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People packed the UCF Student Resource Center Auditorium Nov. 9 to watch 10 UCF students strut their stuff in the hopes of winning the title of "Mr. UCF, 2000." Kirk Speraw said.

Knightro served as the 11th candidate. For the first time ever, beachwear was one of the categories in the show.

Most candidates just wore a tank top with shorts. After the candidates did the catwalk, the judges gave their votes. The formal wear competition, conducted by Delta Tau Delta, sponsored by Delta Tau Delta.

The Golden Knights will welcome out-of-town students strut their stuff in surrounding its programs the past few years. The Golden Knights hope to career, every 19 seconds and a property crime, every 3 seconds.

There are very few people who have not been the victim of some type of crime. However, there are tips, if followed, that will prevent you from becoming a victim. During the holiday season, extra precautions should be taken when visiting malls and shopping centers. Sgt. Tom Gorbas, director of UCF's Crime Prevention Unit, recommends using the buddy system.

"Go shopping only during daylight hours and only with friends," Gorbas said. "Try to be more aware of your environment and don’t flaunt jewelry or money. I also recommend taking the least amount of cash as you can.

Gorbas said shoppers are at their most vulnerable when they are returning to their cars. He recommends putting packages in the trunk, out of view.

"Just throwing a blanket over the bags doesn't quite hack it. Criminals know there is something valuable underneath it and they are always looking for cars full of packages."

Gorbas said if you are approached by a thief, "Whatever the criminal wants, give it to him. Your life is not worth a few pretzels."

PHOTO BY JAYR KESSEY

John Santo is crowned Mr. UCF 2000. The Spectacular Knights Committee of the Campus Activities Board (CAB) presented the event.

Miss Orlando 1999, Kristin Cimock, and Big Man on Campus, Brian Melver, hosted the event.

Melver said he was pleased at how the event went. "It was a very exciting event and after all the deliberation we had, the show came off and it was a great success," he said. "We’re glad the audience was happy about it."

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Crowning Mr. UCF: millennium style

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Journalism department replaces grammar test with new requirements

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Staff Writer

Soon to be journalism majors may have a new reason to be excited. The grammar proficiency test that has been required of journalism students is a thing of the past.

Students will now be able to meet this prerequisite by passing their Composition I and II classes with a grade of B or above.

The new requirements are effective immediately for journalism majors.

A school committee recently came to the decision to change the requirement. "I wish they would have done that a long time ago," Journalism major Amy Nordquist, said. "I missed it [the grammar test] by like two points and had to take the special English course."

"I haven't taken the grammar test yet," Nicole Doucette, a public relations major and journalism minor, said. "I'm so happy. It saves me from paying the $15."

"I am all in favor of the new requirement," O'Keefe said. "We haven't been happy with it and have been searching for a way around it. Other schools have gone back to this way of doing things already and we thought it was a good idea."

Those needing to take the test due to inadequate grades in their Composition classes can make an appointment with the Testing and Counseling Center at 823-5109.

The exams are given twice a week: Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Those who fail the test have an option of taking the specialized English course.
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Business fraternity to honor College of Business at breakfast

Lori Ritterstein
Contributing Writer

Alpha Kappa Psi, professional business fraternity, Nu Chi Chapter, will hold its third Faculty Breakfast from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Nov. 22 and Nov. 23.

The breakfast is held to recognize the College of Business' faculty and staff for their hard work and dedication. A faculty member will be honored for demonstrating exemplary skills in teaching, research and involvement in the university. Alpha Kappa Psi will also be collecting toys for "Toys for Tots.

"We hope that this joint event will not only let the faculty and staff know that they are appreciated, but it will also let them, as well as members of the UCF community, know that we also give back to the Orlando community," Public Relations Chair Sabrina Vreuls, said.

Dr. William Callarman, Nu Chi faculty advisor, said the upcoming Faculty Breakfast is one way the fraternity is giving back to the University.

"It's a way to show their appreciation for what the University is doing for them," Callarman said.

Alpha Kappa Psi is the nation's oldest professional business fraternity. The chapter is made up of a diverse group of students ages 17-45.
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Awareness of surroundings a major part of crime prevention

...it in a bottle," she said. "And never accept an open drink from someone you don't trust."

"Keep your eye on it whether the drink is alcoholic or not. There is always a danger of someone slipping a drug into it," Williams said. The most common drugs used are Gamma Hydroxybutyrate (GHB), a depressant of the central nervous system, and Rohypnol, a prescription sleeping medication that is illegal in the United States. "But any other sedative, like Valium, works the same way," she said.

Williams and Gorbas both advised to never drink out of an open punch bowl. Gorbas said, "When there are a lot of people coming in and out, anyone could drop something into the punch bowl. Even snacks are at risk. I heard someone put LSD on potato chips. It could have killed anyone at that party."

Williams said the best defense is a good offense. "Stick to the original plan," she said. "Figure out before hand who is going home with whom and stay with that plan. Also, watch your friends and look out for warning signs that someone has been drugged."

