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MARCUS' MAGIC

Marcus Johnson's string defense helped lead men's basketball to a win over Norfolk St. — SEE SPORTS, A7



FANTASY FANATICS
Make-believe sports are the guiltiest pleasure of many college students

— SEE NEWS, A2

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Alumni mourn loss of dear friend

ASHLEY BURNS
Managing Editor

The UCF Alumni Association has been mourning the loss of a good friend and dedicated alumnus, as Manny Rodriguez died Nov. 26 at the age of 54.

Rodriguez, a member of the Alumni Association for more than 30 years, had been battling cancer and died after

years of radiation therapy had taken its toll on his body. For the past two years, Rodriguez was very active in ensuring that a new alumni center was built on campus.

He saw that dream come to fruition as the Fairwinds Alumni Center opened in early November. A special announcement released by the UCF Alumni Association said, "As a UCF alumnus,

Manny dedicated much of his life to UCF and was instrumental in building the Fairwinds Alumni Center. His work made a difference for past and present students as well as the staff with whom he worked. Manny will be greatly missed."

Doctors told Rodriguez that he was cancer-free in early 2005, and his passing caught many of his co-work-

ers off guard.

Rodriguez graduated from UCF with a degree in political science in 1973. He is survived by his parents, sister, two brothers and his grandmother.

Members of the UCF Alumni Association said they plan to honor Rodriguez with a lasting memorial at the Fairwinds Alumni Center.



COURTESY UCF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
UCF alumnus Manny Rodriguez devoted his time to building an alumni center.

Early decision on rise

College applicants make quick choices, experts believe it could be bad

JUSTIN POPE
Associated Press

After a one-year lull, "early decision" college applications seem to have picked up again this fall around the country, worrying some experts who think the trend shows the admissions process is starting too early in students' high school years.

Using the early decision process allows students to lock in to their top choice as first-semester seniors in high school, making the rest of the year relatively stress-free. It may also boost applicant's chances by a showing a college it is that student's top choice.

But some worry that too many students apply early to try and beat the system, hoping the tactic will demonstrate enough enthusiasm to sneak them into a tough school. The risk, though, is getting stuck with a bad match or inadequate financial aid.

Last year, for the first time since surveys on early decision began in 1999, more colleges reported these applications were down than up from the year before.

But this fall, 53 percent of colleges got more applications than last year, compared to 25 percent who said they got fewer, according to the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

There were substantial jumps at several Ivy League schools, including the University of Pennsylvania (up 21 percent), Brown (16 percent) and Dartmouth (12 percent).

Many of those applicants have been learning over the past week whether they got in.

There are also indications more students from the Midwest and Southeast are making early decision applications, joining the large numbers of seniors from the hypercompetitive Northeast and West Coast who have led the trend.

Applications were up at several prominent Southern universities, including Rice (15 percent), Vanderbilt (25 percent) and Emory (18 percent over two rounds). At Vanderbilt, the early pool of applicants from the Southeast and Midwest grew by about one-third, but New England applications were up just 5 percent.

At Penn, 75 percent of the early pool used to come from Northeast and mid-Atlantic states; that has rapidly declined to 65 percent.

At highly competitive Highland Park High School in Dallas, about a third of seniors applied early this year, up 20 percent from last year, estimated counselor Jeff Pilchick.

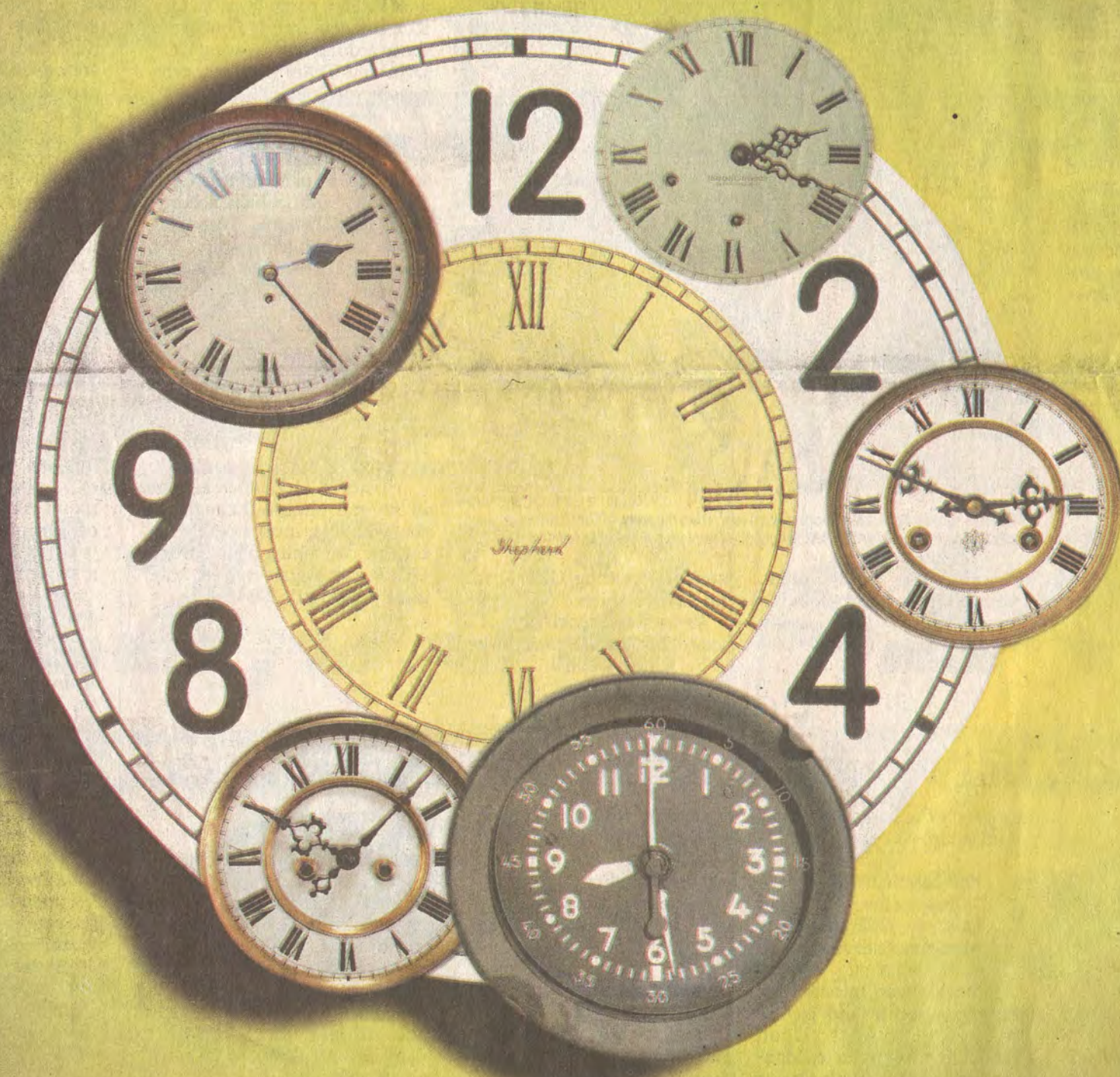
And at Savannah Country Day School in Georgia, 22 percent of seniors made early decision applications, compared to 10 percent last year. Counselor Mary Beth Fry said early decision wasn't on parents' radar screens there even a year ago.

Since then, the process has grown

PLEASE SEE **EXPERTS** ON A6

The time flies by

Success in 2005 only makes 2006 seem much more exciting



KATE HOWELL
News Editor

Like many of the years that have already passed, 2005 has paved the way for yet another successful year in 2006.

Yet some can argue that 2005 was possibly the most important year in UCF history. Between academics and athletics, this university made strides and took many first steps in progressing the school's national status.

By 2007, UCF will feature a brand new on-campus football sta-

dium as well as a brand new convocation center, which will double as the new home of men's and women's basketball.

The last of the newest on-campus housing will be built, and UCF will offer the most living arrangements in the state for its students.

PLEASE SEE **BIGGER** ON A5

Completion of FDLE investigation leads to 1 arrest for battering officer in Jenkins melee

SEAN LAVIN
Senior Staff Writer

A UCF fan who was shot after allegedly trying to tackle UCF Police Officer Mario Jenkins, who brandished his duty weapon while chasing a tailgater, was arrested Thursday on charges of battering an officer.

The fan, Michael Young, 24, was the only person charged in connection to the chaos preceding the deadly fire-fight between Jenkins and Orlando

Reserve Officer Dennis Smith before the UCF football game against Marshall on Sept. 24.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigators confirmed for the first time Thursday that Smith hit Jenkins with three shots and Jenkins returned fire, shooting two rounds back at Smith.

Jenkins' shots narrowly missed the Orlando bicycle officer.

Orange-Osceola State Attorney Lawson Lamar strongly defended

Smith's "split-second decision" to shoot Jenkins and sent a letter to Orlando Police Chief Michael McCoy declaring "no criminal charges are warranted [against Smith]."

"Officer Smith faced an apparent threat that made the use of deadly force reasonable given all the circumstances known to him," Lamar said. "He thought lives were imminently endangered by a shooter."



Photos taken by former UCF student Melissa Castore show two UCF fans in a struggle with UCF police officer Mario Jenkins, wearing the green T-shirt, moments before he was shot and killed. Michael Young, in the black jersey, allegedly tried to take Jenkins' gun from him and tackled him to the ground. Young was the only person involved with the melee to be arrested.

PLEASE SEE **FLORIDA** ON A2

SPECIAL TO THE CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

Future goes on hiatus

The *Central Florida Future* will be on hiatus during the holiday break. It will resume its regular publishing schedule on Jan. 5.

Silent film screening at DMAC

The Downtown Media Arts Center will host a special screening of *Beyond the Rocks*, a silent film thought to be lost forever, Thursday at 7 p.m.

The film has been fully restored with a brand new score by Dutch composer Henny Vrieten.

DMAC is located downtown at the corner of Pine and Magnolia.

For questions, check the DMAC Web site at <http://www.dmacorlando.com> or send an e-mail to rgrula@mailucf.edu.

Women's basketball hosts UM

UCF women's basketball will host the University of Miami tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the UCF Arena.

