They don't lie

Want to know how bad UCF’s offense was? Look at these stats — SEE SPORTS, A9

Knights get in shape in their way

Leaders in three categories announced

ANDREA CANTERBURY

The points have been tallied and the first winners from the "Get in Shape the Knight Way" program have been determined.

The first student winner, Aleksandra Stankovic, earned the most points for the month, participating in gym and outside activities.

Cierra Sigma Theta has earned the title of HealthNet Sorority of the Month. Currently, 12 members participate in the program. They were the first sorority to sign up, accrued points by going to the gym and gaining bonus points for participating in activities and joining the program’s Facebook group.

The goal of "Get in Shape the Knight Way" was to hand hand with the organization’s First Point: Thrust philosophy, one of which is "Physical and Mental Health."

"As a chapter, we saw "Get in Shape the Knight Way" as something not only beneficial to our own physical and mental health, but also as a means to what we promote, so to speak, and lead by example," said Ashley Dittrich, second vice president of the sorority.

One gay group to take action

A Day Without a Gay Day plans for service

WHITNEY HARRICK

While those planning to skip work and save money through collective action this year are in protest along side the Day Without Gay Boys, another group plans to go about the same thing differently and create a quite different environment through community service.

On Dec. 10, which is International Human Rights day, gay community members and supporters of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community have been asked to boycott the economy by taking off work and forgiving monetary contributions to society.

"What if, just for one day, those who could take off work and those who could not, here in the United States, if they went out and did good things for the gay community and/or the greater world to show America that we are a loving people, even in the face of being as separate as we are," said Whitney Harrick, a junior and vice president of the UCF Gay Straight Alliance.

Harrick, who is an avid fan of the "Day Without Gay Boys" and is an advocate of Gay Support, is one gay group that plans to give back this year.

Golden Rule Review Committee

stakeout postpones pot policy

DONALD THOMANN

As a result of a stakeout at 3:30 a.m. Sunday, the final decision on a proposal that would regulate university penalties for marijuana and alcohol offenses was pushed back to spring 2009.

We are not trying to promote drug use with this proposal," and UCF Student Senator Brendan Broward, "but to discourage irresponsible drinking. Alcohol is more dangerous than weed and by making the new policy more severe for marijuana offends, we are implicitly saying that it’s OK to use the more dangerous substances."

At a meeting on Thursday, Broward presented to the Golden Rule Review Committee a proposal that would change the current Golden Rule statute regarding marijuana policy on campus. If enacted, the new policy would reduce the penalties for first and second time marijuana and paraphernalia charges in the same level as the penalties currently in place regarding alcohol offenses, such as drinking on campus and underage drinking.

The equalization proposal would establish a three-tiered policy for marijuana offenders. The fine offense would come with the minimum drug education class and up to one semester of academic probation, the second offense would mandate a drug class and up to two semesters suspension and the third offense could result in suspension for two semesters.

GOLDEN RULE

If enacted, the new policy would parcel the penalties for first and second time marijuana and paraphernalia charges in the same level as the penalties currently in place regarding alcohol offenses, such as drinking on campus and underage drinking.

As it stands, the proposal only covers paraphernalia charges and possession offenses of less than 1 gram, and would be in addition to any criminal charges at the state and local level.

Further, Broward said that it would not mean possession of hard drugs such as heroin and hallucinogenics, and it would encourage people to capitalize on the possibility of legislation.

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The trials, rewards of being in honors

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A student with three or four tough classes such as calculus or physics may think they have it bad, but it's probably nothing compared to the students who aimed the Burnett Honors College, which can be a bit more-expectant environment for both students and instructors alike.

Just ask Justin Sacks, a freshman who is enrolled in two honors courses at UCF.

He is currently one of many students attending the honors college, one of whose main objectives is to instill a sense of discipline and responsibility.

In addition, he takes two other honors classes in history and Intro to Computer Science.

Sacks often has to spend several sleepless nights, with coffee cup or can of Red Bull in hand, studying into the early hours of the morning for that class, or even to maintain a satisfactory GPA. Amazingly, it doesn't seem to face him, and he especially enjoys the community aspect of the college.

ELIGIBILITY

Admission to The Burnett Honors College is highly selective. Students academically talented students identified by UCF undergraduate Admissions. Criteria include the applicants in the Burnett Honors College have a higher average in high school than students in the honors college.

