Teaching academy in the works at UCF

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UCF is growing once again. Recently, over 300 central Florida educators voiced their approval for a new teaching academy now in the planning stages at UCF.

The Educational administrators, teachers, students and concerned parents recently gathered on campus to help experts in the College of Education define the role of the proposed academy, which will be built adjacent to the Education building. The academy and its programs would include:

- A model K-12 school where both new and continuing teachers could polish their skills.
- Creation of uniform standards for all central Florida school districts.
- A system of mentoring and training new teachers.
- A new master's program in administration.
- A discipline problem solving seminar.

Education Dean Sandra Robinson said, "I'm absolutely thrilled about the new academy. UCF will definitely benefit from the collective wisdom of all the people associated with this project."

Students and graduates readily agree with Robinson's observation. Shelley Ruiz, a recent graduate of the Early Childhood Education Program, is now teaching second grade in Palm Beach County.

Ruiz said, "An on-campus school would be an excellent addition to the education program at UCF. Nothing can prepare you to teach more than actually being in a classroom to observe what goes on. It gives you a good idea of what to expect when you graduate. Interning and working in real life situations often provides you with some of the most valuable experiences you will get while you are still in school."

Ruiz also agrees with the administrators' plan to address discipline problems in the classroom. She added, "It seems like many education students are not fully prepared to teach when they graduate because they haven't been taught how to handle discipline problems. As a first-year teacher, it is something I have to deal with a lot and I think much more time should be devoted to it before new teachers are placed in real-life situations."

The academy will also be used to streamline the teacher training process. Special speakers will find it much easier to come to the academy and be able to reach a larger audience instead of having to travel to all 11 school districts in the area.

The academy is estimated to cost approximately $6.5 million. Planners involved with the academy will spend the next year defining goals and determining what needs to be done to accommodate the needed programs. The building is slated to open in 2002.

Outsmarting thieves:

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Recent police reports reveal that theft is still the most common crime on the UCF campus and the surrounding UCF student community.

Police working for colleges nationwide logged 102,081 incidents of theft in 1996, according to Security on Campus, Inc., an organization that encourages students to guard against crime.

The UCF area has been hit hard with auto burglaries in the past few months. According to Cpl. Marian Hultgreen, Orange County Sheriff's Office and Ofc. Jeannette Emert of the UCF Police Department, items targeted are CDs, books, radios, purses and backpacks. A large number of the burglaries have also occurred in the nearby apartment complexes.

"Many of these burglaries can be prevented if students would take the steps to lock their cars, keep valuables out of view and park in a well-lit area," said Hultgreen. "Leaving items where they can be seen is a temptation. If they are not where they can be seen, they will present no temptation.

"If they don't see the items, maybe they will leave your car alone," she said.

According to Emert and Hultgreen, the holiday season is an especially busy time for thieves. Emert said, "in keep in mind that the holidays are coming. Thieves will do their shopping from you and your vehicle. Sometimes they will follow you to your car. Always be observant and aware of your surroundings.

Spending a day shopping, place packages in your trunk after looking around to see who may be watching. If you see someone suspicious, go back to the shopping area and report it to security. Most malls have escorts during the holidays. Don't hesitate to use this service.

Pay attention to what's going on around you.

Extra precautions:

Be careful in the dark

M aria Chandler
STAFF WRITER

Walking through a poorly lit parking lot alone is enough to send chills through some people's bodies, but to others, it is paradise.

The parking lots in front of the Visual Arts Building and across from the Humanities and Fine Arts Building are dimly lit at night. Richard D. Paradise, director of Physical Plant, said he is aware of this, but there is no funding available to do anything about it.

Originally, money left over from the completion of the parking garage located next to the Education Building was to be used for a designed system of lighting in those two parking lots. Instead, the money was used toward the construction of the second
VUCF director makes philanthropy a lifestyle

**Taylor Sikes**

*Staff Writer*

“My heart is in this,” said Melissa Zelniker, a 21-year-old senior at UCF, majoring in legal studies and criminal justice. “I feel like God has given all of us some kind of talent, whether it be for sports or something else, but the one thing that we all have is the ability to give to others,” she said.

Zelniker began working with physically challenged children at a Special Olympics in Miami in 1993 when she was in the tenth grade. She said she came to the event a little apprehensive. When she arrived, she was matched up with a “buddy” for the day who she took from event to event.

Zelniker spent the whole day with her buddy and said she loved every minute of it. She has not missed a Special Olympics since.

After her experience with the Special Olympics, Zelniker found other ways to get involved with helping others. She began working with her mother, who taught classes on the education and prevention of the AIDS virus. Zelniker organized bringing her mom’s teaching to her high school to share with her friends.

She said she has had friends and family die from the disease, so its reality hit her home. Through her mother’s program, Zelniker also became hospice certified. This allowed her to work with patients who were suffering from AIDS or other terminal illnesses.

“Even if you are sitting in a nursery home and playing cards with someone, to them you are touching their life,” said Zelniker. “If every person took the time out everyday to do a random act of kindness and touch someone else’s life then you know how much better this world would be.”

When high school ended, Zelniker left home for the University of Florida. In the fall of 1996, she left Gainesville in search of a university in a bigger city, which met her Miami-sized standards. Orlando met her approval and she transferred to UCF as a sophomore. She rushed Zeta Tau Alpha sorority that fall and began planning service projects, which included picking up trash along highways and working with the Special Olympics. She remembers the first time she took her sorority to the Special Olympics.

“It was like a metamorphosis from when we arrived there to when we left,” said Zelniker. “The look on their faces had changed from the event. They loved those kids.”

Seeing the changes in her sorority sisters inspired Zelniker to find ways to share that feeling with other UCF students, driving her to work for Volunteer UCF. During her time as a volunteer, Zelniker has worked with different charities and started the Spark program, which provides students with one service project a month.

“I am a doer. I can’t sit back and watch things happen. I have to be a part of it,” said Zelniker.

During 1996, Zelniker not only volunteered at UCF but also as a victim advocate through Spousal Abuse Incorporated. She said it was hard at first, but that she learned how to deal with victims.

Zelniker remembers one moment with a victim, “We had one woman come into the office and she was just a wreck. She was bleeding and bruised. The first thing she did was start yelling at me. I reached across the table, touched her hand and said, “I am just here to help you.” She just started bawling. Later she told me that was the first time in ten years she had a nice touch.”

This fall Zelniker started working for Volunteer UCF as its director. She said she works about 30 hours a week, but only gets paid for ten. Her role is mostly administrative, which she said is often frustrating for her. “I miss being in the field,” said Zelniker. “I am always at the Special Olympics or Habitat for Humanity, but now I am busy getting other people involved. I get upset about it a lot.”