For details, check the UCF athletics Web site at <http://www.ucfathletics.com> or send an e-mail to Gert Garman at gert@mailucf.edu.

ESPN airs UCF's first bowl game

ESPN will air the UCF football team's postseason bowl game debut on Dec. 24 at 8:30 p.m.

The Knights will take on the Nevada Wolfpack live from Honolulu, Hawaii in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl.

Hurray for Chik-fil-A

The on-campus Chick-fil-A restaurant will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday until Dec. 22.

It will re-open on Jan. 9 at 8 a.m.

For more information visit <http://www.ucfdining.com>.

Order online, not in line

Order your books before you leave for Winter break on the Internet. Online orders get first dibs on used textbooks.

Order may be shipped to your home address or select in-store pick up starting Jan. 3, 2006.

Visit the UCF Bookstore's Web site at <http://www.ucfbkstore.com>, or call 407-882-0066.

Discounted Broadway tickets

The Orlando Broadway Series offers UCF Knights the opportunity to purchase discount tickets to the *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at the Bob Carr Theatre.

Knights can take advantage of this special discount by visiting the theatre's Web site and using the password "ucf-special" to get the discounted rate on orchestra seats at \$55.15 or balcony seats at \$17.

Discount tickets are available for the following dates: Tuesday through Thursday, Jan. 10-12 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

This discount is available until Jan. 2 or the seats are filled, whichever comes first.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a rainbow ride through biblical Egypt on the wings of Andrew Lloyd Webber's uplifting music and the humor and poetry of lyricist Tim Rice. This irresistible musical about the trials and triumphs of Joseph, Israel's favorite son, paints a picture of betrayal and hardship, prophecy and forgiveness.

For tickets and more information visit <http://www.broadway-acrossamerica.com/group-sales>, or call Tonya Holderfield at 407-423-9999.

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The *Future* wants to hear from you! If you have a club, organization or event and want your information to be considered for the Around Campus column, send a fax to 407-447-4556 or an e-mail to editor@ucfnews.com. Deadlines are 5 p.m. Tuesday for the Thursday edition, and 5 p.m. Friday for the Monday edition.

Fantasy sports a growing trend

College students love the opportunity to pretend they're a real franchise owner

NAUSHEEN ANSARI

Contributing Writer

For many people, the feeling of anticipation in drafting players for fantasy sports is all too common. Real athletes are the key to helping aficionados proclaim the No. 1 spot in leagues that let them imagine they're real general managers for a season.

Today, fantasy sports have grown to be a popular pastime for guys, and it's growing in popularity with female sports fans as well. With more than 30 million users, fantasy sports has become one of the fastest growing segments of online gaming today.

Many people are still unfamiliar with fantasy sports. Fantasy sports are mainly played online, on Web sites such as Yahoo! or ESPN. However, some enthusiasts still maintain their leagues with phone relays and written logs.

The sports range from football to hockey. Even NASCAR and professional bass fishing have their own fantasy leagues. Yahoo!, ESPN and Sportsline are the three most popular sites with the greatest range in professional sports offered.

Each individual plays as one

team in a league. After a league is assembled, the members gather either in person or online to conduct the draft, which is where each general manager handpicks a team. After players are drafted, the remaining players go into a pool of free agency. From there, players are either added or dropped throughout the season based on injury, performance and even preference, thus giving the league's members the feel of being general managers of a professional sports franchise.

It's not just the jocks who are most commonly found playing fantasy sports. It's something for sports fans of all ages, both genders and any profession. Owners play one or multiple fantasy matchups every week with fellow colleagues, friends or even strangers in public leagues. The goal is to accumulate more points than each week's opponent to gain victory. Everyone competes for higher seeds, which is handy when playoffs roll around at the end of the season.

For fantasy outsiders, this may seem like a ridiculous waste of time. However, the bragging rights from winning a league can keep a person on a

high for the rest of the year. With the mass popularity of fantasy sports, it's more and more common to see cash at stake. Typically, when money is involved, every participant throws money in the pot, with the winner taking all.

Fantasy sports have become a part of life. There are dozens of different magazines with fantasy player rankings and inside scoop at most local drug stores. There are numerous Web sites to help fantasy owners learn about professional players and broaden their statistical knowledge.

Fantasy sports offer fans even more during NFL, NBA or MLB seasons and are a popular topic many people may overhear in classrooms, around campus and in the Student Union. UCF senior Ameer Zufari said he talks about fantasy sports regularly.

"All the time! It always comes up," Zufari said. "It's awesome because we all go crazy when we trash talk and argue over whose team is better."

With fantasy, there come the regular participants, and then the die-hard fanatics. Frank Hefeli, III, a sophomore at UCF, is one of them. He usually spends around 20 hours

per week checking his fantasy stats and making sure his trades go through.

About his love for fantasy sports, Hefeli said, "I am pretty much obsessed with the teams I have. I check it like every hour. It's like a job."

He isn't the only one who looks at fantasy sports as if it were a job. Message boards are bombarded by the minute on team Web sites. Trade offers and transactions happen as quickly as the stock market on Wall Street.

Just as athletes spend hours and hours perfecting their craft every week, so do die-hard fantasy players.

"I keep myself motivated when there's money in a league, and having consecutively won the past couple of years, I have a reputation to withhold," Hefeli said of what keeps him motivated for his fantasy teams.

Many sports fans have found yet another activity to participate in, and it doesn't even involve leaving the house. All fantasy owners need is a computer and a very high sports I.Q.

Once again, the online world has taken over, and fantasy sports is the new hot trend that's growing.

NATION & WORLD

Keep current with headlines you may have missed

Congress passes \$29 billion aid package for Katrina victims

WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans agreed Saturday on \$29 billion in additional aid for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and the other powerful storms that lashed the U.S. earlier this year, far more than the Bush administration proposed earlier this fall.

Officials stressed the additional funds would not add to federal deficits, a priority for conservative lawmakers. They said the hurricane relief as well as an additional \$3.8 billion to help prepare for an outbreak of avian flu would be offset, in part by a 1 percent cut across a wide swath of federal programs.

The cut would affect domestic programs as well as defense and homeland security, according to Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. Federal support for veterans, whose ranks are swelling as the result of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, would not be affected, he said.

The accord cleared one of several obstacles in the way of adjournment for the year. The House and Senate each scheduled Sunday sessions, wrapping their Saturday work by early evening.

GOP leaders also neared agreement on legislation to trim deficits by an estimated \$40 billion over the next several years. Savings would come from several programs, including student loans, Medicare and Medicaid, the state-federal partnership that provides health care for the poor.

Legislation to allow oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, long a GOP priority, hung in the balance.

European Union could sanction Iran over Holocaust remarks

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Iran could face sanctions if it keeps provoking Israel and the West, European leaders warned Saturday, even as the Tehran regime's interior minister said the Iranian president's remarks had been "misunderstood."

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad aggravated tensions with the West this week by calling the Holocaust a "myth," a statement that came two months after he called for Israel to be "wiped off the map."

European leaders said Ahmadinejad's remarks were the latest "provocative political moves" from Tehran since May.

EU leaders warned Tehran they would review diplomatic options for possible sanctions against Iran.

The condemnation came as Iran prepares to resume talks Wednesday with European envoys over its nuclear program, which the EU and United States fear is intended to build atomic weapons. Envoys from Britain, Germany and France are trying to get Tehran to halt uranium enrichment.

EU leaders warned that the bloc was losing patience in mediating the standoff.

Vice President Cheney makes surprise post-election visit to Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Vice President Dick Cheney made a surprise visit to Iraq Sunday under heavy security, touring the country after parliamentary elections that he suggested were a major step toward drawing down U.S. forces.

The daylong tour was so shrouded in secrecy that even Iraq's prime minister said he was surprised when he arrived at what he thought was a meeting with the U.S. ambassador only to see Cheney waiting to greet him.

Cheney's tour of the country came on the same day that President Bush was giving a prime-time Oval Office address to the nation on Iraq.

PLEASE SEE NATION ON A4

Florida officials defend Orlando officer

FROM A1

Assistant State Attorney Steve Foster said no charges were brought against former UCF student Robert McLintock, 22, the tailgater Jenkins was chasing at the time witnesses said Young grabbed the officer.

McLintock was partying with a group of tailgaters wearing UCF Drinking Team T-shirts when Jenkins asked a 22-year-old woman he suspected was drinking underage to produce identification, witnesses said.

The situation then became hostile as the crowd jeered Jenkins and he tried to restrain McLintock, according to reports.

Jenkins was wearing a white baseball cap and green shirt while working undercover as part of a university initiative called Operation Knightwatch to crack down on underage drinking. Witnesses said Jenkins' badge was visible at the beginning of the scuffle.

According to witnesses,



Former UCF student Robert McLintock was led away from the scene of the shooting in handcuffs, however he was not arrested upon the completion of the FDLE investigation.

McLintock ran from Jenkins several times, and Jenkins encountered increasingly heavy resistance from several

students wearing UCF Drinking Team T-shirts.

Resistance reportedly got so heavy that Jenkins was pushed

to the ground, prompting him to draw his gun.

The heaviest physical resistance did not come from McLintock himself, though, but from those around him wearing UCF Drinking Team T-shirts, witnesses said.

It is still unknown whether Young knew McLintock before he allegedly grabbed Jenkins, or if Young is part of the UCF Drinking Team, which, according to the team's Web site <http://www.tri-lambda.8m.com>, is officially known as the Central Florida chapter of Lambda Lambda Lambda.

McLintock said he was unable to discuss the case during a phone call Thursday because he was working at the time, and he did not return phone calls by Saturday evening.

However, McLintock is seen in several photos throughout the Web site, most notably on the one containing photos from UCF's game against West Virginia on Sept. 11, 2004.

PLEASE SEE YOUNG ON A5

POLICE BEAT

Man allegedly hits woman, gets hit with assault charges

CRYSTAL SCOTT

Staff Writer

Around 7 p.m. on Dec. 5, Officer Carlos Maxwell was called out to College Knight Court.

Upon arrival, Maxwell was informed that Martin Davis, 19, had physically hit and damaged the vehicle of a woman. After Davis had struck the vehicle, he proceeded to threaten the woman by raising his fist and lunging in her direction. The woman feared for her safety and called the police department.

