Senioritis

UCF’s tough year ends on Senior Day with 15-0 loss to UAB — SEE SPORTS, A8

Economics

SHOPPING UP FROM LAST HOLIDAY

There is an increase of demand that was not seen with last year’s holiday season. Since Oct. 10, and the holiday shopping season will continue until the new year begins. The National Retail Federation data, in fact, shows that sales, grew significantly during holiday season, and customers are expected to spend $392 billion in November and December, a 4.8% increase from the previous year. Thus, the holiday shopping in 2018 was $34 billion than that of 2017.

Environment

THE WRONG WAY TO BREAK THE ICE

Sudubad has identified three off one an island in front of the white streaks breaking away from the Arctic ice shelf. Since the beginning of the year, large pieces of Antarctic ice broke away from the Antarctic Peninsula, and this ice contained over two thousand birds of a different species. As of the last report, the island was located about 75 miles away from the previous one.

Blaze of dispar

Because of the passage of Florida Amendment 2, California Proposition 8 and other measures banning gay marriage, the November elections, voters and support of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community seek to illustrate the result of their exclusion. On Dec. 31, International Human Rights Day, A Day Without A Gay will come.

Graduate schools see more interest

MATTIE REASON Staff writer

With growing fears of recession and expanding unemployment, many undergraduate students are looking to ride out the economic recession. In universities, many have seen considerable increases in quality students, particularly humanities junior and seniors, to avoid the pruning and many undergraduates emerge from graduate school with a more comprehensive education.

Although homeless conditions have improved with the funding distribution evaluation in September, homeless numbers rising is virtually certain, though it is hard to say how many people in this U.S. are a pay check away. Please see REMOVAL on A6.

Florida Homelessness State

The only gunman captured by police Sunday.

CAPTURED GUNMAN

NATION

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Boba tea, also called “Bubble Tea” or “pearl tea,” originated in Taiwan in the early 1980s. It is a hit in the Asian culture and found its way to Canada, inevitably leading to the United States.

Orange County

On Nov. 15, national protests on the steps of City Halls were held in 900 cities across the U.S. organized by a group called Join the Impact Million for Equality. “Strike!” states the Facebook event page, prompting over 129,740 Facebook users and counting to participate. The event encourages people to, “Call in your 8” morning shows their businesses, taking the day off December 1, 2008. Please see EVENT on A6.

Boba Tea Asian Fusion, located in the UCF Arena, serves boba tea.

GC, the test used for entrance into MBA programs, has seen steady increases in test takers in the past two years, averaging a 2 percent increase each year. This is an indication that the GMAT, which was previously seeing a decline in test takers, is recovering.

The GMAT, which covers most humanities graduate programs, has also seen an increase in test takers.
MICHELLE LEE CRADDOCK
Combining Vocal

Christy Saunders has a dream. She would love to cover stage with a microphone in hand, thousands of lights beaming down, illuminating her success. A crowd of not just the hundreds, but also the millions of viewers from home would be watching her name. Then, Ryan Seacrest would name her the next American Idol winner at the end of the upcoming season.

More than 40,000 hopefuls line up each year with this dream in mind now. This summer, Saunders, one of UCF’s own, was among those in the auditioning group that dreams.

Saunders is a senior from Jacksonville studying management, music, and audio. She tried out on an attempt, which ultimately proved unsuccessful, to make her dream a reality.

With the anticipation of the upcoming season building, the future started to discuss her plans for singing and her journey with American Idol.

Q. Have you always wanted to be a singer?
A. Always. I have always been singing or listening to music.

Q. What was the hardest part for you in not making it to the show?
A. I had to do it alone. I had a gallon of water and they never made eye contact with me. We were our own while we sang.

Q. What do you plan on preparing for the auditions, but what in particular did you do to get ready?
A. Together with my parents we made an American Idol tent camp. I rented a gym and went every single day. I slept at least fourteen hours a day. We had a vocal coach, and I worked on improving my talent.

Q. What was the American Idol experience like?
A. Wednesday, Aug. 15 was the day of the auditions. I felt extremely confident because I had worked so hard to prepare for it. I had never worked so hard for anything else in my entire life. I never expected not to make it to the show.

Q. Can you imagine how it might have felt to have such dedication as a complete stranger in this experience and not made it? What did you take away from it?
A. Well, I was actually in the first group that was to be seen by the judges. There were 10 of us. An assistant walked us into a large room where there were 12 cubes set up. The Judges had gone into group four, and I was sent to the second cube.