Sometimes Zelniker finds the job very rewarding. One example of this is when Volunteer UCF promoted organ donor cards at a recent football game, where more than 3,500 cards were distributed.

“Just to have such an impact on so many students, that is where my job as an administrator starts to feel good,” said Zelniker. “When I actually see reactions on people’s faces, it is exciting. To motivate a college student is difficult, but to get them involved in something like this can be life-changing.”

Zelniker is balancing her service projects with other campus activities like serving on the President’s Service Council as a Student Government senator, and working at her studies. She was also nominated for Homecoming Queen.

Zelniker said she is set to graduate in the spring and sees herself going to law school. She is not sure exactly what she will do, but said she is sure work with the needy is in her future.

“I just want to do something for the public sector. It means doing pro bono work that is okay because the money is not important to me,” said Zelniker. “Whether people understand it or not, in order to be happy in life you must give to other people.”

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Death poll sheds light on age-old fear

Nicole King
NEWS EDITOR

Are you scared of death? Do you know where you are going? If you were near the Visual Arts Building on Dec. 2 you might have been asked these questions. As an assignment for her Art Happenings class, UCF student Andrea Token took to the sidewalk last Wednesday and asked students their opinions on death.

Token had three cardboard cutouts of caskets set up from 10-11 a.m. Her goal was to determine whether or not society has been de-sensitized to death through the media.

"Somehow I knew he died and it started me wondering if people ever thought about death," Token said. "On TV they always show you dying; bombings, shootings, massacres. I was trying to figure out if society is desensitized to death.

"I didn't want to get into religion or anything, so I tried to keep the questions to 'yes' or 'no' answers.

"Token said during her one-hour survey, she found that 104 people said they were not afraid of dying, while 28 said they were and four said they either did not know or care. Ninety-eight were concerned about where they are going, but 35 were not.

"I learned that either people don't care about death or they're not scared at all," Token said.

"Overall though, I think people care where they're going."

Essay exams give students a chance to show off skills

Linda Ramos
STAFF WRITER

Scene change! Some students love ’em, some students hate ’em: the essay exam. Essay exams are more subjective than the traditional multiple choice and true/false tests. They are also more suited to a student's ability to think for themselves.

Essays also serve other educational purposes. According to the Counseling Center of George Washington University, the goals of an essay include: application of principles, organizational skills, analytical reasoning, and construction of thesis statements with supporting details.

Carol Kanar in "The Confident Student" provides tips for answering essays.

First, make sure you answer them! Not answering an essay guarantees no points. The number of points or percentage weight an essay carries indicates how important the essay will be graded by the professor.

Write in complete sentences unless otherwise stated in the question. In addition, if you are completely unfamiliar with the essay topic, don’t try to compensate by overwriting gibberish hoping to make it "sound right." Instead, use the information you learned from studying to write about issues that are related, even if remotely, to the topic. Again, some credit is better than no credit.

Kevin Paul of "Study Smarter, Not Harder" describes an effective technique for handling the essay exam.

First, after reading the question, take 3-5 minutes to write a mini-outline. Then just write and don’t stop until the essay is completed. Worry about spelling and grammar later.

Second, restate the question in the introductory paragraph so that the professor knows you are answering the correct question.

Third, insofar as the essay’s content is concerned, explain your reasoning with concrete, logical supporting examples. Write neatly and clearly. If there are any errors, draw a single, clear line over the phrase.

Lastly, work within time restrictions; however, should you run out of time, complete the essay by writing the remaining information in outline form. This lets the professor know that although you ran out of time, you knew exactly what you wanted to write.

Most students run into problems with the essay question itself. There are common key words which tell you what to write and how to present it.

Brenda Smith in "Bridging the Gap: College Reading" has defined some key words which should be circled or underlined when seen in an essay question:

- Compare/Contrast: Write about similarities and differences
- Evaluate/Interpret: Examine the pros and cons as well as the topic’s significance
- Describe: Explain. Focus on the topic’s characteristics, causes, effects, process
- Illustrate/Diagram: Use examples, draw tables or charts
- List: Outline, Trace: Itemize, present main ideas and details, show the progression step by step

Remember to always leave time at the end of an essay for proofreading, editing, spelling checking, and grammar corrections.

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parking garage located near the Creole Building. Despite this setback, improvements have been made. Parking in the last five years, $150-175,000 has been spent on lighting. For example, lights have been placed on the Computer Store 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

According to Tom Gorbas, Campus Security Coordinator, one Christmas crime recommended by Gorbas. Not with a baddy • call SEPS for a ride • be aware of surroundings • stay away from shrubbery • stay away from people • avoid shortcuts through alleys • never give hitchhiker rides • never ask for rides • if followed, seek others • keep purses and bags close If something looks suspicious notify the UCFPD immediately. John M. Clark, CFPM Manager, Parking Services said parking personnel may be seen looking into a car for a hugging parking permit. "The tags are flimsy and sometimes fall off the rearview mirror," said Clark. Other equipment is yanked causing it to no longer stay in place. If this is the case, the person making the report will not be criticized for the report," said Clark.

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tion of the ’70s. It was enough light to get from point A to point B. Measures are still taken to preserve costs though.

According to Sgt. Tom Gorbas, Crime Prevention Unit Coordinator, one Christmas 50 percent of the buildings on cam-

pus were shut down saving about $25,000 in electricity.

Technology has also cut the cost of electricity. Paradise said the way in which glass is cut can allow more light to diffuse out. Furthermore, the higher the light is placed, the larger the area that is illuminated.

Paradise said on average the university spends $82,000 per year to light 3,000 lights that are 150 watts each. He added that only includes electricity, not bulbs that need to be replaced or damage poles in need of repair. Until the light meter reading of .5 in the two parking lots is upgraded, there are several ways

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UCF-Brevard participates in America Reads program

AMBER FELDMAN STAFF WRITER

This year, UCF-Brevard participated in a new service learning program. America Reads Brevard Deeds (ARBD) is the Brevard county chapter of America Reads. The goal of this organization is to bring elementary students up to their current grade reading-level by the third grade. ARBD expands that goal to include grades K-6. ARBD communicates with area schools and targets students who are not reading at their current level. By focusing these services on the local community, participants can develop a stronger level of community awareness.

This program evolved from a grant given to the Community College in which they were to choose a four-year college and a national service organization to combine forces. UCF has long been involved with BCC, so UCF was a natural choice. The two schools chose to work with America Reads, a national non-profit literacy organization.

BCC has had an established service learning program for almost 10 years. Many students at UCF come from the BCC system and had no options to continue service learning work. This program, started last year on the main campus, fills that gap.