Davis had already fled the scene, but an associate of his remained present. The associate called Davis' cell phone and asked him to come back.

After returning, Davis was identified by the woman as the man who had struck her vehicle and threatened to hurt her. Davis was then arrested on the

suspicion of assault and criminal mischief.

Half-baked drivers

Just before 4 p.m. on Dec. 8, Officer James Mangan observed a vehicle failing to stop at a red light. Mangan initiated his emergency lights and pulled the vehicle over. Upon approaching the vehicle, Mangan made contact with Carlos Martinez, 26, and the driver, Shawmeet Mukherjee, 22.

A heavy odor of burnt marijuana was coming from the vehicle. Mangan opted to search the car for any illegal items. During the search, Mangan found two packs of rolling papers, a large red bong, a black bag with a scale and marijuana residue, all of which was seized.

Mukherjee said that the scale is used to measure marijuana, and both men admitted

to smoking with the bong prior to being pulled over.

Martinez and Mukherjee were arrested on the suspicion of possession of drug paraphernalia and were issued notices to appear.

License issues

At about 2 a.m. on Dec. 9, Officer Shoopman was patrolling Pegasus Pointe Apartments when he stopped a vehicle with an expired temporary tag. UCF Police Department gave this account:

Upon making contact with the driver, Victor Cintron, 26, he appeared to be nervous and sweating. After completing a check of Cintron's drivers license, it was discovered that it was no longer valid and had been suspended five times within the current year.

Cintron was placed under arrest on the suspicion of driving with a suspended license

with knowledge.

Loud music gets driver DUI

Just after 2 a.m. on Dec. 16, Officer Mathew Fazi pulled over a vehicle for playing music that could be heard beyond 25 feet. UCF Police Department gave this account:

Fazi approached the vehicle and made contact with the driver, Michial Warrington, 19, and could smell the odor of alcohol coming from inside.

Warrington initially denied having any alcoholic beverages but eventually admitted to consuming one beer. At this point, Warrington consented to a field sobriety test. Throughout the test, he was unable to keep his balance and failed to follow instructions properly.

He was placed under arrest and issued a citation for music audible from greater than 25 feet from a vehicle and also for driving under the influence.

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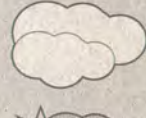
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FEW SHOWERS

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TODAY IN DETAIL

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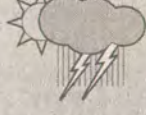


Tuesday

MOSTLY CLOUDY

High: 67°

Low: 52°



Wednesday

FEW SHOWERS

High: 67°

Low: 46°

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HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

Dean alleges he was fired after discovering wrong-doings
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A former dean of the failed Kentucky school run by Republican candidate for New York governor Bill Weld said he was fired after he found employees falsifying student records and recruiters arranging federal loans for students who could not read.

Carlos Urquilla, who was fired from Decker College in February, said he signed a severance agreement months later with Weld, then Decker's chief executive officer.

The agreement required Urquilla to keep quiet about the school, according to an article published Sunday in the New York Times. Urquilla said he considered the contract breached because he had not received his severance payments.

The trade school is now under investigation for possible federal violations, including student loan and wire fraud.

Weld attributed Urquilla's departure to a "personality conflict" with the provost and a dean. He said he did not recall signing the severance agreement with Urquilla.

Jury convicts former graduate student in deadly shooting

CLEVELAND — A former graduate student was convicted Friday of all 196 counts, including killing a student, in a seven-hour shooting rampage at Case Western Reserve University.

Biswanath Halder, 65, broke into the university's business school on May 9, 2003, with more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition because he believed a school computer lab employee hacked into his Web site devoted to helping fellow India natives form businesses.

Halder, originally from Calcutta, India, was convicted of aggravated murder. It took Judge Peggy Foley Jones two hours and 15 minutes to read all the guilty verdicts from a 3-inch binder.

The jury signed every one of the verdict forms, which included convictions for attempted murder, aggravated burglary and kidnapping. Earlier in the trial, the judge dismissed a terrorism charge.

Protest outside free speech zone lands students in trouble at UNC

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Two University of North Carolina at Greensboro students face disciplinary hearings for staging a protest about the campus "free speech zones" outside the free speech zones.

The students, Allison Jaynes and Robert Sinnott, helped organize the rally of about 40 people Nov. 16 on a lawn in front of the campus library, according to the Philadelphia-based Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, which has intervened on the students' behalf.

When a school official told Jaynes to move to a free speech zone, she refused and was later charged, along with Sinnott, with a campus violation. Jaynes, a senior physics major, said the punishment could range from a warning to probation with restrictions.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATION & WORLD



LAWRENCE JACKSON/ASSOCIATED PRESS
U.S. Vice President Cheney is seen with Lt. Gen. Martin Dempsey at the Taji Air Base after touring the 9th Mechanized Infantry Division of the Iraqi Army, Sunday in Iraq.

FROM A2

Cheney's aides said the timing was a coincidence, but, regardless, the two events combined in a public relations blitz aimed at capitalizing on the Iraqi elections to rebuild U.S. support for the unpopular war.

The vice president visited with Iraq's leaders and military commanders in the Green Zone, saw an Iraqi troop training demonstration at Taji air base, lunched with soldiers who provided security for Thursday's election and gave a speech to troops.

Teens arrested for allegedly plotting school shooting

LANCASTER, Calif. — Two teenagers were in custody for allegedly plotting to carry out a Columbine-like massacre at their former high school next Valentine's Day, authorities said.

The former Quartz Hill High students, whose names were not released, were arrested Thursday after searches of their homes turned up knives, ammunition, a gas mask and bomb-making instructions downloaded from the Internet, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

They were being held at the Sylmar Juvenile Detention Center for investigation of making terrorist threats, Brown said.

The boys, ages 17 and 15, had been transferred from Quartz Hill to other schools for disciplinary reasons, authorities said.

Brown said an investigation began Wednesday when a student contacted the school's vice principal and said the former classmates were planning a "Columbine-style assault" on the campus.

Florida Power and Light spends \$11 billion for Constellation

NEW YORK — The boards of Florida utility FPL Group Inc. and Constellation Energy Group Inc. have approved a deal in which FPL would acquire the power plant operator for about \$11 billion, according to a newspaper report.

The all-stock deal values Baltimore-based Constellation at \$61 to \$62 per share and could be announced as soon as Monday, The Wall Street Journal reported Sunday on its Web site, citing a person familiar with the deal. Constellation shareholders would receive a fixed ratio of FPL shares.

With Constellation, FPL Group would become a major electric conglomerate with customers along the East Coast from Maine to Florida.

Constellation Energy

Group owns Baltimore Gas and Electric Co., the utility serving the Baltimore metropolitan region, and 10 power plants around the country. It reported \$12.5 billion in revenue last year.

FPL Group Inc., based in Juno Beach, Fla., is the parent company of Florida Power & Light Co., serving 4.2 million customers and annual revenue of \$10 billion.

Constellation spokesman Rob Gould declined to comment on the report Sunday.

"We stick to the same party line that we said before. We don't comment on market rumors or, in this case, on any news article," he said.

FPL officials did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Under the arrangement, FPL's chairman and CEO, Lewis Hay III, would become chief executive of the new company and Constellation chief executive and chairman Mayo Shattuck III would become executive chairman, according to the newspaper.

Constellation shares closed at \$61.62 Friday on the New York Stock Exchange.

The New York Times reported news of the talks last week.

Nielsen takes first step into television DVR generation

NEW YORK — Starting next week, the company that measures what people watch on television will also follow what they record on DVRs to watch later.

The move by Nielsen Media Research is a reflection of how the traditional notion of watching TV is changing. And if Nielsen's numbers show that new technology is also changing what people are watching, it has the potential to disrupt a multibillion-dollar business.

An estimated 7 percent of the nation's 110 million homes with televisions now have digital video recorders, and that's expected to rise to one quarter of the TV population by sometime in 2007, Nielsen said.

Until now, Nielsen has bypassed these DVR homes when it signs up the estimated 9,000 families that make up its national sample of homes. Nielsen families provide the basis for its ratings, which make a show a hit or flop.

DVR homes will be included starting Dec. 26, said Karen Gyimesi, company spokeswoman.

It has taken this long partly because the Nielsen "people meters" that record what families are watching weren't equipped to handle DVRs, she said.

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Young faces charges of battering officer

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Also on the Web site are photos of tailgaters filling up cups of beer from a keg hidden inside a red truck in the tailgating area, which is against established tailgating policy.

Dozens of photos of the group's members wearing the T-shirts — emblazoned with the triangular "Lambda Lambda Lambda" logo on the front and the words "UCF Drinking Team" on the back — while tailgating are posted on its Web site from six different games in 2004.

Some of the photos depict members funneling beer from a hose and oil funnel. The devices, known as beer bongs, were banned by a task force reviewing UCF tailgating after the shooting. Others show the backside of a nude male standing amid empty cases of beer on the ground.

The group's Web site also displays a large black and gold van with UCF markings that McIntock's father said his son used to drive to games to tailgate with regularly. He added that his son is a huge Golden Knights fan.

Up until the Sept. 24, 2005,

game, students would regularly see the van, complete with "Lambda Lambda Lambda" markings, at football games, surrounded by crowds of students wearing the same Drinking Team T-shirts that witnesses described seeing during the scuffle where Jenkins drew his gun.

After Jenkins was shot and killed and witnesses started identifying individuals wearing UCF Drinking Team T-shirts as having violently pushed the officer, there have been no reported sightings of the tailgating van or the once-common T-shirts at UCF games.

On a section of the group's Web site titled "About Us," it explains the group was founded in 1984 at Adams College, a reference to the 1984 movie *Revenge of the Nerds*.

According to the Central Florida chapter borrows its history from the movie, where a group of outcast students form a fraternity for other nerdy students and mocks the previously established campus fraternities.

The section reads: "Tri-Lambda was formed in 1984 at Adams College. Shunned from other fraternities due to superior knowledge and looks, they

were also unwilling to participate in the ridiculous rituals. Lambda Lambda Lambda is against tradition of the normal fraternity, as well as paying for friends. We here in Central Florida follow in the foot steps of our founding fathers ..."