There were two judges before us, and they never made eye contact with us while we sang. Each of us sang for about 20-30 seconds. I sang “Let’s Give Ten Something to Talk About” by Bon Jovi.

Q. What was the hardest part for you in not making it to the show?
A. The worst was really the audition itself. Since I was at the end, I really never expected it. But, as I went, I actually started thinking about American Idol. I had never been so hopeful.

If they see 10,000 people in eight days, it means that they will not see me again. But, I would never try to pursue singing again. But, I think I need to pursue singing again. But, I think I need to pursue singing again.

Q. Do you plan on pursuing a singing career in the future?
A. Yes, I plan on pursuing a singing career in the future. I plan on becoming a professional singer in the future. I am graduating with a degree in music and management and I see a lot of opportunity with my company.

Q. What do you hope to accomplish in this upcoming year?
A. I am graduating with a degree in music and management, and I plan on pursuing a career as a professional singer. I have applied for a couple of internships with them, and I would love to work for them in the future.

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Q. What is your favorite part of your job?
A. I love being able to make people happy. I love being able to make people happy. I love being able to make people happy.
UCF's long involvement with community colleges strengthens partnership with community colleges. The colleges dates over 20 years.

The vice president for western community college students who attend classes on the Sanford/Lake Mary campus—community college students—4,977 students. Three additional facilities are scheduled to open in spring 2000.

The three new joint-use facilities will open on the South Lake, Valencia and Sanford/Lake Mary campuses. Both UCF students and community college students who attend classes on the campus will utilize the joint-use facilities.

Cecelia Rivers, assistant vice president for community colleges, said UCF's partnership with community colleges is the most important role.

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Jensen agreed and said regional campuses currently grow more, percentage wise, than any campus.

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"The pace of growth at regional campuses has dropped from $10 million in 2007/08 to its current $26.5 million due to budget cuts seen across the state university system, but the growth of regional campuses will continue as long as students continue wanting a more personalized college experience.

At the nation's sixth-largest university, with more than 26,000 students enrolled, class section head-counts can reach the hundreds. But on regional campuses, the class size is typically much smaller.

A.J. Range, the assistant vice president of community college students, said this contributes significantly to students choosing regional campuses over the main campus.

"There is an aspect of the matter is education," Range said.

"I think you can get a better education at the regional campuses. Instead of having 400 students in a class, you will have 20 or 30 in some cases," he said.

But the appeal of regional campuses goes beyond a more individualized academic experience. While many students enroll in regional campuses because of an easy transition from community colleges, some students choose the regional campuses for their entire undergraduate studies.

UCF Chancellor John Thrasher even has his own thoughts on students choosing regional campuses to complete their education.

"They like the one-on-one attention they get from faculty because the classes are small," Bradley said. "They like the one-on-one attention they receive from the advisor because the advisor's student ratio is very low," she said.

Patients who choose smaller class sizes, regional campus students miss some of the opportunities for clubs and student involvement. But Bradley said, "We have free parking and plenty of it," Bradley said.
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Students react to the economic bailout plan

DAVID PARSONS
Contributing Writer

Mary Miller has been trying to pay attention to the economic crisis. She is a junior enrolled in environmental studies, and she was concerned about the most recent proposals made by the government to help the struggling economy.

"I don't want the government to be responsible for business," Miller said. "It's up to us to take responsibility for our own actions."

According to the article, "We're Not Going to Bail You Out," by Jim Breyer, the president has given $250 billion to America's Housing Group, various anonymous banks have requested more than $2 trillion in loans, and mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac may need up to $500 billion to stay afloat.

"It is truly difficult to understand what these numbers mean," Miller said. "It's like trying to understand the size of a country.

Sara Zembera, a junior biology major, said "It doesn't really affect me."

Some students don't approve of the bailout. They think the government should be taking responsibility for the companies that failed.

"I feel like the government is just throwing money at their problems," sophomore English major John Myers said.

According to an article in the Journal Gazette, "Market Decline Makes Lost Cash Hard to Replace," job market is being affected by the economic turmoil.

"Outside of governments, financial aid for students who can't afford college more scholarships are paid for by endowments, where a large sum of money is invested and the earnings from those investments pay for the school's scholarships awarded," the article stated.

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"We've seen this as an opportunity to prevent it from happening again," Mary Miller said.
Remote Feeding Ordinance boosts community efforts

WHY YOUR BEST SELF-EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY MIGHT INVOLVE SOME TEAMWORK.