Dr. Maria Lavoy, a psychology instructor on the UCF-Brevard campus, is the UCF coordinator of ARBD and the head of the service learning program on the campus. Lavoy works in conjunction with Barbara Baird, coordinator of ARBD with BCC. Lavoy has a strong sense of community is a high priority for service learning programs. Lavoy says that many students on the UCF campus work, live, and raise children in this community and are unsatisfied with having to contribute to a community so far from home. "This allows us to keep our Brevard people in this community."

Lavoy also stresses that ARBD is a big part of this UCF program. "We couldn't do this without this partnership," she said.

This program is currently offered as a three hour course on the Orlando (main), Brevard, and Daytona campuses of UCF. Some professors have also begun to work this program into their curricula by offering an option of a specified number of hours in place of a requirement or as extra credit.

Currently student registers for this course, they are required to attend an orientation meeting. During the beginning of the semester, each student must complete several hours of training either in class or by video tape before beginning their service/community requirement. Lavoy said, "They are not thrown into the program without training. We have intensive and extended training sessions." These sessions offer students the opportunity to learn what to expect and they are given materials to help them in their volunteer work. Currently, after training, students are given tutor bags. These bags contain many different types of learning and teaching materials such as sentence strips, scissors, stickers, crayons, etc. "We provide students with a bag of materials to use with the children. We encourage them to work directly with the teachers because the teachers know where their students are lacking, but we don't want them to become a burden to the teachers," Baird said.

Students who are interested in participating in this program must complete 75 hours of volunteer work. Those hours are to be divided in to two different facilities. All students are required to work half of their hours with the ARBD program in an elementary area school. The other facility can be chosen by the student. Lavoy has lists of several non-profit agencies that students can volunteer with. Among them are rape hotlines, animal rescues, the humane society, shelters, and child abuse prevention centers. Lavoy said that some students come to the course with their own contacts. If a student does not find something on the list that suits them, they are referred to BCC's service learning office. BCC has a list of over 240 non-profit agencies in the area.

There are two meetings held during the semester that students must attend. There is also a final meeting where a student turns in their reflection. Each student is required to complete a journal or paper that explains what they learned from their experience. Baird said that this is a mandatory assignment. "Without reflection, there would be no learning."

Currently some of these meetings are held on only the main campus. Lavoy is trying to arrange for meetings to be held on the Brevard campus for student convenience.

Tara O'Shea, a UCF student, participated in the program this semester. "It changed my life. I was a psychology major and now I know that I want to go into education. It was the best thing I have ever done." Due to this experience, O'Shea has become involved with Teach for America, a national program that will place her in an inner city school so that she can help students while she earns her teaching certificate. O'Shea received a letter from the parent of a child she tutored this semester. "The boy's mother worked full-time and she just wanted to thank me. I kept that letter. Anyone interested in registering for this program can contact Dr. Lavoy at 632-1111 ext. 65598. Main campus students should contact Dr. Loseremilie at 282-2414.

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Routine traffic stop results in drug arrest

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During a routine traffic stop on Nov. 30, for an expired license tag, UCF Police discovered a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia in the possession of Michael Jones.

The drug, Ecstasy, chemical name Benedolone: Undecyleinate, is a street often used by bodybuilders. The controlled substance was discovered after the police dispatcher had confirmed that the tag expired on May 27, 1998, and that Jones' driver's license had been suspended four times and was invalid. At that time, Jones was arrested for the expired tag and suspended license and placed in handcuffs. His car was then searched. An unused, still packaged hypodermic syringe was found under the seat of the driver's seat and the controlled substance vial was found in a black gym bag in the back seat on the passenger's side.

Jones was then charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

IN OTHER UCFPD REPORTS:

• Young Essani was arrested for failure to sign a traffic citation after he was stopped for going 38 m.p.h. in a 20 m.p.h. speed zone.

The 20-year-old Moroccan student refused to sign the traffic citation, so he was arrested and taken to jail. He said he only received $600 a month from his country and that if he paid the fine then he wouldn't be able to eat. After the police officer explained the consequences of not signing the citation, and had an interpreter explain the situation to Essani, he elected to go to jail rather than sign the citation.

• UCF Police responded to a suspicious incident in the courtyard of the Student Resource Center at approximately 1 a.m. on Nov. 15.

Two golf carts had been left unattended and crashed together. The damage was estimated to be about $50. Two male suspects wearing white shirts were observed leaving toward Orange Hall. Photographs and fingerprints were taken at the scene.

Upon further investigation it was discovered that both carts' key switches had been left in the run position. This enables the carts to be run without a key. The UCF Police Department recommends using more security measures to prevent future incidents of this kind.

• Sometime between Nov. 17 and Nov. 18, a 1999 license plate decal was illegally removed from Bryan Caldwell's 1989 Toyota Corolla while it was parked in the West Parking Garage. Caldwell found that his decal was missing when he received a parking ticket on his windshield. The license plate decal has the number 04699914 on it. Caldwell is willing to prosecute.

• On Nov. 19, the UCF Police responded to a report that artwork was stolen from the Visual Arts Building sometime between 5 p.m. Nov. 18 and 8:30 a.m. Nov. 19. The five photos, entitled "Blue Bathroom," had been displayed on the wall for about a week. The photos had been chosen for display by Tara Huff's instructor.

In place of the stolen photos were a poster set of photographs which had been displayed by another instructor, who stated that the wall was empty when he arrived that morning.

Huff is willing to prosecute.

• Sometime between Nov. 25 and Dec. 3, $700 in tools was stolen from one of the Waste Water Treatment Plant's trucks.

The tools stolen were three socket sets, two open box wrench sets, one allen wrench set, one screwdriver set, one nutdriver set and one chisel set. The tools were color coded with yellow spray paint. The treatment plant is willing to prosecute.
Number of student smokers continues to rise

Christine Tatum
COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

CHICAGO—The number of cigarette smokers on college campuses is rising, jumping 28 percent in four years and prompting researchers to warn that tobacco-related illnesses could continue on the upswing.

A recent study, conducted by researchers at Harvard University, compared surveys of more than 14,000 students at 116 colleges nationwide in 1993 and 1997. Last year, 28.5 percent of students reported smoking, up from 22.3 percent in 1993.

The findings aren't much of a surprise given that smoking already had risen among teen-agers by 32 percent in the 1990s. Once those teens hit college, smoking rates naturally rose in academia, too. The study found that the vast majority of college smokers picked up the habit in high school; only 11 percent took their first drag after the age of 18.

"It seems like everyone smokes," said Caryn Rousseau, a junior at the University of Chicago's primary care clinic. "I'm a junior in high school. At first I wasn't sure if I should try smoking but avoided making it a habit. "We don't sleep. We don't exercise. We eat terrible food, and we drink like it's our job.'"