Although there is no official UCF Drinking Team or group called Lambda Lambda Lambda registered with UCF, the setup depicted in the photos is reminiscent of registered UCF fraternities' tailgate parties. Photos show the group's area complete with a fraternity flag, banners and even tables for the popular beer pong drinking game played before football games.

During the news conference Thursday, state attorney and FDLE spokesmen declined to discuss the details of the fracas that may have prompted Jenkins to draw his weapon in the crowd of tailgaters and whether he was justified in doing so.

Lamar did say, however, that there is evidence Young knew Jenkins was an officer when he battered him.

Young said he had "no comment" after bonding out of the Orange County Jail at 7 p.m. Thursday when asked if he saw



Young

Jenkins' badge or knew he was an officer before trying to tackle him. He also would not confirm if he belonged to the Drinking Team.

The state attorney did not release the report compiled by the FDLE containing information from more than 100 witnesses at Thursday's news conference.

He said the information will be available after Young's lawyer requests the information in the discovery phase of the trial.

The state attorney's office also said it hopes to avoid any change of venue for this trial.

Bigger, better years on the university's horizon

FROM A1

Perhaps most importantly, the university is adding a number of new colleges that will undoubtedly increase the current enrollment of 45,000. The greatest addition will be a new medical school that will help alleviate Florida's lack of adequate medical facilities and staff.

2005 was certainly a strong year for UCF, and the ghosts of Christmas past and present can only predict that the future will only get better.

Football's turnaround

The UCF football team's inaugural season in Conference USA ended in disappointment at the championship game at the Florida Citrus Bowl on Dec. 3. However, the Knights will play in their first-ever Bowl Game.

UCF President John Hitt, Athletic Director Steve Orsini and Coach George O'Leary confirmed on Dec. 4 that the Knights had accepted an invitation to play in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl this month.

On Dec. 24, the Knights will cap off a week in paradise when they will face the Western Athletic Conference's Nevada (8-3) at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu.

Stadium

Supporters of the proposed on-campus football stadium celebrated Nov. 9 after the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the stadium's planned location on the north end of campus.

UCF Vice President for Administration and Finance Bill Merck gave a presentation that included an analysis on the impact the stadium would have if built on the south end of campus. He said UCF's intramural sports program and the amount of student parking would suffer if the stadium was built on the south side of campus.

The stadium has been under near-constant scrutiny from students, neighborhood associations, environmentalists and the state government since the proposal was first put forth in January 2005.

Katrina relief

Students, faculty and staff at UCF demonstrated extraordinary efforts to keep up with the country's generosity to victims of Hurricane Katrina throughout the semester.

Dozens of organizations on campus helped take donations including cash, clothing and food, and UCF admitted students displaced by Katrina.

UCF also waived enrollment fees and gave displaced students Florida's in-state tuition rate and accepted the students without prior academic records, and UCF spokesperson Tom Evelyn said that at least two dozen students and faculty members were willing to open up their homes to displaced students.

Mario Jenkins

More than 100 people, students, faculty and members of the UCF community gathered Oct. 6 to pay their final respects



CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE ARCHIVE

The UCF football team was the center of much of the university's attention this year as the UCF Board of Trustees, below, voted to approve an amendment to the school's Master Plan that would allow the addition of an on-campus stadium to the north side of campus. On Dec. 3, more than 51,000 fans, above, showed up to watch UCF in the Conference USA Championship game, breaking the previous UCF attendance record.

to and light candles in memory of Officer Mario Jenkins, who was shot and killed Sept. 24 while breaking up an apparent fight at a UCF football tailgate.

SGA Student Body President Willie Bentley Jr. spoke at the service.

"I think that it is best to reflect on our own lives," he said. "We must not allow tragedy to disconnect us from the possibility of adventure and excitement."

"This connection between the UCFPD and the UCF community is what makes UCF so special," Maj. Randy Mingo, of the UCFPD, said.

Health Center

Equipped with a larger waiting room, more examination rooms and increased space all-around, the new UCF Student Health Center will allow faster service and wait times, health center officials said.

The new health center, at 48,000 square feet, is about three times the size of the old health center and has 48 examination rooms, an increase from 13 in the old building.

Med school

A variety of financial sources turned up for the funding of the new UCF medical college, which was formally proposed to the state Board of Governors on Nov. 17 in Jacksonville. A decision is expected by March 23.

In order to win approval of the idea, President John Hitt said UCF needs to show the Board of Governors that it can raise about \$50 million, including state-matching funds, to pay for the buildings that would be needed to establish the medical college.

Florida needs at least two more medical schools to ease the growing demand for doctors, according to a study by MGT of America.

Arts and Sciences split

The College of Arts and Sciences, reeling from a multimillion-dollar deficit of \$5.6 million, will be divided into the College of Sciences and the College of



Arts and Humanities in January, according to Provost Terry Hickey.

The College of Arts and Humanities will comprise two divisions: Visual and Performing Arts, which will consist of the departments of art, music and theater, and the School of Film and Digital Media; and Humanities, consisting of the departments of history, modern languages, philosophy, and liberal and interdisciplinary studies.

The College of Sciences will comprise the Division of Natural Sciences, which will be made up of the departments of biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics and statistics; and the

Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, consisting of the departments of anthropology, political science, psychology and sociology.

Wendy's to close

Sometime after Thanksgiving, students will be unable to buy Wendy's Frosties, square hamburgers or 99-cent baked potatoes in the Student Union as, due to financial problems, the restaurant is closing its doors for good.

Wendy's general manager Dave Cowras confirmed in a phone interview that his restaurant's closure was definite, but was not sure the exact date it would take place.

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Experts worried about early applicants

FROM A1

noticeably more serious.

"Parents are paying attention not just to where their friends' children are getting in but where their friends' children from up North are getting in, too," she said.

The basic version of early decision is simple: students apply by Nov. 1 or Nov. 15, and usually get word — accept, reject or defer — by Christmas. Applying early decision commits students to attending the school if accepted.

But these days, many colleges have adopted complicated variants, including multiple early decision rounds and different forms of "early action" — in which students apply to a school by mid-autumn but aren't automatically committed to attending if they get in. Many state schools, meanwhile,

accept rolling applications all year.

For students, an early verdict can make for a more relaxed senior spring.

"If I didn't get into Dartmouth, I was going to have to fill in something like 10 more applications," said Frances Dales, a senior at Savannah Country Day. That's a relief, considering she still has a full class schedule and "all these extracurricular activities that got me into college."

With the admissions process advancing earlier and earlier in high school, some say it's a good thing students can finish it sooner. Dales said she's known since freshman year Dartmouth was her top choice. Classmate Render Braswell said he visited and researched a range of schools before settling on Duke, where he was accepted Thursday.

"The colleges and universities now literally inundate these kids with informational promotional brochures starting as early as the ninth grade," said Emily Baer, director of college guidance at Memphis University School, where 15 students used early decision applications this year, about three times the number five years ago.

Says Vanderbilt admissions dean William Shain: "A lot of people look at colleges a lot a longer, and they're exhausted."

But some worry that students feel pressured to apply in the fall. Counselors say they're seeing more students apply early hoping it will help them get into a better-known school, not because they've found the perfect fit.

Pilchick, of the Dallas high school, said he saw more students applying early this year

as a "reaching" mechanism. "It's something that we warn against," he said. "You still have to be a viable candidate, but they still believe that early will help them."

Early decision can eliminate stress, but students may find themselves disappointed in their financial aid package — or simply change their minds.

"It's really stunning to see how much students can grow and learn about themselves between the end of junior year and the middle of senior year," said Helen Bodell, counseling director at the Lincoln School in Providence, R.I., where three-quarters of her senior class used early action or early decision this year. "Each one of those months is worth gold. Usually it works out, but usually there's a student you wish weren't in a binding situation."

SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT

VANESSA FERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

Researchers are suggesting that the breast cancer drug Anastrozole may also inhibit the growth of lung cancer. The drug is currently sold to patients under the name Arimidex.

Lead researcher for this study, Olga Weinberg, explained in the Dec. 15 issue of *Cancer Research* that breast cancer grows more rapidly in the presence of estrogen, and the drug Arimidex stops the body from producing estrogen by blocking aromatase.

Aromatase, the enzyme that the body uses to make the hormone, was identified by the researchers in laboratory produced lung cancer cell lines. They also tested for the

enzyme in 50 non-small cell lung cancer specimens.

The research team decided to look at whether Anastrozole would or would not be effective against lung cancer because of previous data that had already been published showing that some lung cancer cells also use estrogen to grow.

Researchers tested both the cell lines and the specimens to make sure the aromatase was producing estrogen. When those tests came back positive as well, they decided to see what effect the Anastrozole would have.

Using mice as their testing specimens, they started first with the cell lines, where a 48-hour application of the drug shut down aromatase activity and slowed the tumor growth in the laboratory.

The next step was to inject human lung cancer cells into mice and to administer the drug. After 21 days, the tumors in the mice that were being treated with Anastrozole were 90 percent smaller than the tumors in the mice that did not receive the medication.

Minetta Liu, a physician at the Vincent T. Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, told United Press International she thought the study was "well-constructed" and that she supports the further study of aromatase as a potential target for lung cancer therapy.

Robert Siegel, director of the Division of Hematology and Oncology at George Washington University Medical Center, was also impressed with the results but more cautious.