Event inspired by equality film
**Flavors used for boba include milk tea, taro**

**Programs allow more students**

Joe Hughes, located on UCF campus, is a great place to enjoy boba after a long day or before class. The fresh ingredients are definitely noticeable in the taste. "Everything is from the actual ingredients." says Hughes. As a junior computer science major, Hughes has been going to Joe Hughes for a few years and he really likes it, because it's different. Joe Hughes offers events, so people are always looking for a fun place to chill with some friends. The fresh ingredients are definitely noticeable in the taste. "Everything is from the actual ingredients." says Hughes. As a junior computer science major, Hughes has been going to Joe Hughes for a few years and he really likes it, because it's different. Joe Hughes offers events, so people are always looking for a fun place to chill with some friends.

**A club with a sweet tooth**

Taro-flavored drinks have become increasingly popular due to its ability to satisfy hunger. Some people are afraid to try it," says Natura employee, Mary Mobarak, "Some people don't like it, but if you try it..." However, if you are looking for a chill place to hang out with some friends, watch a movie, and some people do," according to Mary Mobarak. "I think you will score better when you're in school because that's your prime," says Mary Mobarak. 

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Senior Day at UAB, the final game in the black and gold for 41 players, basically sums up the Knights' 2008 season. While starting out on a bright and joyous occasion fall the team with nothing but bitter expectations.

Nothing to exactly what the Knights got Saturday versus the UAB Blazers, and their season ended with a 5-0 loss. Scoring-wise, UCF was beaten in its final game handily by the foot of Swaggart Waters. Waters had a school record with five field goals to knock off all of the apps's polishes.

"I felt underwhelmed, embarrassed, and it's a tough loss," UCF season co-captain and punter returner Joe Burnett said. "This Senior Day, your last game out, and it's a shame that we couldn't get the job done."

The Knights were riding their biggest wave of momentum since last season as they were coming off trades that were in which their offense finally showed some rhythm but against the Blazers, who allowed 35 points at home to Southern Miss just three weeks prior. UCF's offensive game absolutely nothing."

The shocker was the first against the Knights since their 42-0 defeat on Sept. 26, 2006, to the eventual national champi 0 Florida Gators Gamecocks. But to find the last time that UCF season co-captain and punter returner Joe Burnett said. "This Senior Day, your last game out, and it's a shame that we couldn't get the job done."

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The Knights' first four senior starters in the backfield, quarterback Joe Webb completed 18-of-26 for 192 games and pick off four seniors in odd-numbered years.

Everyone who caught a pass, had a rush or threw a pass is confident about the season for the Knights, especially Venson, who said that UCF would return the most experienced team he has ever been a part of.

UCF head coach Kirk Speraw gained

for UAB offense

want to go out, and you want to score 500 points. I wanted to pick up a tackle and score a touchdown, because that's the way they happen the way they do," O'Leary said.

Greco got the lion's share of tackles, O'Leary said. "He's a great athlete, but he didn't do what we gotta make those tackles. They didn't do what he said."

For the first time this season UCF has

remaining in the half.

The only problem was the placement of the punts, organizers said.

The seven points was the biggest of the season for the Knights, who scored 500 points. I wanted to pick up a tackle and score a touchdown, because that's the way they happen the way they do," O'Leary said.

The Knights held the ball for 32 minutes against Morehead State. Check Wednesday to Ole Miss.

While the Knights' defense didn't do anything close to what they expected, they didn't have a drive go far throughout the night. The defense was the backbone of the victory in their biggest game of the season.

The Knights managed 292 yards of total offense against UAB, making it just the second time this season UCF has

and that caused the placement of the punts, organizers said.

some of those missed tackles came later in the game, Webb said, although he did not get a chance to stop one. Venson said his kickoff return for 360 yards was enough to ensure him a punt return.

"I wanted to pick up one," Venson said. "It bounced away from me and it went toward the hand off, which caused the placement of the punts, which caused the kickoff return for 360 yards. I never returned a punt."
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Black Friday leaves black mark

Black Friday may be the busiest shopping day of the year, but little did Holiday Inn Express manager Cindy S. Lederman expect that she'd be singing "White Christmas" most of the night, or so she said. "Doesn't mean I don't enjoy it," she observed. "I love the hustle and bustle, the energy of it."

"It's like being on a roller coaster," she continued. "You're up and down, Left and Right, and there's always someone new to talk to." But when the customers started dropping by, Lederman's patience began to wear thin. "I've been doing this for 20 years," she said, "and I'm getting a little tired of it." Then again, she added, "It's all part of the job." For Lederman, who's been managing Holiday Inn Express for five years, Black Friday is just another day on the job. "We all have to do it," she said. "It's just the way things are."
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