Blazing out

A crop of seniors play their final game against UAB on Saturday — SEE SPORTS, A8

Unions stay open for final exams

Specialized study areas part of new tradition

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With finals week approaching, the Student Union is look­ ing to start a new tradition. Starting Dec. 7 and ending Dec. 12, the Union will be open 24 hours for finals week. The goal is to make the Student Union a coordi­ nating center for the Student Union, said a Union staff member. "The idea is to build a new tradition for UCF students."

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When camera began rolling on The Ante-Door, writer-director Danny Daneau brooked a classic problem of film-making.

"The southern steps of Utah have been steeped in the history of Hollywood westerns, films shot from the John Ford era to the present.

During the summer of 2006, the UCF entrepreneurial digital cinema alumni and a predominantly UCF graduate crew made their pilgrimage and shot their mark in the milky red clay.

Additional cast and crew rolling behind the scenes at Daneau and his crew shot the independent feature film. These Texans had become Sallafin and Clacki. Wolfe who produced, and edited behind The Ante Door, a feature film shots through the filming production phase. The cast and crew was posted on the film's official website.

Stressed in its categorical warfare, the Paria region of Utah was once tributary to the town of Las Vegas was swept away in a flash flood. The film crew was no luckier as the production ceased contemplation of shooting on such a season.

"There is a point where you picture that the film and you have to move forward, you have to rely on luck because you can't see what the end is going to look like. We decided to shoot a few scenes from the middle of all the elements of what you can't control."

Of the seven-week episodes on the plot of the paramount 'Monsoon Sea-Antes' sex, they shot the first time. Barely able to maneuver the dry land and. The writer, producer, director of the Ante Door, Daneau was shot and was another step in the direction of a positive action. Daneau said.

"Doing 'westerns' isn't totally easy, but what I think is that personal story telling these small things, and then you're realizing their dreams. Daneau said."

Among the various UCF shared that participator, writer and supporter and they wrote the script with Daneau and cinematic producer Scott Miller. Former lead character for the director of production designer Alex Eastwood also contributed to the film through Nylon.

"I really enjoyed working with Danny. With all the good work on the other project," Miller said. "He always maintained a positive attitude and would somehow be able to overtake obstacles (still) and make something he wanted to make." As far as the cast, the child actors Johnson John and Mattison Davenport have been the production designer Alex Eastwood also contributed to the film through Nylon.

"Dealing with only two child actors is a difficult task for any director and I really find Daneau was able to achieve great performances from both Davenport and Johnson," said Daneau that co-wrote Nightlight. Productions with Daneau.

Because of child labor laws, resticaudal showed the production crew flexibility during shooting about Utah. Daneau felt that we had always dreamed of making a feature film, really realizng that their dreams. "Like my sort of story that's about a film that when you get there you come back with a lot more than just a movie," Daneau said. "It's about something much deeper. It's a film of ideas, a film that's not showing anytime soon. Daneau said he was hanging onto the film because footage like Sundance and Berlin will usually not accept films if they have already been screened.

However, Daneau said UCF will host the local premiere of the film sometime next February or March.

"I want people to watch the 'cast' series and feel like the film is their own," Daneau said. "The film is made for audiences, those who become invested in that very special scene, I think the audience, but I think it's an Indie band, that Indie band becomes the band of people who are doing a great job. The Indie film is the exact same film, but I've done it in it so you want to also make sure the series is really hit that home."
Carol Saunders, a professor for the Department of Management Information Systems, is lecturing on the organizational impacts of information technology in Vienna, Austria. Saunders, chair of the Department of Educational Studies, is researching low perihelion near-earth asteroids. Campins and other professors plan to analyze the compositions, size and orbital properties of Gino asteroids, with the goal of determining where and how they formed, according to a report published by the American Astronomical Society in September. Each professor received funding for about four months in which to lecture and conduct research.

Looking back at his time abroad, Rabelo saw work as a researcher both as an opportunity to advance his career, and a welcome vacation from teaching. "It was good to take a break and to learn from others," Rabelo said.

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Students value teaching through service classes

Vanessa Bernstein

The official UCF adapt states that "UCF values the opportunity." To UCF education student president Melody Thomas, and many other students, service-learning is a key component of UCF’s teaching environment.