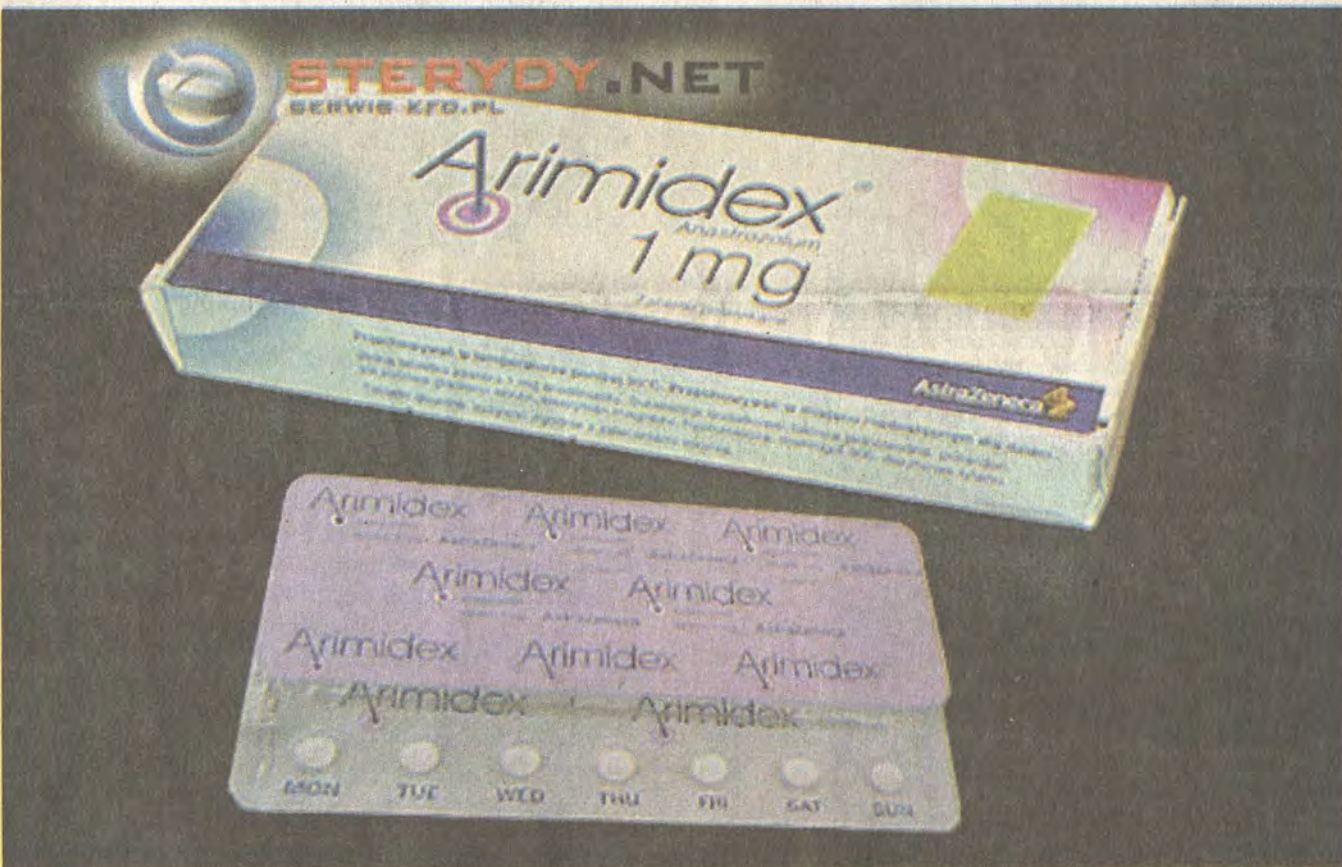
"Aromatase inhibitors have

low toxicity and are very useful therapeutic agents for treating hormone-sensitive breast cancer," Siegel told the United Press International. "Lung cancer is a horrible disease, and I appreciate the researchers' novel approach to treating it, as well as the creativity and ingenuity they used in testing an off-the-shelf drug; but this discovery is not ready for prime-time yet," Siegel said.

"The sidewalk is paved with studies that worked well in mice but didn't pan out in people. We won't know whether this discovery will be useful until it's tested in humans," Siegel argued.

Siegel added that, since the aromatase inhibitors are already FDA-approved, clinical trials using them for treatment would likely be easy to launch.

The drug Anastrozole, marketed and sold under the name Arimidex, has been popular in the battle against breast cancer. Additionally, the drug is raising hope that while it helps fight against breast cancer it is actually also helping to inhibit lung cancer. Scientists are currently looking into whether or not this drug can be used to treat lung cancer. In laboratory tests held with mice as the subjects, a 48-hour treatment of the drug slowed the growth process of the tumor. After 21 days, the size of the tumors in mice receiving treatment with Anastrozole were noticeably smaller than the tumors in the mice not receiving any treatment at all.

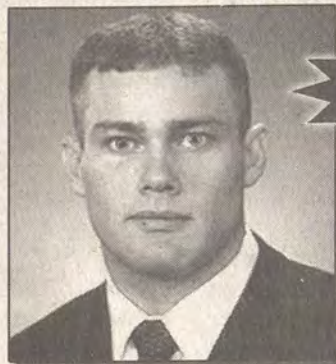


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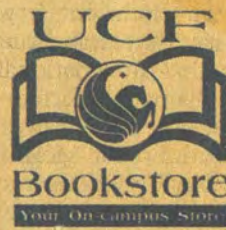
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Football team heads to Hawaii for bowl game

UCF coaching staff uses extra practice time to its benefit

ANDY VASQUEZ
Sports Editor

After a rough week of practice, the UCF football team embarked on a long — and long-awaited — trip to its first-ever bowl game Sunday morning.

The team left campus around 4:30 a.m. Sunday for Orlando/Sanford International Airport, where it boarded a char-

ter for Honolulu. Upon their arrival in the nation's 50th state, the Knights immediately practiced as they tried to adjust to a new climate and time zone.

UCF's 4,753-mile trip from Orlando to Honolulu is the longest of any team traveling to a bowl game this year, but the Knights will have nearly an entire week to adjust to their beautiful surroundings; UCF's game

against Nevada isn't until Saturday.

Though the Knights are currently in paradise, the week leading up to their trip to Hawaii was anything but laid back.

UCF Coach George O'Leary worked his team hard in an effort to take advantage of the extra week of practice a bowl game

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Bowl preview

Go in-depth and get inside UCF's first-ever bowl game
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Defensive end Paul Carrington will be one of the seniors to play his last game in a UCF uniform.

MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM



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Defense is the best offense

Knights use active defensive team to shut down Norfolk State, get coach's 200th win

ANDY VASQUEZ
Sports Editor

After struggling to find an offensive rhythm for nearly two-and-a-half games, it was a lock-down defensive performance that got the UCF men's basketball team back on track Friday night.

UCF outscored Norfolk State 43-28 in the second half while forcing 21 turnovers on the game to beat the Spartans 63-47 at the UCF Arena, ending a two-game losing streak.

The win was also a milestone for UCF Coach Kirk Speraw, who picked up his 200th career victory as a head coach.

"It was good to have our team back playing active defense," Speraw said. "When we do that, we can be a pretty decent defensive team, and I think that we were very good tonight defensively."

The Knights held the Spartans under 40 percent from the field on the game and, for the second time this season, held a team under 50 points on their way to the 16-point victory



The active defense of Marcus Johnson, right, helped get UCF Coach Kirk Speraw, left, win No. 200.

over Norfolk State.

Sophomore guard Mike O'Donnell had 15 points to lead the Knights, while senior forward Marcus Johnson used his high energy on both ends of the floor to spark the Knights in the second half.

After an abysmal first half in which the Knights shot 32 percent

from the field and had only a 20-19 halftime lead, UCF held only a five-point lead nearly halfway through the second half.

But Johnson made a strong inside basket to extend the Knights' lead to 35-28 with 12:30 remaining. On the ensuing Spartans possession, Johnson drew an offensive foul on Norfolk

State and then was fouled on a drive to the basket and made both his free throws to give UCF a 37-28 lead.

Johnson's hustle play helped spark a dramatic UCF second-half run that proved to be the difference. The game was tied, 25-25, three minutes into the second half when Johnson and the Knights clamped down on defense and went on a 22-6 run to put a win out of reach for the Spartans.

Johnson finished with 11 points and five rebounds, but it was his performance on the defensive end that impressed his coach the most.

"He was active," Speraw said. "He was flying around, he was running the floor hard, he was battling and fighting on the glass ... he just played with consistent effort and that's all that we ask of our guys."

The emergence of Johnson as a defensive presence was something that Speraw has been looking forward to.

"Coach has been telling me to bring more activity to the team,"

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Women put an end to losing

Knights hand Central Michigan first loss of year

BRIAN MURPHY
Staff Writer

After dropping six straight games, the UCF women's basketball team just wanted a win at any cost. It was an added bonus that it earned its streak-snapping victory by knocking off an undefeated squad.

In the first round of the UCF Holiday Classic, the Golden Knights outlasted the University of Central Michigan, 57-48, on Friday night at the UCF Arena.

The Chippewas had reached their 6-0 mark by blowing out opponents, winning games by an average of 18 points. But this contest was a defensive struggle from the tip-off.

Six minutes in, the teams were deadlocked at 4. Senior Chasidy Myers put the Chippewas up by six — the largest lead for either team in the first half — with 7:39 remaining. But, five minutes later, a jumper by senior Shayla Smith gave the Knights a 20-19 advantage. The teams went to halftime tied at 25. Both teams shot below 40 percent in the first half.

In the second half, the game was decided by a pair of runs. In the first nine minutes of the second half, seven points from junior Ann Skufca propelled the Chippewas on a 13-2 run. Down 38-27, it was the Knights turn to get hot.

With less than 11 minutes remaining, seven points from senior Shelby Weber and some sharp outside shooting jump-started the Knights' offense. After a basket by Weber cut their deficit to five, three consecutive treys gave the Knights a four-point lead they never relinquished. The Knights also stepped up their defense in the final eight minutes, limiting the visitors to just three points from the field.

The Knights saw their lead get all the way up to 10 in the closing seconds of the game to end their 28-7 run.

A big key to the Knights' victory was their ability to improve in a couple areas where they had been slumping all season: rebounding and free-throw shooting.

The Knights held the rebounding edge at 44-34. Through their first seven games this season, the Knights had a minus nine rebounding margin. Their 44 rebounds tied a season-high.

On Friday, the Knights also made their free throws. Before this match, the Knights never converted more than 67 percent of their free throws. Against Central Michigan, the Knights made close to 79 percent of their attempts. They were led by junior Francine Houston, who made all eight of her attempts from the stripe.

Houston, as usual, led the Knights in scoring with 22 points. Weber came within a couple of lucky bounces of a

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Charges filed against former UCF quarterback Culpepper

JEFF BAENEN
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Quarterback Daunte Culpepper and three Minnesota Vikings teammates were charged Thursday with indecent, lewd and disorderly conduct for participating in a bawdy boat party that drew national attention.