Application is completed and submitting the same applications. Roughly 10 percent of applicants are admitted to the Burnett Honors College.

They are selected on the basis of their academic achievement, personal qualities, and written statement of purpose. The honors college is designed to give students a broader education than they would receive in their major fields of study.
The movie trailer begins in monochrome color as Winston Smith walks back and forth.

With his back braced in snow, he walks past gaunt-looking rows of people who resemble Joseph Stalin. Once at home, he has a lone candle, removes a battered old diary from a desk drawer and begins to write down one of the most significant acts of his time. He writes in black ink: "Down with Big Brother!"

This book trailer of George Orwell's 1984 is just one of the many short movie trailers of classic and contemporary works of literary and published by students of all ages. Like Orwell's trailer, the short digital films these students make are designed to entice younger students to pick up the book and start reading.

"What I have found is that kids have a knack for visualizing on their own," a UCF digital media assistant professor said after watching the students' films. "They may not be able to describe a little bit, but if their vocabulary is limited, they are essentially behind the right-ball." Visualizing a story is what Emily and UCF educational technology program coordinator Glenda Gunter seek to achieve with their Digital Book program.

Digital Booktalks is a multimedia interactive program in which students analyze a book and then create a 2-minute trailer, which often resemble low-budget films and occasionally rival Hollywood, in order to introduce the novel to visually-mindred middle school and high school students.

According to the 2007 U.S. Department of Education's National Assessment of Educational Progress Report Card, Florida's eighth grade reading level is about even with the rest of the country. Florida scored an average of 260 out of 500 on the reading scale, which means students were able to look up specific information in a text, connect the main ideas and make generalizations about the information. Therefore, students are required to read, by creating their own digital trailers, to help them see the text in a new way and create stories through the imagination.

While reading comprehension, students are often asked to link the missing link with middle and high school students, they love visuals, so we use that as the motivation factor," Gunter said.

"When we get into the storytelling portion, we found that they didn't know how to tell a story. The story creation process is not taught in lower education." Teaching students about the elements of story and how to read is one of the benefits of digital Booktalks. As groups of students have the opportunity to discuss the elements of the story, such as character, theme, mood and plot in order to create an accurate book trailer, the process of writing stories, storyboards and a reflection paper after the project is finished, the students improve their writing by practice.

"Students enjoy being part of their own learning," Gunter said. "They do not always understand how to create a story, but after we have gotten through and taught them the curriculum, they want to read more books so they can create more and understand more. We have found a way to use their visual world and create a whole new way of looking at the printed world. They continue to want more and more, and that inspires their work and helps them to create stories through the imagination.

Unlike movie trailers, which often use gimmicks to sell tickets, book trailers focus on the record of the story. Kennedy said, "For a book trailer, you focus on the change piece." Kennedy said. "So you would show the change in the trailer, but not necessarily tell them how the person changes. You want them to read the book, but you want them to find it and see how they are looking for and what the agenda is.

With the US News Be the Director Curriculum Model, which helps educators and students alike employ the creativity process to their own book trailers, the idea of Digital Booktalk reaches out globally on the World Wide Web. Book trailer directors can submit their final projects to the site and be reviewed and possibly added to the current 47 titles available. Some trailers include 'Twilight' by Stephenie Meyer, 'Fahrenheit 451' by Ray Bradbury, and 'Crimes and Punishment' by Fyodor Dostoevsky.

Although the process has received local acclaim from educators, it's difficult to tell if there are any long-term benefits from Digital Booktalk, Kennedy said. "There are so many people that impose themselves on these kids in a course of a school day, so as far as I'm concerned, if you are going to make someone's life better or just open the door who is that one person responsible?" Kennedy said.

But there is no doubt about it that Digital Booktalk has increased motivation and confidence in reading, Gunter said. "Through the use of Digital Booktalk and US News Be the Director, they become more confident in their ability and they learn to visualize the text."

"When we learned someone was going to read, we also had to foremost that mystery called high school students. We're starting with these three things combined and their school motivation is their reluctance to read."