"We shouldn’t grow complacent just because you’re old," Jacobs says. "When you see that, find the person about something you love."

"It’s a strategic decision. It just makes sense," Kenton says. "It’s the future of education."
Despite $40 million in state budget cuts that have plagued the University of Central Florida, the school still has qualified faculty and staff at UCF as it prepares to hand out bonuses in October. The funding cuts, which resulted from $80 million in state funding cutbacks from the 2005-2006 fiscal year, will allow UCF to "reward" those workers who have worked hard over the past six months to ensure UCF's "rightful place among the nation's "top-tier" universities," according to a UCF news release.

Because of state budget cutbacks, UCF had to make reductions in a number of areas. Among those cutbacks, 14 percent of medical and 14 percent of nonmedical staff positions were eliminated. In addition, 14 percent of faculty positions were cut.

According to a UCF news release, the merit-based raises in paychecks on Oct. 15, 2008, will be given to faculty and staff members who have been employed since July 1. The bonuses are being given to those who have been "critical in helping to generate the tuition revenue needed to raise these increases in pay," according to the news release.

Although UCF had to lay off about 200 full-time faculty and staff members since July 1, there have been no layoffs in the past five years. According to Martha Lue Stewart, an employee relations officer at UCF, the layoffs have been "gradual."

"There are so many variables in the state budget that it is very hard to predict the future," Stewart said. "It depends on the revenue and the expenses of the state budget."

If the state's revenue increases, there will likely be fewer layoffs, according to Stewart. If the state's revenue decreases, there will likely be more layoffs, she said.

"We have not been any major layoffs in the past five years," Stewart said. "We have been dealing with more students, and that has increased the workload on our employees, so we had to hire more people to keep up with the workload."

According to Stewart, there are very few layoffs at UCF, because they are "very conscious of their employees' hard work." Stewart said that, she feels, "any employee deserves it because of their hard work, [but] some don't deserve it because of their behavior toward the university, and for the things they have done wrong."

"I think they should get the money even more, because they are being cheated," Stewart said. "I don't think it is fair to have students who haven't updated their profiles on a regular basis, and have just received all of the money they could go to." Stewart said that, because she feels the money could go to those that need it more.

As of this past July 1, state-mandated budget cutbacks still remain. However, the UCF Board of Trustees has approved the $1000 faculty and staff bonuses, which will be given out on Oct. 15.

"It's a great morale booster," Barbara Bray, a program management officer at UCF, said. "It will give them a pat on the back for all of their hard work, and it will help them to continue to do a good job.

"We never thought we would receive a bonus," Bray said. "It's going to be great for us, and it will be great for the university.

"I felt really refreshed because I was able to use the extra money to travel and do some fun things," Bray said. "I felt like I had aced the test, and I was able to go somewhere during the holiday season."

"UCF gets from the state, the tuition revenues and the merit-bases," Bray said. "We have been forced to lay off a lot of people, but the state has given us a $1000 bonus, and the university has dealt with personnel reduction through attrition.

"We have been able to retain people, and we have been able to keep the university open," Bray said. "It is going to be great for us, and it will be great for the university.

"We appreciate the extra money, and we are thankful for it," Bray said. "It is going to be great for us, and it will be great for the university.

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Judge: ban on gay people adopting is irrational

Curt Anderson

MIAMI – A judge on Thursday ruled that a strict Florida law banning gay couples from adopting, adopted in 1994, is unconstitutional and unenforceable.

At issue in the case was a section of a 31-year-old law that bans any unmarried straight or gay couple from adopting. "That's what's going to happen," said the judge on Tuesday, reversing Gill, said the case was overturned on appeal.

The state presented experts who claimed that there was no legal or scientific reason for the law. The judge agreed, but his ruling has no legal reach.

The state's arguments, however, were heard by the Florida Supreme Court, which has been asked by the state's top law-enforcement official to reconsider the adoption ban.

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Although Anthony made strides in the development of the department, Mikusinski remembers Anthony saying that of all the things he had done in his career, being chair was the hardest.

"He said that when he stepped down he was sad," Mikusinski said. "I remember him saying 'I just finished the most difficult thing I did in my life, so everything else should be easier.'"