Williams said the signs include:
- Disproportionately "drunk," a person has only had one beer but acts like they have downed a whole keg.
- Unexplained drowsiness.
- Unconsciousness.
- Poor motor coordination.
- Injured judgment.
- Loss of inhibition.
- Disinhibition.
- Confusion.
- Impaired memory.
- Uncharacteristic behavior.

If someone has been drugged, seek medical help as soon as possible.

Safety while Driving

Many people have a false sense of security that they and their cars will be protected. "What they don't realize is that thieves don't just go after your car, they go after you too," Gorbas said.

"There aren't any special tricks to protect yourself while you are driving," he said. "The only thing you can really do is be aware of your surroundings and don't drive alone, especially through typically dangerous areas."

Williams said she has been advised to leave enough room between her car and the car in front of her in case she sees someone approaching from behind or from the side. "I would have enough room to jump a curb and drive off. I always think about keeping an open route of escape," she said.

Gorbas said if you feel like you are being followed, never head home. Drive to a brightly lit area and try to seek help. Write down the tag number of the suspicious car and report the incident immediately to the police. He also advises keeping a cell phone in your car if only for emergency purposes.

If your car does break down, Gorbas said to stay in the car unless you are in a heavy traffic area. "That is a personal decision, if you feel safer out of the car, get out," he said. "Otherwise, get out to pop the hood and then get back in. And don't forget to put your flashers on to alert someone."

Gorbas said if someone approaches the car, roll down the window about an inch and tell them to call the police, but don't get out.

Safety while on Campus

Most major college campuses offer some type of student escort service. At UCF, the Student Escort Patrol Service (SEPS) operates Sunday through Thursday from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Four to five escorts a night accompany students to their vehicles or to their residences on campus either by walking them or with a golf cart.

"A lot of people use the service as a shuttle service just to avoid the weather, and that's fine," Gorbas said. "But even if it's a walking escort, it is still a safe escort."

Gorbas said that UCF's Chief of Police, Richard Tarkiewicz, mandates that anyone who feels unsafe during any time can request an escort by a UCF officer. SEPS can be reached at 823-2424 and the UCF Police Department at 823-5555.

Gorbas said one of the most common problems at UCF is theft. He said students often leave bookbags and purses unattended. "Don't ever leave your possessions alone," he said. "Take your wallet out of your bag and take it with you. Also, engrave your bike with your driver's license number and lock it up by both the wheels and the frame."

Gorbas said the key to all crime prevention is staying aware of your surroundings and using common sense. "Make yourself as small of a target as possible," he said. "Thieves are looking for easy targets. If you know the skills to staying safe, you can prevent becoming the SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES THAT SHOULD BE NOTED:
- A car continually driving through the parking lot.
- Loitering.
- A broken window or door to your residence or place of business.
- A scream.
- Offers of merchandise at unusually low prices.
- Fights.
- Someone with weapons.
- An injured person.
- If there are suspicious individuals, make a mental note of the person(s) description, like their weight, height, clothing, age and race.

Safety while walking and jogging:
- Don't walk or jog alone.
- Stay on well-traveled and well-lit paths. Stay out of isolated areas.
- Walk confidently and always have a destination.
- Don't walk or jog with headphones on as this reduces your hearing ability and observation skills.
- Be alert to potentially dangerous situations and change directions if you see one.
- If you feel threatened, locate a phone, cross the street or enter a place of business.

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Cold sores can be prevented by using sunscreen on lips

Q: Is there anything I can do to prevent cold sores? Sometimes I get them on my lips.

A: Cold sores (or fever blisters) are caused by the herpes simplex virus that is carried by many people. An outbreak can be induced by stress and sun exposure. Using sunscreen on your face and a lip balm with SPF 15 or higher can help prevent a sun-triggered flare-up.

Prescription antibiotics (Valtrex or Zovirax) can prevent blisters from forming if you start treatment at the first sign of a cold sore and continue the medicine for a week.

Q: Are breast implants safe?

A: The number of women who have undergone breast augmentation has risen almost 300 percent since 1992. Breast implants are now second in popularity only to liposuction. In addition, today's implants are filled with sterile saline, which in case of leakage can be safely absorbed by your body. Unfortunately, since saline lacks the density of silicone gel, it's more likely to fail to the bottom of the implant which causes visible rippling, and has a less natural feel to it.

One of the risks that implants impose are that they block X-rays, making it more difficult to spot breast tumors during mammograms. The implant itself reduces the accuracy of breast self-exam as well. Some women develop "capsular contractures," a tightening of scar tissue around the implant that distorts the breast and can require surgery. There is also a risk of permanent loss of sensation in the nipple or areola.

Finally, saline implants have a five to 10 year life span before needing to be replaced. The costs for implants vary between $3,000 to $6,000, depending on where it is inserted—under breast tissue or under the chest-wall muscle.