For more information on Digital Booktalk, visit www.worldwidebooktalk.com.
Book instructs legal highs

KATIE KUSTURA Contributing Writer

Toad venom may be the new marijuana, come Dec. 30. Just what is the cause that will make toads so coveted? The answer: a book called Legally Stoned by forensic psychologist Todd A. Theis. Described by Citadel Press as "the first 'how-to' book for legal drug use," Legally Stoned will inform readers how to get high without breaking the law. Included will be a list of 14 psychoactive substances accompanied with pictures. For each substance listed, Theis provides a basic description, its history, chemical makeup, how to obtain and use the substance, the physiological effects, the reported effects, and possible risks associated with use.

What kind of effect will a book like this have on our society? Students at UCF seem to think it will be educational above all else. Junior Nicole Imperi-
al, 20, thinks the book will be informative, and if anyone has a problem with it, it'll probably be the baby-boomer generation. "Personally, I think the positive effects will outweigh the negative effects," Imperi-al said. Senior Renee LeMieux, 22, is also in support of the book's potential to be educational. "Society is becoming more accepting toward drug use whether it be Advil for a headache, coffee before an early class or a joint right before bed. People should be educated regardless of the drug being legal or illegal," LeMieux wrote in an email. In addition to information on substances, Theis will address the social and political aspects of drug use and give his own argument against the war on drugs. "It's all propaganda is what it is," said Andre Cadieux, the president of Students for Sensible Drug Policy. Many students expressed concern not about the book but about the current restrictions placed on drug use and the punitive measures taken against those who break the rules to use. "I think the current restrictions on drug use are too severe along with the punishments that are along with breaking the restrictions if one chooses to do it," 23-year-old senior Lauren Gayvin said. Gayvin also said that it's drug abuse, not use, that is the problem and that drug abusers should be thrown in rehab instead of in jail.

"It's all propaganda is what it is," said Andre Cadieux, the president of Students for Sensible Drug Policy, about the war on drugs. Cadieux, who explained that his club isn't even about drugs but about civil liber-
ties, doesn't think the book will have a big effect and that the war on drugs was dubbed as such by politicians. "It's all propaganda is what it is," said Cadieux. Junior Elizabeth Crespo, 25, said drug use is always going to be a problem. "I think people are going to use the drugs regard-
less," said Crespo.

Crespo said that most people who use psychoactive substances are already aware of the ones Theis will be publishing information about in the book. "If it's not popular by now; it's for a reason," Cadieux said. "If it's not popular by now; it's for a reason," Cadieux said.

Will you go DOWNSTREAM with IFFY?

Downstream: Developing Stories about the Future Based upon Decisions of Today

"Downstream" is a competition aimed at challenging the intellect and creativity of UCF students - a competition for students to develop story-based video vignettes that capture and convey the downstream consequences of present day actions.

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Endorsers could begin journey to Florida as early as Sunday.

Spaceships could be launched to Mars within the next decade, a NASA official said Tuesday in an address to the International Astronautical Congress in Toronto.

The announcement comes after the agency announced plans to send humans to Mars by 2030. The official said that the mission could begin in 2020, with a spacecraft arriving at the planet in 2021 and astronauts arriving in 2025.

NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine said that the agency is committed to sending humans to the Red Planet in the next decade.

"We have the technology and the resources to accomplish this mission," Bridenstine said. "We are ready to make the leap to Mars."
Students and members of the UCF chapter of National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) helped to get it started, and could not responsibly vote decisively on the measure without further debate and possibilities for amendments.

Members of the committee had not received the proposal until just more than a week before the meeting, while the task force assigned to drafting the Golden Rule Review Committee report was scheduled to meet in January. The exact date has yet to be decided, but it will be posted on the committee's Web site once it is set.

"This is the first time we have had this debate in this committee, and there are a number of things to clarify," Lattorre said. "For one thing, we need to figure out how to penalize offending students who are already on probation and are not a resident of the campus community, and the penalties would vary from college to college."

The equalization proposal at issue were the amount of marijuana a student could buy and sell and the effects of being under the Golden Rule for marijuana, which is expected to pass at January's meeting.

"I think for aficionados who they made and want to make are really just about trying to get policy changed," Rivard said. "And if we work with them to push this measure as much as we can, we can do something for the safer decision."
soup ladle at a homeless shelter on Dec. 10, we hope a camera catches it for the news, and we hope that those images help change the hearts and minds of people on the lines about the LGBT community.