All the more reason to kick the habit in high school; only 11 percent tried smoking but avoided making it a habit. "We don't sleep. We don't exercise. We eat terrible food, and we drink like it's our job," she said. "In a sense, they are smoking because it makes a statement that they are immortal. "It's a rebellion and an adolescent defiance that even they know is bad for them." It's something so distant to them; it's a social smokers, "she said. "The health effects are accumulative, so they don't consider themselves addicted," she continued. "But because this is an addictive substance and the threshold for getting addicted is so low, we know their need to have it starts increasing. "They may feel they can handle it now, but studies show that in general, once people start smoking, they need to smoke more and more."

"Social smokers," she said. "That's the irony, Brukner said. Many students smoke because of the cool image they think they're projecting. Yet they don't seem to think about their bad breath, yellowed teeth, deep coughs and clothes and hair that reek of smoke."

"I'd love to see billboards and ad campaigns like that. 'Gee, your breath really stinks,' or 'Your clothes smell terrible,'" she said. "Because that's what smoking does to a person whether they like it or not. I have seen adults who are embarrassed to tell me that they've smoked for years, and when they do, they almost always say, 'That was so stupid.' I wish I had never done it.'"

Thomas said he plans to kick his smoking habit before he graduates. "I'm young," he said. "I'm not worried about it."

Quitting is rarely easy, doctors say. According to the Harvard study, half of college smokers reported that they've tried to stop in the previous year, and 19 percent had made five or more attempts to beat their addiction, the study found.
Police Blotter: A weekly look at campus crime briefs

PETER LEVINE
COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

TUCSON, Ariz. - Someone made off with a fiberglass fish mounted on a wall in the University of Arizona's biological sciences building.

According to the Daily Wildcat, a university employee reported the theft of the fake, finned creature - valued at $1,200 - on Nov. 30. The employee said he found no signs of forced entry and that many people have access to the room where the fish was kept.

STANFORD, Calif. For the second time in two months, a computer hacker broke into computers at Stanford University and stole the passwords for almost 300 e-mail accounts.

According to the Stanford Daily, the hacker used a stolen password to get into the university's electronic engineering department's computer system. The Daily also reported that the hacker broke into the system on Oct. 31 and maintained access to it for six days.

"It looked like the hacker was going for power and wanted to control the system, not necessarily what was on it," David Bramley, a specialist in the university's Computer Security Office, told the Daily. Although there were no reports of e-mail tampering, university officials did shut down several accounts, forcing many students to change their passwords.

The Daily reported that campus security officers tracked down the hacker to an Internet service provider, but could not proceed further without outside assistance. The university chose not to ask federal agents for help because minimal damage was done.

In early November, hackers broke into Stanford computers and took more than 5,000 user passwords.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, Ill. - A student at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana suffered minor injuries after three men attacked him outside a dining hall on campus.

According to the Daily Illini, the victim was eating in the dining hall on Nov. 19 when the trio asked to step outside to settle some business. The victim later told police he did not know the men, but went along with them anyway.

Once outside, the trio pushed the victim to the ground and kicked and punched him all over his body. The attackers fled when a resident advisor arrived on the scene. The victim was treated and released from a local hospital.

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. - Students pulling an all-nighter in a library at SUNY-Binghamton must have rubbed their eyes in amazement when a naked man sam­pered by them.

According to the Pipe Dream, students called campus police to report the man's brief public appearance at 4:15 a.m. on Nov. 16.

The man, described as being nearly 6 feet 4 inches tall and about 30 years old, picked up a pile of clothes and fled from the building when someone questioned him. Officers reported that they searched the area but found no one.

BOULDER, Colo. - Armed with a three­main water balloon launcher and a lot of snow, a group of students at the University of Colorado at Boulder managed to raise a few eyebrows on campus recently.

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Passersby snickered, and police didn't think to look for any suspects - until they read about the incident in the campus newspaper.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - One man's efforts to take cleaning supplies from the University of Michigan's graduate library were a wash after workers stopped him.

According to police reports, the man tried to walk out of the building with several cleansers and a box of trash bags.

The man, later dubbed "Mr. Clean," wound up dropping the goods and running from the library.

COLUMBUS, Mo. - Members of the Kappa Alpha fraternity at the University of Missouri kicked out a former pledge who told the students he lived there, but resided at a fraternity house. The group specifically aimed the snowballs at windows and managed to break one.

"He was a pledge in the spring, and he didn't make grades," fraternity president Greg Shelton told the student newspaper, The Maneater. "He was down on his luck, and we offered him a place to live."

The reported rape allegedly happened in the fraternity's off-campus house after a homecoming party in September. The victim has been reluctant to press charges, leaving investigators unsure of whether they will make an arrest in the case.

"We can't go to the prosecutor without a report," Columbia police Sgt. Stephen Madej told The Maneater.

University officials said the fraternity will not be held responsible for the reported sexual crime or for housing someone not enrolled at the school.

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Police had little choice but to ticket a former Ohio State student for disorderly conduct after finding him in a dumpster.

According to police reports, two students escorted the man to a dormitory after finding him intoxicated on campus. The man told the students he lived there, but resident assistants called police for help after determining he did not. Police checked out the man's story and learned that he indeed had been a resident of the dorm - in 1994, not this year.

Officers arrested the man, ticketed him and later released him to the custody of his brother.
Animal testing will keep me out of medical school

Erika Check

On Tuesday, I realized why I will never go to medical school. I was sitting in my class watching a film that demonstrated how researchers record signals from resting brain cells. Fairly technical stuff; innocuous enough, right? Perhaps, except that those resting brain cells were part of a live animal. A cat, to be exact. A cat with an electrode inserted in its brain. I wasn’t the only one in the class who felt sick and sad watching it.

Now you’re thinking, “Rabid anti-animal-testing rant approaching. Most skip to read something less gross.” But I’m not against animal testing. As a biology major and the daughter of scientists, I understand that humans have countless monkeys, mice, rats, cats and other animals to thank for the vaccines, medicines and consumer products we use every day. But that doesn’t make the killing of animals any easier to accept. As a kid, I devoured James Herriot’s stories about loving and caring for creatures who lost their freedom, who OUR STUFF. I tell you, Kenny! It’s been awhile since "The Simpsons" has co-opted, "TV-MA" symbol on screen before the show. The Birmingham News is an infringement on our right to determine what everyone else is able to watch on television. That is an infringement on our right to choose.

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South Park doesn’t deserve criticism

The Birmingham News also goofed when it erroneously printed that the character-kid Kenny is "murdered" on every episode. Everyone knows that the show knows the line, "Oh my God, they killed Kenny!" While Kenny is killed on every show, he’s no more murdered than is Wile E. Coyote, who has an infinite number of anvils dropped on his head; it’s the same concept.