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Etiquette dinner to help the ‘formally’ challenged

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So you’re out for a night of fine dining with your significant other...and his or her parents. Between keeping the conversation afloat and not spilling food in your lap, you have other things to worry about, like which fork to use when your first course arrives. The Consultants for Effective Leaders organization will try to take the stress out the formal dinner setting at its annual Etiquette Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 19.

The four-course dinner will be held at Disney's Boardwalk Hotel and the cost is $15 for students, and $38 for non-students. Semi-formal dress is required for participants.

“It’s a really great deal,” said CEL Student Director Dawn Meyers. “It’s a beautifully executed event, and very inexpensive because Student Government covers a lot of the expenses.”

Etiquette expert Gayle Beatty will lead the meal and explain proper dining behavior and conversation skills. Beatty, a Disney employee, has received etiquette training from the White House, and has conducted the CEL’s etiquette dinner in previous years.

“Lots of important meetings are conducted over lunch and dinner, but no one ever teaches you how to act in those situations. Plus it’s a lot of fun. This isn’t something that college students do on a regular basis,” said Meyers.

Dinner will be followed by a ballroom dancing lesson. Seating is limited. Those interested can RSVP in the Student Union, Room 208.

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Bush orders end of race in admission to Florida universities

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Gov. Jeb Bush issued an executive order Tuesday that will take the first steps in eliminating racial preference in college admissions.

Bush's "One Florida Initiative," included programs designed to bolster Florida's K-12 education system and increase the number of minorities enrolled at public universities.

"We can increase opportunity and diversity in the state's universities and in our contracting without using policies that discriminate or that pit one racial group against another," Bush said Tuesday.

The plan calls for the elimination of race as a factor in admissions decisions. Race is one of many factors currently used in "alternative admissions" in the State University System. Other factors include athletic ability, income level and geographical location.

Last year, more than 3,200 students, or 11 percent of the incoming freshman class, were alternatively admitted to SUS institutions.

By continuing to use those other factors and not race, Bush said diversity can be achieved. He also called for an additional $20 million in need-based scholarship aid.

The initiative comes as California Regent Ward Connerly is pushing an anti-affirmative action campaign similar to the Proposition 209 campaign he waged in California.

Kevin Nguyen, a spokesman for the American Civil Rights Coalition, said his group still is considering whether it would propose anti-affirmative action in 2000.

"From a political standpoint, we have to determine whether we feel it's worth the investment to continue with our initiative," Nguyen said.

State Rep. Chris Smith, D-Downtown, said he expects Connerly and the ACR to pull out of Florida after Bush's announcement.

"Connerly is looking for a way to save face," Smith said, adding Bush's plan is a "step in the right direction."

Bush's plan also includes a provision called the "Talented 20 Percent." That proposal will guarantee admission to one of the 18 SUS universities for anyone in the top 20 percent of each graduating public high school class.

That top 20 percent also would be admitted without regard to scores on the ACT or SAT standardized tests, which the governor's office said are biased against minorities.

"By casting this broad net, students attending low performing schools or schools with heavy minority enrollment will see their chances for admission improve," Bush says in the plan.

Student Body President Brent Gordon said the Talented 20 Percent plan "is as race neutral as it allows entrance to the SUS to some who may not be prepared for the level of work.

"Universities are more closely aligned in performance than high schools. If you don't have a balanced K-12 system, it spills over to the universities," Gordon said. "You're setting yourself up for disaster with some of these statistics."

According to Bush's plan, 1,600 of the 22,000 students in the top 20 percent of their high school classes "likely do not meet the current SUS admissions criteria." Of those, 75 percent are minorities and half attend low-performing schools.

Kevin Mayeux, Florida Student Association executive director, said improving the K-12 education system is critical if the Talented 20 program is to succeed.

"We have to give people access to public higher education. They may not get into the University of Florida, but there's nine other great universities in the system," Mayeux said. "Bush is trying to work with the K-12 program to make sure they're prepared for college when they hit college."

Smith, however, said he is unsure about how the program will work in practice.

Bush's proposals to improve grade school education revolve around the A+ Plan for Education that he and Lt. Gov. Frank Brogan introduced earlier this year. The A+ plan grades schools on an "A to F" scale.

"Much of the One Florida Initiative deals with improving the level of education at schools that received a D or F rating," Smith said.

Paying for every high school sophomore to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, at a cost of $1.6 million, increasing the availability of Advanced Placement classes at low performing schools and the development of the Florida Online High School are key proposals in the overall initiative.

State times as many students in A and B rated schools take the PSAT than at D and F rated schools, the initiative says. High school juniors usually take the PSAT as practice for the Scholastic Aptitude Test.
College bookstores sue Varsitybooks.com

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In another lawsuit against Internet retailers, the National Association of College Stores is suing Varsitybooks.com, accusing the on-line bookstore of false and misleading advertising concerning textbook discounts.

The association, which represents about 3,000 stores around the country, including the Dartmouth Bookstore and Wheelock Books, is claiming that while Varsitybooks.com advertises textbooks at up to 40 percent off of "suggested list prices," only a small percentage of books come at that price.