The couple created a Web-site, "www.dailyfostergay.org," based out of the love an impact, a Web-based, grassroots organization, and since its Nov. inception, the site has generated more than 50,000 visitors. It is also home to a volunteer opportunity in every state as well as opportunities in Washington, D.C., and internationally in Canada, England, and Turkey.

Many groups in Orlando contributed to campaigning against Amendment 2 to no avail but intend to continue to voice their concerns against the Web-site. According to the Web-site, there are "30 states where individuals can still be fired simply for being gay or lesbian;" and for those in fear of losing their jobs, the site offers other ways to participate, the Habitat for Humanity offers "30 states where individuals can still be fired simply for being gay or lesbian;" and for those in fear of losing their jobs, the site offers other ways to participate, by spreading the word.

Amendment has negatively impacted the community and those who worked tirelessly to get it on the fence about the LGBT rights. We fully support the cause," Meeks said. "I think it was devastating for those who signed up," Jennifer Gallegos, a representative of the United States of America, said. "We've gotten about six or seven hundred people to volunteer for a cause," Meeks said. "I think it was devastating for those who signed up," Jennifer Gallegos, a representative of the United States of America, said. "We've gotten about six or seven hundred people to volunteer for a cause," Meeks said. "I think it was devastating for those who signed up," Jennifer Gallegos, a representative of the United States of America, said. "We've gotten about six or seven hundred people to volunteer for a cause," Meeks said. "I think it was devastating for those who signed up," Jennifer Gallegos, a representative of the United States of America, said. 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The recently finished 4-8 season for the UCF Football team was not the worst record in history, nor was the average attendance of 39,956.

But that doesn’t mean that the season was pretty.

UCF head coach George O’Leary is not Mike Leach, the offensive guru for Texas Tech, but O’Leary has had offensive success in his previous 11 years at the collegiate level. Before this season, the fewest yards an O’Leary team averaged per game was 278.9 in 2001, his last season with George Tech. In every other season, his teams averaged in the 324.5 range per game, and five averaged more than 390 yards per game.

But this season was different. With inferior and a unit made of young, inexperienced and even unqualified players, the UCF offense sputtered and struggled in almost every game.

The Knights should feel lucky that they won four games this season with that low of a yardage total. Those other four teams combined for a record of 4-42.

UCF averaged 224.1 yards per game, which was the worst by far in the country and one of the worst in recent memory.

It was worse than all but four teams from the Football Championship Series, worse than all but six in Division II and worse than all but 11 teams in Division III.

In the past 10 years, only South Carolina in 2009 (228.65), Baylor in 2002 (214), Rutgers in 2000 (221.82), and Temple in 2006 (215.67) have had worse yards per game averages in the Football Championship Series.

Whether it was from dropped passes, poor quarterback play or an inconsistent running game, the Knights finished the 2008 season with the lowest offensive yards per game average among the 119 FBS squads.

Of the 160 drives, 144 went for zero yards or negative yards, or about 90 percent. Of the 160 drives, 80 were for zero yards or negative yards, or about 50 percent. That’s the lowest in the nation.

And the Knights scored zero touchdowns in 103 of the drives.

The offense has to be thankful that at least the defense stepped up as one of Conference USA’s lines units, or the 2008 season could have been much worse.

Here is a breakdown of the season by the numbers (all figures as of Nov. 29):

Offense

Excluding plays and plays that were kneel-downs to end a half or special teams plays, UCF ran 777 plays in 660 drives.

Of those plays, 146 were for zero yards or negative yards, or about 20 percent. Of the 146 drives, 80 were for zero yards or negative yards, or about 50 percent. All that meant was for almost every five times the Knights snapped the ball, they would either go nowhere or go backward.

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In fact, 46 players in the FBS averaged more total offense per game than the entire UCF team did.

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Combined total tackles for a loss, making UCF defenders fifth in the country

Total return yards by the defense

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Shooter hit all iron in defeat

rebounds and led the way for the Knights for the entire game.

However, Taylor shot just 4-of-22 from the field and made only four of his 13 attempts from beyond the arc. Tori Davis also recorded a double-double to the game with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

UCF shot only 38 percent from the floor and 0-of-6 from the floor and 42.1 percent from the floor and 0-of-6 from beyond the arc. A J-C Mays triple was called off by a technical foul on his own team.

FROM THE FLOOR

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The UCF defense had its problems containing the Eagles offense, especially in the second half. The Eagles shot 45.3 percent from the floor and 14-16 from the floor.