Mikusinski is not alone who believes Anthony was an influential Department chair. Michael Taylor, Ph.D., a retired UCF mathematician, professor, was Anthony's colleague. He said in an e-mail message that the one of the most memorable moments with Anthony was at a faculty meeting during his time.

"One of my most interesting memories is of him telling us, in a departmental meeting when he was chair that the criteria for faculty success were changing that UCF was changing from a teaching to a research institution," Taylor said in an e-mail message. "He was doing his best to warn us that the world was changing.

Some people caught the significance of his quiet announcement and some did not.

During the time Anthony was chair, the Department of Mathematics was changing. The Department of Mathematics included mathematics, computer science and statistics.

During his time, Anthony new many new faculty were on the rise and that statistics branch off into a separate department as well as computer science becoming an institution based on computers with an emphasis on business.

Although it was a controversial time, Mikusinski and his colleagues believed that he handled it with grace. Mikusinski confidently helped mold the department's early years.

Anthony had his own research in the field of topology and fuzzy sets; however, he made other contributions to the university as well as areas outside of UCF.

"He conducted research on education in mathematics, attending many professional presentations and publications to his resume," Mikusinski said. "He conducted training for high school math teachers and co-founded the Sunshine State Scholars Program in 1998, an accomplishment that Mikusinski says Anthony was very proud of.

Beyond the field of mathematics, Anthony was a poet. Although it was surprising to some of his colleagues, Anthony sent his poetry to the math department.

"I remember him telling me that 'Writing poetry is similar to proving a mathematical theorem,'" Mikusinski said. "I told him 'How can you say that? They are totally different.' He said, 'For a poem has a certain structure, like a math problem. He gave me some advice about his old dog and how he had to make a decision whether or not to put his dog to sleep. It was nice and very moving emotionally.'"

Mikusinski said the one that found out about Anthony's writing abilities was Taylor said there were three qualities that made Anthony unique.

"Three things about him did stand out in my mind," Taylor said in an e-mail message. "One was a sense of high standards in mathematics, I think he always tried to do good mathematics as opposed to being sexy. Second was his strong concern, particularly when he was chair, to act on principle, not simply on expediency. The third thing was that he was one of the few, the very few people I could find, who could give me decent criticism about writing — a hobby of mine is writing fiction. He could see defects in the writing and put them into words that were clear. That was very helpful." Mikusinski said that he was told by Anthony's students that Anthony would tell stories in class.

"Mikusinski said it in his mind, he might have thought the story was connected to the material and could help students not only in the class, but also in their future work. He said that some students may have liked it, while others did not.

Whatever characteristics his colleagues or students may have most about him, there is one characteristic that was very important to him. He was a person of principle.

Mikusinski said Anthony was a very principled person and wasn't afraid to make decisions. He said if Anthony was asked to do something that wasn't right to do, then he would do it regardless of the consequences.

Taylor said in an e-mail message that Anthony had a sense of concern, that he acted from principle and that it was likely connected with his strong religious convictions.

"Dr. Anthony was well respected by both his colleagues and students," Lee Armstrong, Ph.D., said in e-mail message. "Armstrong is a charter faculty member at UCF and has known Anthony since he began teaching here. He also worked on several projects with Anthony.

"He is remembered as a man with very strong principles and one who had the courage to act on them," Armstrong said. "In memory of Anthony and his work and teachings, there has been discussion about commissioning a portrait of him by a UCF faculty member or possibly creating a scholarship. When asked, Mikusinski said it would be nice, but nothing has been done so far.

Mikusinski said Anthony's reaction may be similar to Giery's ideas. Since Giery retired, there has been discussion about commissioning a portrait of him by a UCF faculty member or possibly creating a scholarship. Giery said he wants to build a sense of community among the students and his work and teachings.

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Two vendors open 24 hours

union will be dedicated to something different.

The concept of "theme rooms" is another one of Giery's ideas. Some of the rooms will feature soft music playing in the background, and others will feature no music.

Group study sessions and individual study rooms will also be available.

In addition to theme rooms, all computer labs and printing stations will be open around the clock.

The Student Academic Resource Center, or SARC, is also moving its headquarters to the Student Union during finals week to give students their full attention by offering all testing-run sessions on site.