According to the association, the Internet retailing industry, where publishers sell their books to college stores and offer only a suggested student price, is no such thing as a universal retail price.

Instead, college stores sell textbooks at a markup price of their choosing.

The association "has brought the case to lower the playing field," said Reed Freeman, an attorney at the Aren't Fox law firm in Washington D.C., which is representing the National Association in its case.

The case, which is being filed in a federal court in Washington D.C., should be settled before this January, the next major book-buying season.

"I think that [the association] has an excellent chance because students are being misled regarding the number and percentage of books that come at the discount," said Freeman.

"In this case, the false and deceptive claims reach every single college student in the country by being on the Internet."

"We advertise at up to 40 percent off," he said. "And we get our suggested retail prices from our book distributor [Haker & Taylor] which is one of the largest distributors in the country and they do a very professional job."

Both the Dartmouth Bookstore and Wheelock Books said that they support the case against Varsitybooks.com.

"They're selling students that bookstores like the Dartmouth Bookstore are overcharging, which just isn't true," said Dave Clifton, the general manager of the Dartmouth Bookstore.

"If you're a Dartmouth Bookstore member and you take away the postage, the prices are basically the same. And because students here change courses so much and the term is so short, it seems to me that students are at a real disadvantage if they use [Varsitybooks.com]," he said.

Clifton said of the impact Varsitybooks.com has had on his store's business: "Anytime that there's a competitor in your market, it's going to take a slice out of your market. But it hasn't been a big slice."

At Wheelock Books, Whit Spaulding, the bookstore's owner, said that the competition generated from on-line retailers has not affected his business.

"We haven't seen an effect on our sales, our sales continue to grow," he said.

While Wheelock Books declined to release its average markup rates, the Dartmouth Bookstore said that, excluding foreign books, it usually charges between 10 and 25 percent more than the cost of each book, depending on shipping fees.

This case between Varsitybooks.com and the National Association of College Stores is the second in which a major on-line bookseller has found itself under litigation.

In 1997, Barnes & Noble sued Amazon.com, accusing it of false advertising when it claimed to be the "world's largest bookstore" in promotional material.

Saying that "they would rather compete in the marketplace than in the courtroom," the two companies settled the lawsuit six months later and Barnesandnoble.com was formed.

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This is part two of a two-part series on flirting.

**STAGE 3: Body Language**

A smile goes farther than you think. Some with humor. If you’re smiling, and she’s smiling, it’s much harder to mess up. Unless you really wish to emanate a hard core individual (which may be who you are, so go with it), smiles are chicken soup for the soul.

Aggressive contact with her on your first meeting is a BAD THING. You are invading her personal bubble, and since most women do not trust men when they first meet them anyway, (unless they are incredibly attractive, charismatic or gay—which usually includes the first two), to the frustrations of many women—it is important not to invade their space. Minor contact within the context of conversation is fine, but remember what you were taught in kindergarten, “Always stay between the lines.”

With future meetings, if you manage to succeed in not getting slapped, ignored, laughed at, knelt or anything more painful — a hug may be the key. I am personally a fan of hugs, and women generally are too. It’s a good sign that she is comfortable with you, and with you being that close — Bam, you’ve got a foot in the door.

**STAGE 4: Progress**

For the rest of your flirting experience, remember a few important facts: Jealousy can be dangerous and hurtful. If you pursue more than one individual in an attempt to find the best mate (for lack of a better term) for yourself, you should insist that this not be done within the range of the other person.

Learn about her. Find out what she likes, what her friends are like, and her favorite thing to do in her free time. The more you know, the better. Knowledge is truly power. If you find yourself uncomfortable with the person you are flirting with, and she turns out not to be what you expect — get out. Encouraging an unhealthy relationship is just plain stupid. It’s going to end anyway, so why waste your time? Be picky. It’s your life, and in some cases, your principles are at stake.

**STAGE 3.14: For Women**

I figured I might as well provide women some insight on flirting with gentlemen, crush some myths and encourage some realities.

All men are not dogs, don’t believe the hype. Women have sex appeal, which can be played off very well. Women who master body language have the easiest time flirting.

But be forewarned, there is a line to be drawn, and this line is the difference between, “She’s hot,” and “She’s a hook.” Make this distinction early; or else you will be marked for a long time.

One final bit of advice for women who wish to flirt. Gentlemen tend to sing compliments with embarrassing frequency. The women who say, “Thank you” are the ones that guys remember. Take heed. I hope this helps those in need, or at least offers some insight into the art of flirting. I could not include everything, nor could I explore every aspect. The detail, archetype or situation outline there. It’s a limited view, which hopefully can give the stepping stone to developing your own style in dealing with the opposite sex.

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**The birdcage liner**

**Beth Shaw**  
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On Sunday morning as I awoke bright and early for work, I reflected on the week gone by—Homecoming week, 1999. For the most part, I had a great time. I got to know my sorority sisters better and I felt the excitement of being a part of UCF. Unfortunately, a few things scarred the weekend and left me feeling a bit wretched.