Recently, for example, Kenny was killed when Orzy Osborne bit his head off. Yes, it was scary! But Kenny has also been killed by wild turkeys; pet goldfish, the Chinese national volleyball team; and a falling pine tree. South Park’s critics also like to rant about the show’s language. If you don’t like what Cartman has to say, you can always change the channel. Or don’t have to bomb laboratories. We don’t have to shoot researchers in parking lots.

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It's almost here guys. The end of the semester! We'll all be able to breathe a sigh of relief and move the books into the closet for a few weeks. Are you looking forward to Christmas? Have you been naughty or nice? Santa (AKA Hollywood execs) apparently decided we've been nice and provided us with new flicks ranging all the way from Shakespeare to Psycho. Take a look and see if anything catches your eye.

Psycho (12/24)- Starring Vince Vaughn, Anne Heche, Julianne Moore. Hitchcock's original tale is back with a few 90's twists. The seven-week-long production is in color and features an amped-up version of the original haunting score.

Star Trek: Insurrection (12/11)- Starring Patrick Stewart, Brent Spiner, Jonathan Frakes, Donna Murphy, F. Murray Abraham. One thing is for sure, all you Trekkies will have a joyous holiday season.

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The Princess of Egypt (12/18)- Starring the voices of Val Kilmeer, Ralph Fiennes, Michelle Pfeiffer, Steve Martin, Sandra Bullock, Jeff Goldblum. For Dreamworks first animated full length feature (as opposed to the computer generated Antz) they did something a little different. They consulted the Bible. Drawn directly from the book of Exodus, the movie tells the story of Moses. Dreamworks also captured former Disney composer Stephen Schwartz (Pocohontas, The Hunchback of Notre Dame) to create the epic score. Let's see... fascinating tale, all-star cast, award winning composer. I think we have a winner on our hands.

Mighty Joe Young (12/18)- Starring Bill Paxton, Charlize Theron. Oh boy! Yet another bug monstermonkey movie! I don't think I can take this overused and uninteresting topic again. But for the curious: A big gorilla gets put into a conservation so big, mean poachers don't get him. He escapes, and wild and crazy hijinks occur on Hollywood Boulevard. What a fascinating concept. Yawn.

The Thin Red Line (12/25)- Starring Sean Penn, Woody Harrelson, Nick Nolte, George Clooney, John Cusack, Bill Pullman, Director Terry Malick returns to directing with this hugely ambitious, $50 million WWII epic. And he did it just in time to watch Steven Spielberg steal his thunder with Saving Private Ryan. Based on James Jones' 1962 novel about an American rifle company caught in a campaign to capture Guadalcanal from the Japanese, this flick reportedly holds its own.

Stepmom (12/25)- Starring Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon, Ed Harris. One starerker coming up. Sarandon stars as an abandoning wife who hates the new girlfriend (Roberts) with a passion. Everyone's world is turned upside down when Sarandon is diagnosed with a terminal illness and is now forced to teach Roberts how to be a good mother to the children she will leave behind. Pack the tissues, you'll need 'em.

Blast From The Past (12/25)- Starring Alicia Silverstone, Brendan Fraser, Christopher Walken, Sinéad O'Connor. Fraser trades in his loincloth to play a fish out of water. His mom and dad took cover back in the 60's. Thinking the world was about to be blown to bits, so the poor lad hasn't spent his entire life in a bomb shelter. Thirty years later, they decide to send him into the world to stock up on the essentials, including a wife. Eyer Silverstone, who takes him to like a wounded puppy. Cute concept. It should fly.

Shakespeare In Love (12/25)- Starring Gwyneth Paltrow, Joseph Fiennes star as lovers in old England in the romantic comedy Shakespeare In Love. They warn fans makes quite a shocking decision in

Dear Dr. Daphne,

You know, some people just suck. You would think by 1998, almost 1999, that the people of this world would be over this. There is really not a whole lot you can do. If mom doesn’t like where you are from, that is her problem. If you and your girly are still okay with being together without our blessing, go for it. And it’s not that you will actually marry this husky. Chances are, your friend over time your little hoochie will have the same sentiments. So my suggestion is, move on to someone else who does not have racial parents. You shouldn’t have to worry about things like this when you should be focusing on your studies and success in this happy world we live in.

Dear Dr. Daphne,

My girlfriend’s mom has prejudices and one of them is against people of ethnic origin. I am from Ecuador and she will not give us her blessing. What should I do?

Juan Julio Ortega Sanchez

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Dear Dr. Daphne,

My family wants me home for the holidays, but my girlfriend’s parents asked me to go to Aspen. I’ve never been there before and I can’t stand being with her. How do I tell my parents I won’t be home?

- Traveling Man

Dear Traveling Man,

Sounds like you don’t appreciate the people who gave birth to you. But, you have a rockin’ offer on the table. Never thought you’d have a sugar mama, did you? Aspen is a great place. Lot of incred­ible slopes, snow bunnies, inviting fireplaces, and great sex. Paradise with snow. And just think, you won’t be able to touch your girly all week with fear they may catch you in the act. Wow, wish I could go too.

If it was a trip at any other time than Christmas, Kwanzaa, or Chanukah, I would say “Go. Have a joyous time!” But this is a time you should be with the ones you love, not ones you lust. You need to go home, spend some Q.T. (quality time for the ignorant readers) with mom and dad. Make cranberry relish and green bean casserole with mom. Watch football and sit on your fat ass with dad. If you don’t go, you’ll regret it later when you won’t have them. So, have lots of red wine and meditate sex before your honey leaves and ask her to send a postcard. You won’t miss her too much. Remember, girls will come and go but family is forever.

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Second verse, same as the first?

B. W. Earl

The first question that comes to mind for anyone who has seen Alfred Hitchcock’s original masterpiece is, “Why?” What does Gus Van Sant (Good Will Hunting, My Own Private Idaho) hope to accomplish with this $25 million remake? How can you really improve on the horror classic that still has the capacity to frighten nearly forty years later?

Well, you can’t. At least, not with the version that Van Sant has brought forth. A shot by shot remake leaves very little room for creativity for the director, but in those few moments that Van Sant does veer from the stylistics of the Master of Suspense, you certainly wish that it was truly shot for shot.

For those who haven’t seen the original or the remake, here’s the scoop on Psycho: Secretary Marion Crane (played in the 1960 version by the Oscar-nominated Janet Leigh, and portrayed by Anne Heche in the remake) steals a goodly sum of money ($40,000 or $400,000, again depending on which version) from her company in the hopes of paying off her boyfriend’s (‘60-John Gavin; ’98-Viggo Mortensen) various debts. On her way from her home in Phoenix to her boyfriend’s locale in Southern California, she makes a stop at the Bates Motel, run by a fellow who goes by the name of Norman Bates (Vince Vaughn playing the part immortalized by Anthony Perkins). She decides to take a shower- is this starting to click now?