The second half was the one in which UCF struggled the most. For the season, the Knights were ranked 75. Basically, the Knights’ goal going into the game was to just keep the offense on the field, and that’s exactly what they did.

Defense was not as good as the offense was bad. The offense scored at least 7 points in each of the first 3 games.

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The last time they faced the Eagles, the Knights' defense held the Eagles to 6.2 points per game, and twice it had to do it on the field for more than 40 minutes.

As a point of comparison to the Knights’ 221 points per game, Kevin Smith averaged 322.64 points per game for himself last season.

Quarterback Rob Calhoun was the Knights in total offensive yards per game with 39.8. Below CUSA quarter- back Case Keenum of Houston averaged nearly five times that amount per game (185.3).

A lot of UCF’s treachery came from the consistent inconsistency from the quarterback and wide receivers. Brian Watters led the team with 42 catches for 594 yards and three touchdowns. His 123-yard performance was enough for a team-leading receiver since UCF entered the FBS in 1996.

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Demand decides gas prices

A NEW balloon in the sky of gas prices may have its roots in the battle for students' attention. As gas prices went up, concerned parents, contacting reporters, something afflicted by consumer pressure and the rapidly rising price of gasoline.

And down some more. And down even further. And down some more.

Surely gas prices weren't the cause of the recession, but it certainly did play a powerful role in the public's attitudes. It's officially the beginnings of affordable gas prices.

As gas prices went up, conventional thinking, reports of the prices are now being ignored. Accordingly, the price of oil is now being watched like never before. And now, the country is more concerned about new HIV infections than before.

AIDS is a problem that is not going away. It is a disease that has affected millions of people around the world. It has been estimated that over 35 million people are infected with the virus that causes AIDS, and that number is increasing.

The disease is caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which attacks the immune system and eventually leads to AIDS. The virus is spread through sexual contact, intravenous drug use, and mother-to-child transmission.

Despite the progress made in understanding and treating HIV/AIDS, there is still much work to be done. The fight against AIDS is far from over, and continued support is needed to find a cure and improve the lives of those affected.

In recent years, there has been a focus on preventing HIV transmission. This includes education about the risks of sexual activity, regular testing for HIV, and the use of antiretroviral drugs to prevent the virus from spreading.

However, despite these efforts, HIV/AIDS continues to be a major global health issue. It is estimated that 1 in 100 people in the United States are living with HIV, and that number is rising in many countries around the world.

Therefore, continued support for research and treatment is necessary to make progress in the fight against HIV/AIDS. This includes funding for AIDS research, providing healthcare for those living with the disease, and supporting efforts to prevent new infections from occurring.

The fight against HIV/AIDS is ongoing, and continued support is needed to achieve a world free of this devastating disease. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those affected by HIV/AIDS and work towards a future where no one is left behind.

The media really love white people

Officially the most popular term in the marketing world, the term "white people" has become the go-to phrase for形容 who is "good enough". It is often used to describe people who are seen as less desirable or less important.

The media really love white people, and this is especially clear in the world of news media. White people are the primary focus of news media, and this is true regardless of the topic or event.

For example, when a story about a tragic event occurs, the news media tends to focus on the white people involved in the story. This is true even when the event itself is not related to race.

Another example is the way in which news media covers events that are related to race. For instance, when a story about a crime occurs in a neighborhood where the majority of the residents are white, the news media tends to focus on the white people involved in the story.

This is true even when the crime itself is not related to race.

In conclusion, the media's focus on white people is a clear example of the way in which news media is shaped by its own biases and assumptions. It is important for us to be aware of these biases and to work towards a more equitable coverage of news events.

The real truth about gas prices

As gas prices continue to rise, many people are asking why they are so high. There are many factors that contribute to the price of gas, including the cost of oil, which is a major factor in determining gas prices.

However, there are also other factors that can affect gas prices, such as the demand for gas, which is influenced by factors like the weather, the economy, and the overall demand for fuel.

In addition, the way in which the gas industry operates can also affect gas prices. For example, companies may choose to raise prices in order to make more profit.

Ultimately, the price of gas is determined by a complex interplay of many different factors. While it is difficult to predict exactly what will happen to gas prices in the future, it is clear that they will continue to be influenced by a wide range of factors.
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