Let me start by saying that I enjoy being a part of the Greek system. However, I will be the first to point out its flaws. Before I went through sorority recruitment my sophomore year, I often laughed at Greek events and thought of Greek life as a regression back into the high school rumor mill. After joining, I realized there was more to it than meets the eye. I’ve gotten way more into what goes on at UCF and I have met women who I know will be my friends forever.

However, at Homecoming I noticed that many Greeks perceived Homecoming as their week. Um, hello, that’s what Greek Week is for. A lot of what occurs during the week is Greek oriented due to the fact that Greeks run 80 to 90 percent of Student Government and CAB. This is not necessarily a bad thing, but it alienates many independent students.

Homecoming is called UCF Homecoming, not ABOCYZ Homecoming. Homecoming week should be a time when all UCF students get together and show pride in our school. Spirit splash, the movie, carnival, concert and game are open to everyone, as are skirt night and the parade (away though they are open to all organizations, Greeks monopolize them).

At all of these events, I saw more sorority/fraternity jerseys on Greeks than UCF apparel. I don’t understand this. I am proud member of my chapter, but my education is what is going to get me somewhere. I will wear a jacket now and then, but not when a major event is celebrating UCF.

Another thing that bothered me were the dirty looks and snide comments being made about this sorority or that fraternity. Homecoming was so competitive that it took away a little bit of the fun.

Honestly, in a year, or in a month, who is going to care who won? If it is that important to win best skit or best float, some of you have messed up your priorities. Everyone works hard during the Homecoming week and everyone wants to win, but unfortunately, not everyone can. I know many were upset because of the outcome of some of the events, but hey, there is always next year.

Now you can say that I write all of this because my chapter won—well we didn’t. Or you can say I write this because my chapter is young and doesn’t really care—but we do.

However, I can seriously say that I would feel this way regardless of my affiliation. These are some of the reasons why the Greek system gets a bad name. Unless Greeks can learn to take things a little less seriously, stupid fights and corruption will continue to plague our campus.

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Letter to the editor

Office of Student Support not supportive of students

Dear Editor,

This letter expresses my deep concern for the lack of adequate support services provided by the College of Business’ Office of Student Support.

During the last few weeks, I have unfortunately been a part of one of the most frustrating and troubling experiences of my college career.

It began with receiving my degree audit.

After carefully reviewing the documents, I realized that I would be possible to graduate one fall semester early if I took additional classes during the spring and summer semesters.

Upon further review of the audit and after consulting my course catalog, I had many additional questions.

I proceeded to seek out assistance from the Office of Student Support. On my first visit, I was greeted by an office secretary who, upon learning of my request for assistance, turned me away with a rude response. “Our office doesn’t do that.”

This was the “supportive” response I received for a simple request of 10 minutes of someone’s time to review my schedule and to discuss any options I might have had.

Realizing that timing and speaking to the right individual is often times the key to successfully resolving an issue or problem, I chose to leave and return at another time.

In the five additional visits I made to the Office of Student Support during the next week, I was exposed to a level of arrogance, rudeness, unprofessionalism and disrespect unmatched in my dealings with any department within UCF.

I am still greatly disappointed and frustrated. I find it hard to believe that the Office of Student Support within the College of Business Administration seeks to provide its students with the highest quality academic advising. The intent of the advising system is to assist prospective and current business majors in the development of an educational plan covering their final 60 hours of undergraduate enrollment.

1. Students should seek advice in their chosen field of study.
2. Assistance will be provided in the selection and sequencing of specific courses within the student’s chosen program.
3. The advisement system provides a mechanism for ensuring that the students meet academic requirements for graduation in a timely fashion.
4. It is the intent of the college to ensure that timely and accurate information and advice are available to every student that they make a course advising office doesn’t respond to this letter in a timely manner.

From reading the bold face emphasized parts of the statements, it is clear that I have simply tried to take advantage of the mission of the College of Business Administration and seek out the “highest quality academic advising.”

I had hoped that in noting the office’s statement that “assistance will be provided in the selection and sequencing of specific courses” that I might find some type of “support and guidance”

Needless to say, I was and I am still greatly disappointed and frustrated. I find it hard to believe that the Office of Student Support within the College of Business Administration, which has as its motto, “dedicated to excellence,” cannot answer the simplest of questions or provide for a basic level of service.

Additionally, when this poor level of performance is demonstrated with unparalleled rudeness and unprofessionalism, it leaves much for which UCF should be ashamed. Such incidents have unfortunately been reported by my fellow business students as the norm and not the exception in their dealings with the Office of Student Support.

I sincerely hope that someone will respond to this letter in an effort to provide me with the level of support that supposed­ly, the College of Business Administration seeks to provide its students. At this time, I still find myself with the same questions and concerns that I had several weeks ago regarding my audit and schedule. I am still in need of a few minutes of someone’s time to help me with these issues.