Unfortunately (at least, for Psycho purists), the shower scene suffers the most in the transition from original to copy. What was a sudden, fluid, and truly shocking series of shots in the hands of Sir Alfred becomes a clumsily edited mishmash in the redo. Add some outside shots (outside shots!) in the middle of all the carnage and a good five second delay between the emergence of Norman’s mother and the intro of Bernard Herrmann’s legendary score, and you have a botched attempt.

Another problem inherited by Van Sant is the actors’ attempts to live up to the cast of 1960. Vince Vaughn tries to be so unlike Anthony Perkins’ portrayal that he delivers a performance that feels like a performance. The same could be said for the rather miscast Heche, who doesn’t exude the same screen presence that Leigh maintained throughout Hitchcock’s production. In fact, the better performances come from the secondary characters, such as William H. Macy, filling in for the late Martin Balsam as the doomed detective who suspects that something is up at the Bates Motel, and Julianne Moore, who does an admirable job of updating Vera Miles’ role as Marion’s sister. Macy and Moore, both Academy Award nominees, don’t seem to be intimidated by the big shoes that they have to fill, and their performances are helped immeasurably as a result.

I won’t spoil the changes that Van Sant makes for those of you who are going to see the film. Let it just be said that whenever there’s a change to Joseph Stefano’s original script, it’s noticeable. Very noticeable.

The new Psycho goes as far as it does because of the original’s assured place in pop culture, as well as Hitch’s brilliant touches. That is why the original will be remembered long after Van Sant’s replication is forgotten, or at best, barely recognized as a footnote to Hitchcock’s legacy.
Some might argue the greatest MC statement ever made was LL Cool J’s, “Mama Said Knock You Out.” For my money, his second Bigger and Deffer presents an MC on the verge of timelessness. By the middle 80’s, but Cut Creator-the beats here are indeed romanticized and then, with subtle irony, LL concedes the “kind of girl who keeps a fat man well fed.” Although the misogyny is knee deep, LL consciously raises the issue, as on “Rhyme Ain’t Done” is a whirlwind of cultural ideograms, from He-Man to the sitcom Alice and the 52 deck card characters, LL crossed all the demographic bridges to shake the hands of any potential listeners. Yet the justification of timelessness, without question, is “I Need Love.” Without LL’s R&B classic, the likes of Mary J. Blige, TLC would have been shut out of the Rap/R&B/Soul pantheon, a maverick of lyricism and invention, LL made fans from dust and conditioned them into genre ignoramuses-thank god.

-Marcel Spindade

Bruce Springsteen
Tracks
(Columbia)

The down-home folk-rock music man is back in black. No, that’s not right. I mean back in box. Bruce Springsteen’s Tracks has emerged as a blazing truth for devoted listeners. The 4 CD box set carries 66 songs, 56 never-released, that Springsteen wrote and recorded in the studio, but decided to leave off of his 11 released albums. Instead of piling up on the cutting room floor, they’ve found a permanent home in Tracks and the hearts of many fans. Tracks has a wonderful thing going for it. It’s pure Springsteen. The new songs are nothing strikingly different from Bruce Springsteen’s signature style. They are just little ditties that missed the buses like “Born in the U.S.A,” “Lucky Town,” and “The Ghost of Tom Joad.” The box set is also selling at a great price right in time for the store massacre season. You can pick it up in most music stores for about $60 bucks. Tracks is a must-own for any die-hard Springsteen fan. Along with the new songs are remixed and live favorites like “Born in the U.S.A.” and “Rendezvous.” This is one box set that’s worth a trip to the mall. Just be careful of all the Backstreet Boys fans.

-Christine Selvaggi

PhonopsychographDisk
Ancient Termites
(Bomb Hip-Hop)
bombhiphop.com

Casting aside my guttural aesthetic objection to the cover art, there is something unsettling about the marriage of nostalgy and "pondo" science fiction. PhonopsychographDisk’s debut waves the welcome flag towards the musical avant-garde. "Hey you snuffy art types, come on over and see what the hip hop underground has been concocting for the past 20 years." With the invitation accepted, and the parameters uprooted, Ancient Termites plays the devil’s gentile advocate. The needle becomes the message rather than the messenger and the listener is left wondering if there is a center to these reconstructed beats and melodic moments.

From strength to strength, the album avoids the regionalism of using only worn out hip hop samples and colicuts and spaces, instead opting for a few old swing jukes. "He cuts the music with so much class," the third track, "Beaver Clause," intraludes and then highlights a singular display of mucho gusto: just an echo adorns the min­ble flex and ferocious fury by a DJ who is more musical machine than jockey of sounds. And even the clueless, the traditional green thumb of hip hop purdy can agree, Ancient Termites authors in a new age of experimental pluralism where the hip, or those who call themselves "underground," abandon cliches of identity and accept the hopped up flux. The cut creator is now the great communicator, like Gershwin running through dime store photo­blaster’s.

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Actress Angie Harmon courts respect on 'Law & Order'

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It's Tuesday evening on the set of "Law & Order." (10 ET Wednesdays and a scene is about to be rehearsed. Entitled "Scrambled," the story centers around frozen embryos, a botched burglary and, of course, a murder. Standing just off-set, actress Angie Harmon, who joined the show in July as Assistant District Attorney Abbie Carmichael, has her eyes closed tight.

She's not casting 40 winks, although she's been on the job 14 hours straight. Instead, Harmon is silently mouthing lines she's about to deliver with co-star Sam Waterston, who has played ADA Jack McCoy since 1994. The scene consists of Waterston, who has played ADA Jack

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Bowl snub leaves thoughts of what would have been

JEFF CASE
SPORT WRITER

The disappointments surrounding UCF's snub in any postseason bowl game has ended a difficult two weeks for Coach Mike Kruczek and his players.

In that time, UCF was out of a bowl (the Micron PC), in contention for two more (the Independence and Sun Bowls) and, as of Sunday, out of all of four.

Kruczek could not have asked for a better situation than with the Oahu, where the Knights would have earned the berth providing UCLA had defeated Miami last Saturday.

UCF would have probably played MAC champion Air Force on Christmas night, but following Miami's 49-45 upset, two more (the UCLA and Auburn, a lack of a bowl support was the other card provided against UCF). But closer investigation of the Horned Frogs averaged an attendance of 282,168 in six games, which is much fewer fans a game than UCF, who attracted 317,490 fans in only five games. Aside from UCF's losses, which came against Purdue and Auburn, a lack of a fan support was the other card bowl committees played against UCF.

Perhaps most disturbing about TCU's selection is the fact the Horned Frogs averaged an attendance of 18,000 fans at the Citrus Bowl. But word travels fast, and most likely Micron officials told other bowl committees about UCF's lack of support.

It is a cruel catch-22 for UCF: it needs more national support to get into a bowl, yet how can it attain this without a national platform...i.e. a bowl game?