Culpepper, a former star quarterback at UCF who is currently on injured reserve, Bryant McKinnie, Fred Smoot and Moe Williams each were charged with three misdemeanors for their

behavior aboard a boat on Lake Minnetonka, according to court papers.

If convicted, each player faces up to a maximum of 90 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine for each count.

"The night of the incident, there was no shortage of inappropriate behavior on both boats," Hennepin County Sheriff Pat McGowan said.

Prosecutor Steve Tallen charged the players based on an investigation by McGowan's office, which reviewed allegations of lewd and drunken behavior aboard two craft chartered for the outing

on Oct. 6.

Crew members complained that some people took off their clothes and engaged in public sex acts during the cruise, according to Stephen Doyle, an attorney representing the boats' owners, Al & Alma's Supper Club and Charter Cruises in Mound, Minn.

Crew members were able to identify 17 Vikings among about 90 people on the two boats; McGowan said authorities ultimately identified about 30 Vikings.



Former UCF quarterback Daunte Culpepper, of the NFL's Minnesota Vikings, was one of four Vikings charged.

PLEASE SEE **COACH** ON A9

UCF'S FIRST BOWL GAME — THE 2005 HAWAII BOWL

Aloha postseason

Knights head to Hawaii hoping to end successful season on high note

REACTION

Bowl game marks end of beginning

CHRIS HOYLER
Staff Writer

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006. Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, Gainesville. Florida quarterback Chris Leak drops back, takes a look to his right and freezes. Joe Burnett blankets his intended target. Leak's last coherent thought is to look to his secondary receiver, but Jason Venson comes off the edge a second later and buries him in the turf of Florida Field.

Monday, Sept. 11, 2006. FireUrbanMeyer.com crashes after a record number of visitors. UCF is 2-0.

I know you think it's impossible. You think that when UCF Athletic Director Steve Orsini scheduled UF several years ago, a payday was the first thing on his mind, a victory the last.

Three months ago, you were right. Today, as the Knights prepare for Nevada, Black and Gold Nation needs to reevaluate its perspective.

The Hawai'i Bowl doesn't matter. Well, it does, in that it's a previously implausible culmination to a great season; a reward for Paul Carrington, James Cook, Darcy Johnson, Brandon Marshall and the rest of the Mike Kruczek holdovers who have dealt with negative publicity typically reserved for slimy programs like Colorado or pre-Mike Shula Alabama.

But don't lose sight of the future; should the Knights lose on Christmas Eve, it won't diminish anything George O'Leary and his staff did this year. Conversely, a UCF win is the cherry on top of the 2005 season, but it won't mean anything when Pittsburgh and USF come to the Citrus Bowl next year.

The real rewards for this bowl game have already been reaped. The extra practices, film sessions and team meetings, those are the building blocks for 2006 and beyond.

Even the exposure of a second consecutive ESPN telecast, on a night when people will be looking for a football nightcap following a day's worth of NFL action, is of more importance than the outcome. Future Knights can gather around the fire with family, open Christmas gifts and discuss how great the guys in Orlando are and how much they'd love to play for George and the gang.

O'Leary's first two recruiting classes have been strong. The two-deep depth chart is ripe with freshmen (nine true, six redshirt) and sophomores (six true, six redshirt) who have contributed, but for every Joe Burnett or Kevin Smith, there are two or three underclassmen who need these extra practices, need the extra time the coaches can give them.

In the last few seasons, the extra time has been a springboard for several teams who went years without making a bowl appearance. The best example? That pesky Golden Hurricane from Tulsa, the one that swept through Orlando and, in its wake, left the Knights with their lone Citrus Bowl setback this season.

Tulsa Coach Steve Kragthorpe took his team up to Boise, Idaho, for the 2003 Humanitarian Bowl; the school's first bowl appearance since 1991 and third since 1975. It was embarrassing. It allowed more than 300 yards rushing to PJ Daniels and lost 52-10. Two years later, it's a conference champion, playing for a \$1.5 million payout in the Liberty Bowl.

The Hawai'i Bowl will probably roll past midnight and into Christmas Day, so just remember one thing when the game is over: The gift of the bowl game comes before and after the play at Aloha Stadium, one that will keep giving long after the Knights leave Honolulu.



UCF Coach George O'Leary looks on at the Conference USA Championship game earlier this month. A win in UCF's first-ever bowl game would be an added bonus to a remarkable year.

UCF aims to bowl over Nevada

CHRIS HOYLER
Staff Writer

History hasn't been kind to UCF in what would be deemed their "big" games.

Since its move to Division I-A in 1996, UCF has always come close to knocking down that wall between being "the little mid-major that could" and "perennial bowl/conference championship threat."

Inevitably, a nationally televised defeat grabs a few bricks and stacks the wall even higher. From Purdue in 1998 to Penn State in 2002 to Virginia Tech in 2003, the Knights tend to stutter when trying to tell the nation: "Hey, we've arrived."

On Saturday evening, or late afternoon in Honolulu, the Knights will try again. The Western Athletic Conference co-champions Nevada Wolfpack are the ones with the bricks and mortar now, and their statement to UCF is simple: "Wait 'til next year."

Here's how the Hawai'i Bowl looks.

When UCF has the ball...

Key Matchup: UCF wide receiver Brandon Marshall versus Nevada defensive back Joe Garcia.

Garcia, a junior college transfer, has stepped up in his first season, as he was not listed on the two-deep depth chart to start the season. All he did was join Kevin Stanley to combine for 26 pass break-ups and five interceptions, four for Garcia, who is on his way to being named to the All-WAC first team.

Marshall, as he has done all season, presents physical problems for his opponents. The potential matchup with the 6-foot Garcia is no different, and Nevada Coach Chris Ault may choose to play Stanley, a ball hawk who likes to gamble, on Marshall in hopes of creating a big play.

Nevada tends to play man-to-man but could use a heavy zone, especially with Mike Walker out. The Wolfpack may dare Steven Moffett to use his secondary targets like tight end Darcy Johnson and wide receivers Willie Thornton and Rocky Ross more, something he looked uncomfortable doing late in the loss to Tulsa.

Up front, the Knights hold the advantage. The Wolfpack's base 3-4 set is led by linebacker Roosevelt Cooks, a senior co-captain who led the team in tackles (82) and sacks (5.5). This isn't anything the Knights are unfamiliar with, and Tulsa's varied sets, which also used three down linemen and



UCF running back Kevin Smith carries the ball in the C-USA Championship game on Dec. 3 at the Citrus Bowl.

four or five linebackers attacking from different angles, will prove good preparation for a line that can dominate.

The Wolfpack allowed 4.2 yards per carry this season, so look for UCF Coach George O'Leary to use a heavy dose of Kevin Smith and Jason Peters in an attempt to control the clock and limit the mistakes of the passing game.

When Nevada has the ball...

Key Matchup: Nevada wide receiver Caleb Spencer versus UCF cornerback Joe Burnett.

The Nevada offense is good. Real good. The best offense UCF has faced all season good. And while the Wolfpack doesn't have the All-Americans like Garrett Mills of Tulsa or DeAngelo Williams at Memphis, they have, a great coach in Ault, who builds his schemes around his personnel.

Nevada entered this season with two returning starters on the offensive line, senior tackle Adam Kiefer and junior center Jimmy Wadhams. Ault decided to use several variants of the basic shotgun formation in an effort to build a strong running game and cut down on the 32 sacks allowed in 2004.

The effort worked, and, even though Nevada allowed 29 sacks, they averaged 4.2 yards per carry in a backfield led by senior B.J. Mitchell. Mitchell, a 5-foot-8 back who, unlike many undersized runners, depends on power, rushed for 1221 yards and 10 touchdowns. Backup Robert Hubbard played the thunder to Mitchell's lightning, averaging 5.5 yards per carry on his way to 593 yards and eight touchdowns.

Spencer is the centerpiece of a strong passing game that emphasizes quick decisions and accurate passes. Quarterback Jeff Rowe continued his development under Ault, throwing for 20 touchdowns and just nine interceptions as well as completing more than 61 percent of his passes.

Spencer and Nichiren Flowers are the two primary receivers, but Ault will mix in four or five other targets, including Hubbard. Flowers caught just 49 balls for 610 yards this season, a disappointment considering his 2004 season that saw him catch 91 balls for 1,126 yards. He is due for a big game and may cause problems for Burnett's fellow freshman cornerback Johnell Neal.

Advantage: Nevada

Special Teams...

Key Matchup: Nevada punter Justin Bergendahl versus UCF punt returner Joe Burnett.

Burnett has proven himself to be one of the most dangerous return men in the nation, despite his relative inexperience. Bergendahl finally put things together in his senior season, finding some consistency to go along with his booming leg. He averaged 41.1 yards per punt and put 13 of his 51 punts inside the opponents 20.

Brett Jaekle, Nevada's place kicker, is not a big factor. While he has gone 12-for-15 on field goal attempts, his long is 40, and he has hit just two kicks from over 36 yards. UCF's redzone defense, a problem against Tulsa, will be big in gaining momentum off a possible Jaekle miss.

Advantage: UCF

The final word...

This game is going to come down to the two offenses. They are both the superior units in their respective matchups, but can UCF overcome the absence of wide receiver Mike Walker and defensive end Glenroy Watkins? That question may be the biggest for the people who have followed UCF all season, but those who just happened to see only the Tulsa game will wonder how Moffett will bounce back from his worst performance in more than a year.

Ault and O'Leary are both amazing coaches, and, given close to a month to prepare, both should be ready for whatever tricks the other has planned. This game will be decided in the second half, so watch for the more effective running game to take control and leave Honolulu a winner.

Dizzying week of practice ends with trip to paradise

FROM A7

affords and in the hopes of keeping his team focused on the task at hand.

"I think the experience that helps you is the playing-time experience that we got in practice this week," O'Leary said. "That's why teams that go to bowls go back to bowls, because of the extra time you get with players."

The Knights got in plenty of practice time this week, being the first time all year they didn't have to juggle classes and football at the same time.

The Knights practiced twice a day on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and practiced only once a day in the three days leading up to their departure for Hawaii.

By the time practice ended on Saturday, O'Leary had the gameplan his team will use against Nevada fully installed.