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Racism behind the wheel

CHRIS TIMMERMAN
THE STUDENT LIFE

Friday was the first day of Operation Refusal in New York City, a sting operation by undercover police officers and representatives of the Taxi and Limousine Commission to punish taxi drivers who refuse to pick up minority passengers, particularly African-American ones.

Minority officers dressed in plainclothes will stand alongside white plainclothes officers and try to hail cabs throughout New York City.

Those drivers who stop for the white passenger instead of the minority passenger will be fined upwards of $200 and, if they are caught again, will have their licenses revoked.

Giuliani's decision to begin this operation comes close on the heels of complaints by actor Danny Glover, who is African-American, that several cab drivers have passed him by when he was attempting to hail a cab.

Key African-American officials in New York City applauded the mayor's decision, including a State Senator from Harlem who claims he has been forced out of cab hire more than 100 times after telling the driver his destination was Harlem, which is predominantly African-American.

Other prominent African-American officials in New York, including former mayor David Dinkins, have also complained in the past that they have been denied service, presumably because of their race.

Meanwhile, cab drivers throughout New York are facing the biases they employ when they pick up passengers.

Drivers cite fear of being robbed, mugged, or even murdered in the course of their workday as reason enough for their pick-up practices.

It is not uncommon for cab drivers to be molested in their cars while they work, they say, refusing to drive to predominately African-American areas or refusing to pick up teenagers is a measure of protection against possible violence.

Glover's lawyer in fact disagrees with the operation, and says instead that the Taxi and Limousine Commission should increase funding for diversity education aimed at combating stereotypes cab drivers (many of whom are recent immigrants) have of African-American teenagers, and other groups when they arrive in this country.

Americans, but especially African-Americans, are perceived as violent criminals by the media coverage that airs in their native countries.

It is true that in a city like New York, where instances of violence against taxi drivers do occur, taxi drivers have every right to be concerned about their well-being while at work.

Suspending the license of a cab driver for simply being worried about his or her own safety is an extremely inappropriate answer for those cab drivers who have been attacked while at work.

Not picking up someone who looks, for whatever reason, like they would be unable to pay for the cab fare, is, on a basic level, valid grounds to refuse a person service.

Taxi drivers are business-people trying to make a decent living like anyone else, and while the judgment for who gets a ride is definitely questionable, the intentions behind it are honest: taxi drivers want to be safe, and they want to be paid.

Taxi drivers have nothing else to operate on other than their knowledge, or lack there of, of the groups a potential passenger fits into, judging by their external appearance.

Therein lies the sticky situation: obviously if hundreds of African-Americans are complaining about being passed over in favor of white passengers, the judgments being made from inside the cab when pulling over for passengers are flawed by a certain amount of ignorance.

Breaking the licenses (taking away the livelihoods) of the cab drivers instead of demonstrating to them that indeed not all African-Americans or teenagers are violent criminals, which is something that at the very least a diversity education program could do, will not be an effective way to end the complaints of the African-American community, nor will it diminish the fears that honest taxi drivers have about their job security.

Instead, not knowing any better, taxi drivers have to have the pull over for everyone who hails them, because they will fear punishment by the police.

New York City officials are now researching whether or not it would be legal to charge taxi drivers who refuse passengers service with a criminal misdemeanor, which simply illustrates the lack of understanding that Giuliani and other officials seem to have with regards to the profession of a taxi driver.

A taxi is an environment in which a driver and a passenger, very likely two complete strangers, have to put trust each other for the duration of the ride; that the taxi driver will deliver the passenger to the correct destination in a timely manner, and that the passenger will be able to pay for the ride.

Giving the taxi driver a more informed understanding of a specific part of the population he or she serves would make that short ride together less threatening and would help end the complaints that New York City taxi drivers have about on-the-job security.

Taxi drivers, the judges of who gets a ride, are responsible for making that judgment based on their knowledge, not prejudice.

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Laura Flyer
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

“Anywhere But Here” is anything but good. And it’s not because, up front, it presents typical mother-daughter adolescence crises that irrevocably shove it into the “chick flick” category, rather it is the fact that its content is neither witty nor funny. And it’s not because, up front, it presents typical mother-daughter adolescence crises that irrevocably shove it into the “chick flick” category, rather it is the fact that its content is neither witty nor funny.

But director Wayne Wang really wimps out this time. Messages from movies cannot be forced down our throats; we have to taste it, interpret its quality of flavor ourselves and then digest it. Wang wants us to get the message before showing us the action. And he should know something about how this works.

Perhaps he should have looked closer at recent film with a similar take, “The Shaws of Beverly Hills.” Though the focus here is much more light-hearted, it made the progression of a father-daughter relationship much more realistic and insightful than “Anywhere But Here.” And Wang wasn’t looking for all seriousness either. He tries to lighten up a bit, as in one exchange between Ann and Adele. Ann fears the first day at her new high school, when she sulkingly com­mits suicide. Wang wants us to taste the emotion of wanting to be anywhere but there. Gag me with a spoon.

Natalie Portman’s star is “Anywhere...”
X-Files reaches last season

Mindy Steichen
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The truth is out there. And I waited all summer for it. It looks like I'll have to wait one more week.