"It's not fair," said Rachelle Young, a junior. "It seems like we should have gotten the bid, especially with the crowd (5,000 fans) we took to Auburn. We had a lot of fans come our season, it just seems like we should have gotten to go."

Perhaps "the snub" best understood as it will be by UCF's players, as unfair. Months of hard work and dedication to a season-long goal have been vanished, leaving departing seniors with a sour taste from the team's most successful I-A campaign.

"Some guys are going to cry about this, but there are a lot of worse things in the world," said sophomore defensive end Marv Richardson.

To fans, the denial of a postseason game seems too cruel to be true. A 9-2 record is good enough for practically any team in Division I-A to make a bowl game. Yet for UCF, the two losses to the Tigers and Boilermakers may have carried too much weight in bowl officials' minds.

Defensive end Marv Richardson keeps UCF's bowl exclusion in perspective.

"I think they deserve to be in a bowl game [at 9-2]," said Brian Deriso, a senior. "But in a way, they deserve to be left out after they lost to Purdue and Auburn. If they had beaten one of them, there's no reason why they shouldn't be in."

Micron PC officials who attended UCF's season-ending 38-6 victory against New Mexico saw only about 19,000 fans at the Citrus Bowl. But work travels fast, and most likely Micron officials told other bowl committees about UCF's lack of support.

"Some guys are going to cry about this, but there are a lot of worse things in the world," said sophomore defensive end E Marv Richardson. "We did have a great season, but if we just don't look at this the right way, we're not learning from this. We'll be home for the holidays, but there are some people that have no home."

Richardson certainly puts things in perspective, but still, it's little of a consolation for UCF's latest loss—one that didn't come on the field.

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TCU lacks many of UCF’s attributes

MAYBE IF WE WERE TALKING BASKETBALL AND IT WERE BRINGING PRE-SEASON ALL-AMERICAN LEE NATION TO THE TABLE COULD I SEE HOW TCU COULD BE MORE APPEALING THAN UCF. HOWEVER, THEY DON'T HAVE A DAUNTE CULPEPPER. THEY ARE NOT 9-2. ALL THEY HAVE IS A FAN BASE THAT WOULD MAKE THE THREE TO FOUR-HOUR TRIP TO SEE THE GAME. TCU WAS 1-10 LAST YEAR. IT'S QUARTERBACKS THREW TWO TOUCHDOWNS ALL SEASON COMPARED TO 12 INTERCEPTIONS. RUNNING BACKS BASHL MITCHELL AND LAUDAIN THOMPSON MOVE THE BALL EFFECTIVELY, BUT CONSIDER THAT UCF HAS THE NATION'S SIXTH MOST POTENT OFFENSE, COMPARED TO TCU'S HIGH-OCTANE 71ST-RANKED OFFENSE. IN ADDITION, TCU DREW THE 8TH LARGEST ATTENDANCE COMPARED TO UCF'S 74TH-RANKED ATTENDANCE. WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT A FAN BASE?

UCF's men's basketball team will sponsor canned good drive

The University of Central Florida Men's Basketball team will sponsor a canned food drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank at its December 20 game against Barry University. Any fan who brings at least one can will get into the game for just $1.

The Second Harvest Food Bank was named the "Food Bank of the Year" in the United States for 1996-97 by the Second Harvest National Food Bank Network. In Central Florida, there were approximately 128,000 people who relied on emergency food programs at least once during 1997. Forty-six percent of these were children. Second Harvest Food Bank saved more than seven million pounds of food in our community last year alone.

"This is a great opportunity to get the community involved," said UCF Assistant Basketball Coach Don Burgess. "This will be a great opportunity for fans to not only support UCF, but help support needy families during the holiday season. We're proud to work hand-in-hand with the Second Harvest Food Bank during the holiday season."

Women's soccer players named to All-Southeast Region Team

University of Central Florida senior women's soccer players Danya Harris and Alyssa O'Brien were named to the 1998 National Soccer Coaches Association of America Division II All-Southeast Region Women's Soccer Team. Harris, a senior from Altamonte Springs, was named to the team as a second team All-Southeast Region selection. In her final season as a Golden Knight, Harris scored 10 goals and had nine assists for 29 points. She also had six game winning goals, the second most in a single season in school history. In just three years Harris ranks third in shots (200), tied for 10th in goals (25), tied for fourth in assists (26), seventh in points (76) and third in game winning goals (11). Harris was a three-time All-TAAC selection, including two first team honors.

O'Brien, a senior goalkeeper from Heathrow, was named third team All-Southeast Region, her first such honor as a Golden Knight. She finished up her UCF career with the second most shutouts in school history with 30. Her goals against average of 1.35 is the fourth best in school history. She started 78 games in her career and made a school record 424 saves. She started all 20 games this season, posting eight shutouts and 114 saves with a 1.30 goals against average. In her career O'Brien was named All-TAAC four times, including first-team recognition three times. She was also named MVP of the 1998 TAAC Tournament.

"We were thrilled to get Alyssa and Danya recognized," said UCF Head Coach Karen Richter. "This was a nice way for them to close their careers. Danya had a great season leading the offense and Alyssa had a great season leading the defense. It's nice to see our leaders get recognized. They are in very high company."

O'Brien and Harris were the 30th and 31st players to be named to the All-Southeast Region team and the first since 1996 when current assistant coach Amy Jones and Leslie Golden were named to the team.

Women's soccer coach to participate in NCAA Youth Clinic

UCF women's soccer coach Karen Richter was one of 12 coaches selected to conduct a youth clinic on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. The clinic was part of the NCAA Youth Education through Sports (Y.E.S) program and was conducted as part of the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship won by Florida. "This is a great way to integrate the community and NCAA soccer," Richter said. "This should be a good group of coaches and it will be a good opportunity to work with them."


James, Miami present a difficult challenge

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looking ahead to games against Georgia State, Memphis and Ohio State Center Davin Granberry, who played with UM star forward Tim James is looking forward to the challenge.

"It will be interesting to play against somebody that I used to play with," Granberry said. "I want to match my skills against somebody who is going to the league. I don't know much about them, except that they have Tim and other good athletes."

UCF plays at Southland Conference member McNesse State on Dec. 15. The Cowboys fell to the Knights at the UCF Arena last year, and are currently wireless. They are led by shooting guard Demond Malott, who averages 14 points per game. UCF finishes its three-game road swing against South Florida, who is currently undefeated. The Bulls defeated UCF at the buzzer last season in Tampa, but the author of the game-winning shot, center Scott Johnson, is currently out for the season with a knee injury. Orlando's Rahiem Brown, out of Colonial HS, has taken his place.