"I'm a big believer that you prepare to go to the bowl, and then, once you're there, you polish what you have in," O'Leary said. "So the game plan is in, it's a matter now of tweaking anything we have to tweak."

O'Leary not only used the extra practice time to get ready for Nevada but also used it to look at some players he hasn't seen much of this season.

"It's like another spring practice for them," O'Leary said. "I've always believed that you find some guys that you didn't spend as much time in the season [looking at] and all of the sudden they're in the picture come spring ball. I use this time to get a bunch of kids on tape so we can evaluate them over the winter."

The Knights had 51 student-athletes with a GPA of 3.0 or better, including 36 of the scholarship athletes.

"I was really proud," O'Leary said. "Forty-

six percent of the scholarship athletes on the football team made the honor roll, and I'm proud of that. The kids have done it on the field, they've done it in the classroom and I'm happy for them that they're getting a trip like this to the bowl."

The Knights are scheduled to wake up at 6:30 a.m. and practice at 8:30 a.m. on the University of Hawaii campus today through Monday, giving the players time to enjoy their surroundings in the afternoons for the week leading up to the game.

"I think the bowl's a reward," O'Leary said. "I still think after the season you need to understand that you gotta get work done, but the bowl's a reward. I'd have a concern if they came out and didn't work this week, but they've been working very hard."

UCF is scheduled to take on Nevada at 8:30 p.m. EST (3:30 p.m. HT) on Saturday. ESPN will televise the game live.

1

When UCF takes to the field against Nevada at the Hawaii Bowl on Saturday night, it will be the Knights' first-ever appearance in a bowl game.

3

For the third time this season and for the second time in prime time on the East Coast, the UCF football team will be playing a game televised nationally on ESPN.

8

Four couples, for a total of eight cheerleaders, have made the trip to Honolulu to support the UCF football team in the Hawaii Bowl this week.

36

The UCF football team had 36 scholarship athletes achieve higher than a 3.0 GPA this semester (46 percent of all scholarship athletes).

51

The UCF football team had 51 athletes achieve higher than a 3.0 GPA this semester.

103

The UCF football team traveled 103 players, its entire active roster, to Honolulu for the Hawaii Bowl, the Knights' first-ever bowl game.

253

A grand-total of 253 people traveled on the UCF team charter to Honolulu early Sunday morning, which made a direct flight from Sanford to Oahu.

4,753

The UCF football team will be traveling 4,753 miles from Orlando to Honolulu for its first-ever bowl game, the longest trip of all the teams playing in bowl games.

5

The Knights are scheduled to practice five times and go through one walk-through while in Hawaii this week.

11

A direct flight from Orlando to Honolulu takes about 11 hours from takeoff to touchdown.

Second-half scoring saves UCF

FROM A7

Johnson said. "He told me I wasn't doing it as much as I used to last year, so I'm just trying to step up by bringing more activity to the game."

As good as the Knights looked in the second half, their first half performance left much to be desired. The Knights only scored 20 points in the opening 20 minutes, but they were able to hold the Spartans to 19.

"We all came together on the defensive end," junior forward Josh Peppers said. "But as far as offense, I think we had a sluggish start."

Peppers finished with 12 points and four rebounds, while senior guard Justin Rose had 12 points, six assists and five rebounds.

UCF's lacking offensive production began on Dec. 3 in Gainesville against the University of Florida and carried all the way through the first half of Friday's game.

After finishing the first half

against Norfolk State with nine turnovers, the Knights had given the ball away 30 times in their previous 60 minutes of basketball; UCF had 21 turnovers against Florida Atlantic on Tuesday night.

UCF's matchup against its former Atlantic Sun Conference foe was one that the Knights had expected to win, but a slow start foiled those plans.

The Knights trailed from the beginning of the game and were only able to score a season-low 17 points in the first half. Making matters worse, the Knights turned the ball over 13 times in the opening half and made only 1-of-10 3-point shots to trail by 10 at the intermission.

"Practice had been better leading up to the Florida Atlantic game," Speraw said. "But we didn't start the game very well. The way we started that game put a damper on what we did the last 32 minutes of the game from a defensive standpoint because I thought we defended decently the last 32 minutes."

UCF finished the game only 6-of-21 from behind the arc but was still able to mount a second-half rally that momentarily gave them a chance to force overtime. The Knights trailed by only three with 12 seconds remaining, but O'Donnell missed a shot from long range that would have evened the score.

The Knights' inability to make open shots was what ultimately led to their demise, according to Speraw.

"We missed 12 open shots," Speraw said. "I mean, wide-open shots. If we make 30 percent of those shots, then we win the game."

The loss was the Knights' second straight and their second of the season. It marked the first time that UCF had lost consecutive games since January.

The Knights return to action later today when they face Western Kentucky in the first round of the Fiesta Bowl Classic in Tucson, Ariz.

Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m. EST.

Loss drops women's basketball to 2-7

FROM A7

double-double as she tallied nine points and nine rebounds. Senior Casey Manning led the Chippewas with 13 points. Skufca continued her streak of scoring in double figures in every game this season with 10 points, while freshman Angel Chan added 11 points.

In the first game of the tournament, The University of Texas-Arlington Mavericks beat the Troy University Trojans, 65-54. Five days earlier, the Knights hooked up with Troy, their former A-Sun foe, and went down in defeat, 59-55.

The Knights probably would have triumphed if they could have done basically anything in the game's first 11 minutes. With 8:54 left, the Knights were still being blanked, 13-0. The Knights missed their first 15 shots, and did not get off the ground until Houston drained a couple of free throws at the 8:41 mark.

Once the Knights scored, they were a completely different team. They ended the half on an 18-6 run and only trailed by one going into the intermission, 28-27. While the Knights shot 31 percent for the entire first half, they shot near 60 percent after they were able to get past zero.

With 16:46 left in the game, a 3-pointer by Smith gave the Knights their first lead of the match, 35-33. Another basket by Smith put the Knights up by five with 10:58 remaining. But, most leads in the second half were short-lived. The teams went back and forth for most of the final seven minutes, with five lead changes.

Then, with 3:36 left, junior Valensia Hairston tipped in a basket to put the Trojans up to stay. The Knights hung around with a couple of shots above of the arc, but the Trojans made enough free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

After missing the first four

games of the year, Hairston made quite a season debut, contributing 20 points and 14 rebounds in just 20 minutes of play. Junior Laura Lee Holman scored 17 points and sophomore Amy Lewis put in 10 points.

For the Knights, Smith collected a team-high 18 points and made four of five 3-point attempts. Senior LaShay King had a solid all-around contest with seven points, six rebounds and nine assists. Houston was the only other Knight to score in double figures with 14 points.

The Knights' record dropped to 2-7 on Saturday night when they suffered an embarrassing loss to UT-Arlington. The Knights lost 65-22 and shot only 17 percent from the field, including a dismal 10 percent in the second half of the loss to the Mavericks.

UCF continues its five-game homestand tomorrow night when it faces Miami. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at the UCF Arena.

Coach: No action to be taken until conviction

FROM A7

The criminal complaints said that after the boats left the dock, crew members noticed many female passengers going to a lower restroom area and emerging in scant clothing.

Smoot and defensive end Lance Johnstone arranged the charter, according to court papers.

Smoot declined comment in the team's locker room before practice. Culpepper and Williams, also on injured reserve, are away from the team and undergoing rehabilitation. McKinnie wasn't seen in the

locker room.

"According to NFL rules and union contracts, there is a large difference between allegations and charges and convictions," Coach Mike Tice said. "So until at any point there is a conviction of some type, if there is, I have no action to take and nothing to say."

Reports that some women at the party were paid to come from outside Minnesota had raised the possibility of federal charges, but U.S. Attorney Tom Heffelfinger said Thursday that no such charges would be brought. Heffelfinger cited insufficient evidence.

A Jan. 5 court date was set for the players.

The boat scandal hit the Vikings when they were already reeling from a 1-3 start and made them the object of national ridicule on late-night TV and cable sports channels. Minnesota Vikings owner Zygi Wilf, who had been seeking state help for a new stadium, apologized to Gov. Tim Pawlenty and instituted a new code of conduct.

The team has since recovered on the field and, with quarterback Brad Johnson replacing the injured Culpepper, ran off six straight wins to become a playoff contender at 8-5.

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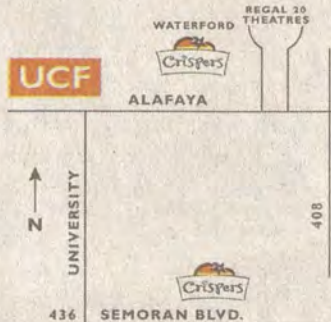
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Bowl game tickets priceless

I am a 1974 graduate of UCF, and I have season tickets to UCF football, basketball and baseball. Going to Hawaii for UCF's first bowl game is, however, beyond my budget. I am still going to buy a ticket to the game for \$40. I'm going to frame that ticket and keep it with the rest of my UCF memorabilia.

Here's why: First, it will support the UCF athletic program. Second, years from now, I'll at least have a ticket from every bowl game that UCF played in.

Third, if we sell out the UCF section in Hawaii, then maybe next year a "continental" USA bowl will select UCF and I can drive to the game.

Go Knights!

— KEVIN MCNAMARA

UCF needs GPA reassessment

I want to say that UCF and every state college with more than 20,000 students sucks.

I hope this message gets to all those presidents.

I have all the classes for my bachelor's degree in General Business, but [my] GPA is below 2.0. I have been in this ... school for 10 years off and on.

I have so many classes, I cannot get the straight A's needed to get it up. That's like expecting all Gen X women to age like Alyssa Milano.

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You see? Try to bring that up with John Hitt.

The percentage of students who are in my situation is a fraction of 1 percent.

This college does not know how to handle this because of the rarity.

— ALONZO LANE

Justice for all, not just Hussein

I am writing in response to the editorial entitled "Hussein and Co. say last hurrah." [Dec. 8]

I would like to point out that the torture techniques used by Hussein that the writer says made him such a horrible dictator are the same techniques currently being defended by the Bush administration.

The writer says that anything less than the death penalty for Hussein is entirely unacceptable. I would ask if he or she holds the same sentiments toward U.S. prison guards in Iraq or their commanders who knew about the torture and even instructed them to do it.