Last Sunday, I planned my entire day around a one hour time slot that would end the anxiousness. I've felt since The X-Files season finale in May.

The viewing of this year's premiere was bittersweet for me, though, because it could be the show's last season.

FOX has yet to confirm that it is the final year, but both David Duchovny, who plays Agent Fox Mulder, and Chris Carter, the show's creator, producer and writer, have contracts that are up. Gillian Anderson, who plays Agent Dana Scully, has announced that she is "physically, psychologically, unable to do another season."

I should make one thing clear: I am not a Sci-Fi nerd. The X-Files is the exception.

It's easy to forget that it's science fiction. Although it's based on the idea of paranormal activities and every episode has a paranormal aspect, quite often the heart of the show lies in the idea that there are many possibilities out there and no real answers.

The main pretext for almost every episode could be summed up like this: The agents get a bizarre case. Mulder suspects it's UFO-related (Note: If not UFO, then mythical vampires, Big Foot, witches, etc.). Scully dismisses Mulder's theory of the day and provides a scientific explanation. They investigate. At the end, it appears one of them was more on track than the other. But there is never, ever a definite answer.

And therein lies all the fun. It doesn't spell anything out for you; if you run to the fridge or take a call during the show, you'll be lost when you get back.

So, what did I think of the season opener? Seeing as it was part two in a three-part series, I must admit that it was not one of the best episodes ever. I was put on hold for another week.

An occasional viewer would have been confused by it because it was centered around the seven-year-old mythology storyline about the existence of life on other planets and a government conspiracy to cover it up.

For a faithful viewer like myself, it was entertaining to see my two favorite agents back in action, a kick-butt Safari Scully in Africa investigating what appears to be proof of not only extraterrestrial life, but of an alien genius through human life.

Meanwhile, Mulder is canonic in a Georgetown hospital, put in a trance by what is believed to be an alien artifact. It's far-fetched, but I have no problem with it. I cannot, however, deal with a Scully who actually believes.

I also had a hard time with an entire episode of a delirious Mulder. Duchovny looks good in anything, even a hospital gown, but I would've liked to have seen the Action Mulder that I missed all summer.

What's in store for this season? Plenty, from what I've read. About half the episodes will revolve around the mythology series, the other half are just random X-Files.

One episode is set to bring back the Donnie Pulsater character that fans will remember. He was the quite non-alien Minneapolis serial killer who almost added Scully to his list of victims.

Perhaps the most talked about event for the season is the millennium episode, set to air Nov. 29 where Mulder and Scully will finally lock lips, though fans remain skeptical after Carter's past promises of romance.

The kiss in the X-Files movie was cut with their lips only millimeters away when Scully was stung by a alien-virus-carrying bee.

Last season, Mulder kissed Scully's 1930's alter-ego and later a very drugged Mulder declared his love for Scully, but she dismissed it with an "Oh, brother!"

Some fans fear an affair between the two would take away from the show's plots. I must admit I would love to see them together. As a matter of fact I'm a "shipper," the term for a whole slew of Internet fans who want a romantic storyline between the two.

But now that it might actually happen, I feel uneasy about it. They currently have that whole Mulder-and-Scully-vs.-The-World thing going on, which allows them to be the most romantic couple on TV without ever consummating their relationship, just one more way the show is different from any other.

The preview for next week makes me wonder, though. It shows the Cigarette Smoking Man (the main conspirator behind the alien colonization bit) telling Mulder "I am your father." Star Wars, anyone?

I am going to give Carter the benefit of the doubt and hope that he intends to be more creative than that in wrapping up the show.

So, in the end, what I am really awaiting is an explanation for the on-going debate of extraterrestrial life and its meaning for all of mankind. I also want to see Mulder and Scully put an end to what has dubbed by Internet fans as UST (Unresolved Sexual Tension).

In the end, I am dreading two things: a final answer about the existence of aliens and the consummation of Mulder and Scully's relationship. It's all I've waited for since the show's beginning, but now that it's here I'm not prepared for it. I'm so used to the truth being "out there." I don't know what I'll do with it when it is "here."

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-Confused

Dear Confused,

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She can tell you she loves you in 500 different languages, 80 times a day. But what difference does that make? Do you think she's calling at your name? Wondering how you're doing at home by yourself? Before you try to get up with an excuse for her your head let me tell you—answer is no.

Don't just sit there, her ambition as an example and go get your own action. Of course dump her first, don't lower yourself to her level. It's not that easy you say? Yes it is! All you have to do is pretend you have some self respect and put one foot in front of the other.

Dear Nancy,

I've been in college for two years and my grades have always been really low. I think it's because my parents never even graduated from high school. Education was never valued in my family, and I feel that it's been a struggle for me. I used to think I could do better for myself but lately I feel like a failure. Any advice?

-Losing Hope

Dear Losing Hope,

Go cry me a river! You're the one in college now. Your parents achievements don't have anything to do with yours. If everyone who's had to struggle in this world to accomplish anything had your attitude nothing would get done.