The story with South Florida this year has been the play of its two top recruits, forward B.B. Waldon and guard Alton Jackson. Waldon starts for the Bulls and is their leading scorer (15.0 ppg), while Jackson is an active contributor off Seth Greenberg's bench, averaging 10.5 points.

UCF will finish their stretch of four games in ten days with a contest against the second Division II school on its schedule, Barry University, Dec. 20 at the UCF Arena. Barry figures to be a winnable contest. The Knights should enjoy their seven day layoff before the contest against Ohio University coming off a win.

The Bobcats posted one of the bigger upsets of the college basketball season, defeating host Syracuse University in the first round of the Carrier Classic. Ohio's depth was aided by the arrival of transfers Shane Stormorken (Ohio State) and LaDrell Whitehead (Wyoming). Both were instrumental in the victory over the Orangemen. Ohio also features swing man Sanjay Adell, guard Dustin Ford, and center Diante Flenorl. The Bobcats, who come in on Dec. 28 are the most formidable non-conference opponent to visit the UCF Arena this season.

UCF's first TAAC game of the year will be its first contest of 1999, when it hosts Campbell on Jan. 2.

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**BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK**

UCF's last outing
Brad Traina led a trio of Golden Knights in double figures as UCF rolled to an easy 79-57 win over Winthrop at the UCF Arena Wednesday night. Traina led UCF in scoring for the third time this season, scoring 19 points on 7-of-9 shooting. Traina scored 15 of his points in the first half as UCF built up a 14-point lead at the half. The first 12 minutes of the game were a tight affair as the teams battled to 11 lead changes and four ties. But a 10-0 run from the 8:08 mark to the 5:15 mark opened up an eight-point lead for the Golden Knights that they would never relinquish. UCF had one of its highest nights both offensively and defensively, as they shot 51.8% from the field (29-of-56) and held the Eagles to just 28.9% from the field (17-59). UCF also outrebounded Winthrop 42-35, led by Heronti Simms career high eight boards.

Traina TAAC player of the week
Senior Brad Traina was named Trans America Athletic Conference Men’s Basketball Player of the Week Monday by the TAAC Office. Traina, a native of Sanford, was named to the Spartan Coca-Cola Classic All-Tourney team last weekend as the Knights outside shooting shooters to free up the low post. The first 12 minutes of the game were a tight affair as the teams battled to 11 lead changes and four ties. But a 10-0 run from the 8:08 mark to the 5:15 mark opened up an eight-point lead for the Golden Knights that they would never relinquish. UCF had one of its highest nights both offensively and defensively, as they shot 51.8% from the field (29-of-56) and held the Eagles to just 28.9% from the field (17-59). UCF also outrebounded Winthrop 42-35, led by Heronti Simms career high eight boards.

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Rankings give proof of tough schedule
While the Golden Knights may not be nationally ranked right now, some of their opponents are. Michigan State is 15th in this week's Coaches Poll. Auburn reached the top 25 for the first time at 24th, while South Florida, who UCF will take on Dec. 17, is 38th and Ohio, a Dec. 28 opponent, is 40th.

**Defense clamping down on opponents**
After allowing their first three opponents to shoot 50% or better, the Golden Knights have made things a little more difficult since, holding their last two opponents to 30% or less. UCF first shut down UNC-Wilmington, limiting them to 30.3% (20-66) shooting from the field. The Golden Knights followed that up with a 28.8% (17-59), including 21-46 in the second half.

**Odds and ends**
During UCF’s win against Winthrop junior power forward Mario Lovett had his jaw bared. Lovett said he didn’t recall how he was injured but mentioned that trainer Bill Biegl told him to not talk much. Head Coach Kirk Speraw, when reflecting upon the fact that nobody saw the injury occur, quipped, “He probably hurt it talking too much.”

Disputing news was also uncovered following the win over Winthrop. Junior center Davin Greene share a common bond in that they both are assault victims. A Golden Knight aide was injured in the second half.

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**Knights aim to shoot down top competition**

**TRAVIS BELL STAFF WRITER**

The UCF women's basketball team evened up its record at 3-3 and could barely contain its glee in the UCF Women's Basketball Classic.

Despite the success, which the Knights continue to show improvement. Preseason All-TAAC selection Chariya Davis has led the charge for the Knights, averaging team highs in scoring (20 points per game), rebounding (7.5), assists (5.0), and steals (3.7). However, Davis had very little help on the offensive side of the ball during the Knights 1-3 start.

UCF leads the TAAC in three-point percentage as a team last play on Jan. 4 when they travel to Boca Raton to face Florida Atlantic. The Golden Knights have turned it up during the two games against the Owls 2.3%, and have won four of the last five contests.

UCF can’t take FAU lightly because two tough games follow at home against Campbell and Georgia State. In addition to overcoming the three-point struggles, the Knights must also improve their shooting percentage as a team last season when they hit just 28.4%.

Sophomore Kelli Ely, who finished 22nd in the country last year in three-point percentage (.422), had struggled during the first five games, but Ely found her range again during UCF’s 74-63 victory over Canisius on Saturday. She hit three consecutive three-pointers to start the second half and finished with 11 points.

“I think in Kelli and Karen Richter you are going to see two players that are much more versatile,” Coach Lynn Bria said. “We are a good three-point shooting team. If we never shoot it, we’ll never hit it.”

The Knights outside shooting will need to be more apparent during Christmas break as they play three of their four remaining non-conference games. UCF gets a chance for revenge against
UCF loses bowl bid, home for holidays

Tony Mejia
Sports Editor

In a sad ending to a terrific season, UCF's football team was excluded from bowl participation when the pairings were announced last Sunday. Because of the University of Miami's upset victory over UCLA, Oregon vacated its Holiday Bowl bid to fill the Pac-10 slot to the Aloha Christmas Classics. And the Knights lost their conditional bid to the Independence Bowl.

UCF still had bowl hopes lingering in the Independence Bowl and the Sun Bowl, but saw both of those available bids extended to 6-5 teams with regional ties. UCF finished its season 9-2.

"We're a young 1-A program and an independent that doesn't get too much recognition in the country and that's the problem right now," Kraczek said. "It's unfortunate that this team with the quality we have, with the people we beat this season, even with the two losses, doesn't have the ability to move on and play a game. It was very important to this program that we get to a bowl game this year. Now it's been kind of taken away from us."

The Independence Bowl was a longshot, as Mississippi had recovered from the resignation of coach Bunny Teboville in time to hire Tennessee offensive coordinator David Cutcliffe, thus giving it a coaching staff with which to go bowling. Although the Independence Bowl was not tied to take the Rebels' affiliation with the SEC, it made its decision a simple one.

Meanwhile, the Sun Bowl elected to extend its bid to Texas Christian. The Horned Frogs have posted a victory over WAC champion Air Force this year, but had to win its last two.