Prisoners being handcuffed, blindfolded, beaten and even killed sounds a lot like Abu Gharib.

Is Saddam an evil person who committed atrocities against his enemies? Yes.

Has the U.S. committed atrocities against Iraqis? Yes.

I am all for justices being brought to Saddam Hussein, but sitting right next to him should be military commanders and officials in the Bush administration who perform and defend the same crimes that we are ready to hang Hussein for.

— DREW PETRIMOULX

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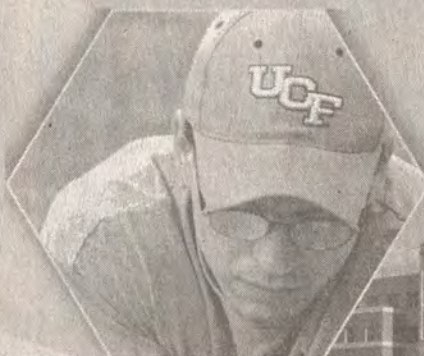
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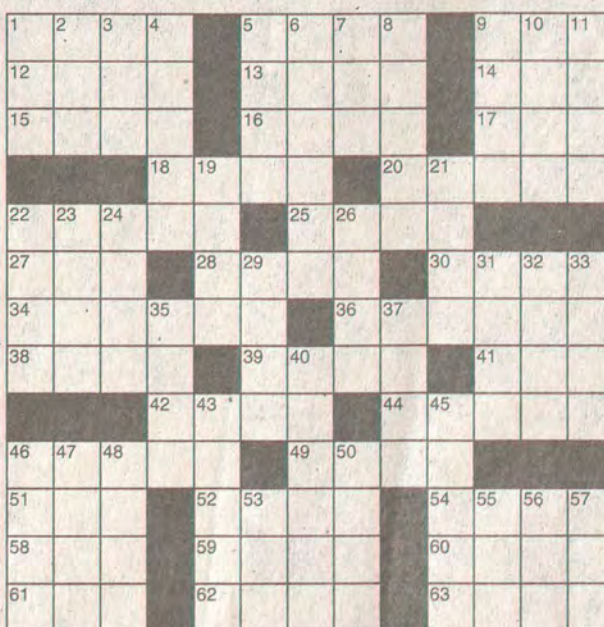
ACROSS
1. Kind of bean
5. Salamanders
9. Bewilder
12. Perched
13. Rebel
14. Youth
15. Meadow males
16. Hang open
17. Luau strings
18. Heroic poetry
20. Price scales
22. Base 8 number system
25. Musical symbol
27. Greek letter
28. Bitter herb
30. Foster
34. Brief swimsuit
36. Unprincipled
38. Hied
39. Crafted
41. Baby lion

42. Pig's cry
44. Vital things
46. Light bender
49. Hard metal
51. Shaft
52. Powder and shot
54. Cheerio
58. Motor fluid
59. Deride
60. Frosted
61. Pesky insect
62. Selves
63. Poetic twilights

DOWN
1. Wide's partner
2. Carte start
3. Pep
4. Cruising
5. Hence
6. Flop

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7. Exceed
8. Cordwood measure
9. Touch against
10. Stirred
11. Spud buds
19. Organize
21. Curly coif
22. Spheres
23. Poker item
24. Tip at a casino
26. Show the way
29. Describe
31. Mythical monsters
32. Tight
33. Priests' robes
35. Marriage pledges
37. Short note
40. With hands on hips
43. Mirror product
45. Take apart
46. College figure, briefly
47. Agitate
48. Lazily
50. Old World deer
53. Playing marble
55. Pro
56. Knockout count
57. Classifieds

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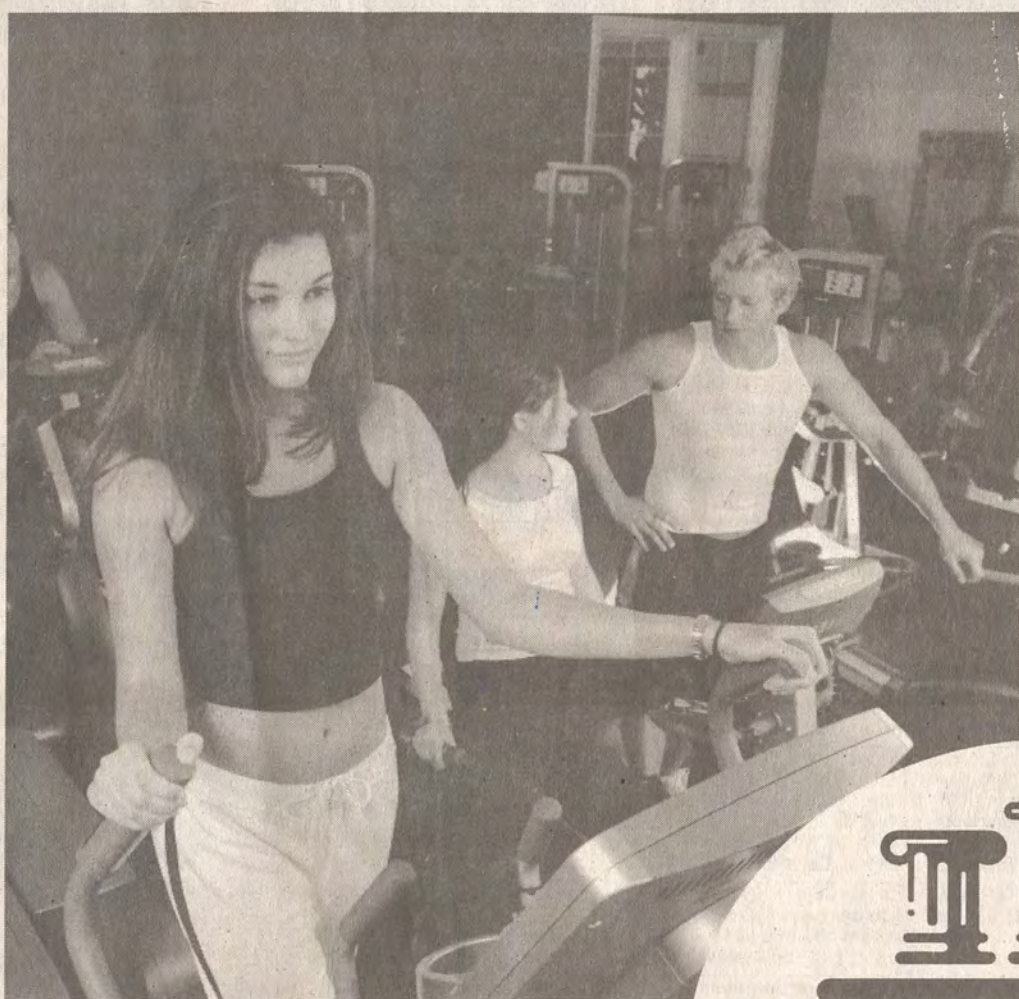


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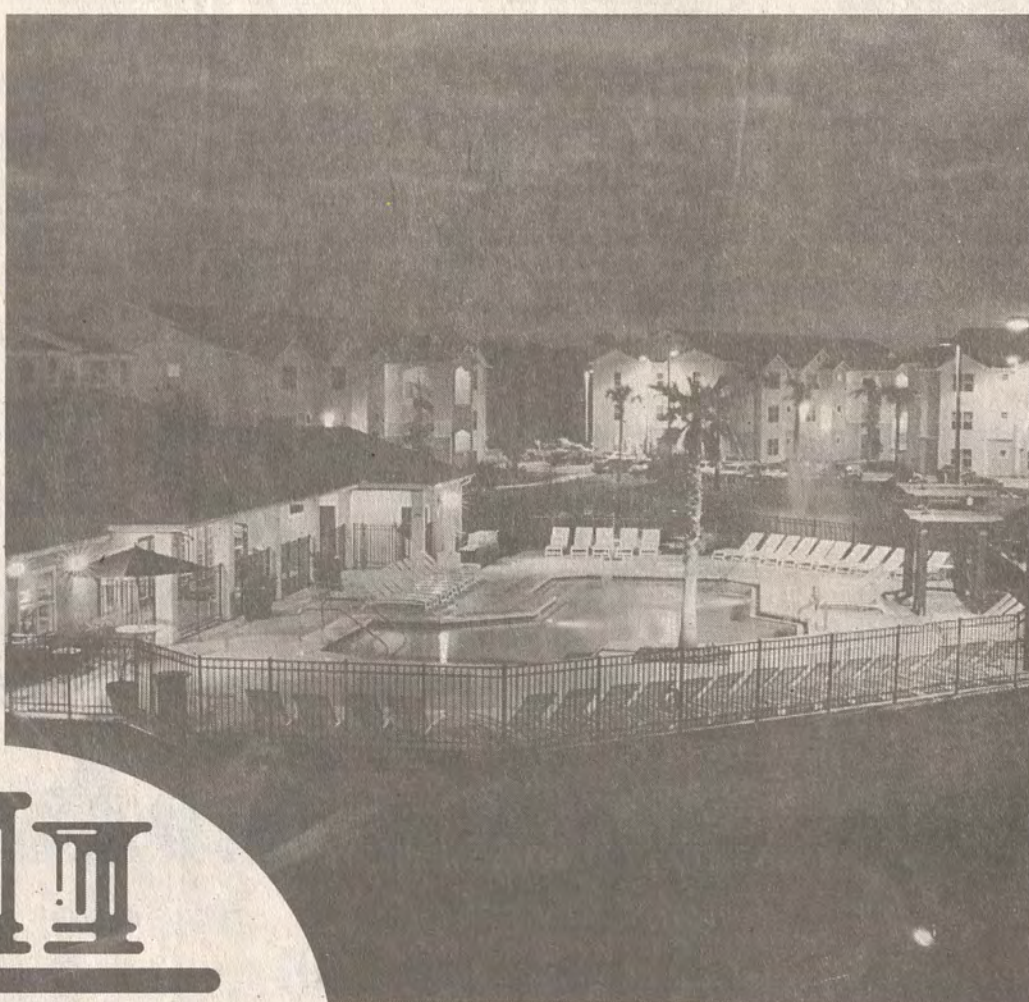
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