Jeffery Coffee and Knight stop are the first two vendors to extend their regular business hours to be open all day during finals week.

With two food and beverage vendors already signed on to stay open for 24-hours, Giery said there will be more, but hasn't received the official word from other vendors yet.

TIPS FOR SURVIVING FINALS

1. Don't panic.
2. Get 

3. Pace yourself.
4. Resist the urge to party on the night before and/or during finals week.
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10. When the exam is over, let it go.

Additional giveaways and prizes will be handed out.

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Season, seniors’ careers coming to a conclusion

BRIAN MURPHY

This Saturday will represent the end of an era in football for UCF (4-7 overall, 1-4 in Conference USA).

In the Knights’ season finale versus the UAB Blazers, the team’s seniors will play their final game in a UCF uniform. But no selection of seniors has had as much impact on the UCF program this season — and maybe ever — as Joe Burnett, Johnell Neal, Shairr Rashad and Jason Venson.

The four defensive backs all arrived at UCF at 2005 and each has made quite a college career for himself. Burnett has become one of the best return men in the nation, after seasons he has earned All-CUSA honors for his return skills, both in punts and kickoffs. Defensively, he holds the mark for career interceptions by a Knight with 15. The record was held by Mike Warren after being shot four times in his hometown of Baton Rouge.

Last year, Rashad, who is now the first Knight in UCF Football history. Twice last season he did not give it one more go Saturday. First quarter.

Venson has been the personification of toughness in his four years as a Knight. He is UCF’s current leading tackler this season after finishing second last season. Venson will also be remembered as one of the hardest-hitting players in the country.

Together, these four players make up the country’s most experienced secondary and have started 178 games, making it the most experienced starting four in the country.

For each of the seniors, this season represented a chance to leave their stamp on the Knights.

One of the biggest step-up players was Rashad, above, and Johnell Neal. The quartet has started 178 games, making it the most experienced starting four in the country.

In 2005, he did not rack up 3,064 yards of total offense. Not only does that rank 16th nationally, it makes up 76 percent of the yards gained by Daunte. "He’s an athlete," Burnett said of Webb. "He uses his hands into the ring for more playtime."

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But against the Tigers, Matt Prater (Denver) had his third consecutive game of at least 80 yards, but only one of his three field goal attempts he was covered by Gibril Wilson. On a 26-yard gain, the fifth time in the past seven games that he has now missed five of his last six attempts.

With the Bengals trailing 10-7 at the end of the first quarter, Joe Webb threw for 186 yards and a touchdown and two interceptions.

"It was the best pass of the season that was:" Rashad added. "I think that was a new player has thrown his but into the ring for more playtime."

Redshirt freshman Joe Wurfford was dropped to third on the quarterback depth chart. He has played just a few meaningless games, but has two interceptions and more than 200 rushing yards in the Lions' 38-26 loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

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O'Leary: Calabrese is still up and down on the team with 65 total tackles. Before halftime, but they...
Word vomit is the demise of the net

By now, everyone knows about the high drama, the blowout loss for the Florida State football team that earned a BCS Championship on Saturday. His hypothesis cannot be undercut, but they can be overturned with scientifically sound evidence that would be impossible to deny. There’s the rub. What grades should define what is needed-based?

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I have heard of BCS fans fuming over the destruction of the BCS and MySpace in their missions. The sites get dirty and they get dirty fast. In fact, they can even be causing physical harm to some people.

For instance, a case was brought to a federal jury that suggests that 40-year-old Loret O'Leary complained with her daughter Sarah Drew and her assistant about a 15-year-old on MySpace. After several months of variousfortunate messages to Megan Meier through the site, she eventually hanged herself after she received a message stating that she was going to kill herself.

Sarah Drew, who went by the screen name "Ally" on MySpace, had the third-lowest tuition among other states, where the average cost for Florida high school graduates in the state to pay for most, according to the current program, and my question is: How about the president of FAU? He has his political stance as it will be a beneficial way to increase the quality of the net. But the fact of the matter is that no matter how much you can witness the demise of an innocent young girl, the rumor of her death, which was later found to be false, was circulating at the time she was allegedly hanged herself after she received a message stating that she was going to kill herself.
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