on Thursday and the second will be on Saturday.

Billings scores 10 off the bench in final game as Knight

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Again it was Hudson who truly shined on Wednesday as she scored 10 of the 21 points in the second half. Hudson pushed the lead to 8-3 with 2:38 to go in the first half, but went cold from there.

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Fox remains unbeaten, leads Atlantic Sun pitchers with fifth win

BOB MONAGHAN

Fox continued his dominance on the mound, as he pitched his fifth complete game of the season on Wednesday. He allowed only two hits, one walk, and five strikeouts in a 4-0 win over Kennesaw State.

The game was Fox’s 10th win of the season, as he improved to 10-1 on the season. The win was his fifth consecutive victory, as he has not allowed an earned run in his last five outings.

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Lyons garners A-Sun tournament MVP honors

The Knights started the game on an 8-0 run behind a pair of threes from Avant and Lyons, while holding Troy State scoreless in the opening minutes. The Knights never trailed, but it wasn't because of its defense. It was because of a coaching decision. Speraw knew he had to fire all his shots to escape with a win and he did. Despite it, in the end it came down to basics. Troy State missed four free throws in the final 20. UCF converted 7-of-8 in the final minutes.

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The Knights rounded out the group, scoring 12 and 11 points respectively.

Advancing to the semifinals against Belmont, which handed the Knights one of three conference losses, Lyons and Bodden combined for 36 points, including 20 in the second half, for a 64-62 advantage.

"The Belmont game really set the tone for us," Lyons said. "We beat them on their home court. The fans up there were saying that we were overrated. We knew we had the momentum going into playing Troy State.

Lyons scored UCF's final points in the semifinal, first tying the game at 62 and then converting a pair of free throws with just 36 seconds remaining to break the tie. Belmont had an opportunity to tie the game in the final seconds, but the A-Team's top-ranked defense forced the Bruins to a pair of missed shots in the closing seconds.

Lyons had drained a shot in time out in the first half that built momentum heading into intermission. The Knights, who did not trail after the eight-minute mark despite the score being tied on four occasions, opened the second half with an 8-2 run to overcome a five-point deficit.

That victory propelled the Knights against Florida Atlantic in the A-Sun tournament title game. Lyons, who finished with 20 points, was named A-Sun "Player of the Year." Despite all, in the end it came down to basics. Troy State missed four free throws in the final 20. UCF converted 7-of-8 in the final minutes.

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We all have our personal beliefs, but the view that the future so heartlessly distributes on a weekly basis is beginning to become repetitive and old. I would love to see an "Our Stance" article that actually gives credit to someone in a leadership position or an event at our school or in our country.

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