Remind yourself of this everyday. Get it out of your head that your destiny is chosen for you. You are the only one who can make anything happen in your life regardless of your background. If a class is hard for you, go to tutoring, talk to your professor, study more. You've gotten yourself this far so you know all of this already. Let this just be a refresher. Now get back to work.
From its multi-tiered title onward, it should be apparent that Pokémon: The First Movie, Mewtwo Strikes Back will collapse under its own over-boosted dumbness. Which is a shame, because for a while, the TV show that spawned this film carried its idocy with surprising charm. In the realm of imported Japanese TV cartoons, Pokémon is the closest that crap has gotten this decade to becoming a diamond.

True, the show is based on the same hybrid of sales pitches and ham-handed moral homilies that has been the foundation of kids’ cartoons for decades. However, Pokémon’s universe of fighting pets has such ticklish appeal that one can’t help but forgive the occasional moral got to the good stuff. Pikachu, the electric-squirrel thing that serves as the franchise’s official mascot, is the culmination of the seven basic emotions conveyed with the show’s frothy lightheartedness.

His voice emanating in Dolby Stereo from the back of the theater, Mewtwo blows up the scientists who created him, then starts asking questions like “Why am I here?” He settles on scouring the earth clean with a storm, the first of a couple of weird religious references. First, though, he invites a batch of clones and then rant about how he can kick the crap out of them with a telekinetic humanoid creature, the closest that crap has gotten this decade to becoming a diamond. Which is a shame, because for a spell, there are few enjoyable moments.

The film places these three buffoonish stock characters, including the series’ stars, in to the island so he can kick the crap out of them with a squad of clones and then rant about how humans are jerks.

The entire conflict is resolved when everyone arrives at the revelation that Fighting Is Wrong, a ridiculously dissonant lesson in a world where everyone’s raison d’être is getting weird animals to fight. The filmmaker’s desire for something bigger, something more movie-worthy, disrupts the delicate equilibrium that the TV show hitherto maintained. It’s too big for its britches, and despite the cameos efforts of the series’ three buffoonish stock characters, there are few enjoyable moments.

The movie’s storytelling and design are as awkward as its storyline. Some of Pokémon’s settings are pulled straight from the slime, tentacles, and mortal armor school of anime design. Other moments, such as the scene transitions in the “Pikachu’s Vacation” short which precedes the main feature, are curiously psychedelic.

This short, incidentally, is equally bad; removed from their (however meager) relations to humans, the Pokémon have nothing better to do than poorly imitate the opening cartoon from Who Framed Roger Rabbit? Featuring endless lineup shots of adorable cartoon creatures, the short goes as far astray in the marketing department as the feature does with primness.

But the film’s final bullet in its own foot is its mawkish background songs, which include an awful late ’80s sounding guitar ballad that plays during a climactic battle sequence.

Pokémon: The First Movie is a tale told by idiots who can’t decide whether to entertain, terrify, or try to sell one more electric squirrel-thing.
LEAD STORIES

Police in North Platte, Neb., have been looking for a man who has appeared several times in public since early July wearing baby clothes and has taken to naming him (after his most prominent article of clothing) "The Big Bonnet." He was last spotted on Oct. 29, hiding over a bench puddling himself. Stephanie England complained to school authorities in Joplin, Mo., in October after her son Preston's fifth-grade teacher brought in a plastic bag of cat feces and taped it to Preston's desk for an hour as an object lesson. The punishment went too far, England said, even though she acknowledged that Preston has a problem, at home and at school, in overusing the phrase "Such a turd." Said England, "We've gotten on to him about it."

Questionable Judgments

In June, a Utah judicial commission reprimanded Judge Dee Aldredge for improperly sentencing stalkers Michael Penrose in 1997 to take his victim Anita Ferroni out to dinner to supposedly end the hostilities between them. And in July, a Massachusetts appeals court overturned Judge Robert Howarth's 1996 contempt sentencing stalker Michael Alldredge for improperly against local jailers. Inmate insisted must give him self-discipline. In June, a Utah judicial commission reprimanded Judge Dee Alldredge for improperly assisting Anita Ferroni out to dinner to supposedly end the hostilities between them. And in July, a Massachusetts appeals court overturned Judge Robert Howarth's 1996 contempt sentencing stalker Michael Alldredge for improperly against local jailers. Inmate insisted must give him self-discipline.

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In August, Detroit police chief Benny Napoleon acknowledged that the department has sold about 6,000 used guns in recent years to dealers, who put them back on the street, even though the city has filed a $400 million lawsuit accusing gun manufacturers of making it easy for buyers to skirt the city's anti-gun law. Many other police forces also sell their used firearms. In August, the Irving, Texas, police department sold used grenade launchers to a dealer for $3,500 each.

Leading Economic Indicators

Electrical contractor Akira Harayama, 36, whose company went bankrupt, has been working the streets of Tokyo this year trying to earn back the money by inviting passersby to put on boxing gloves and take swings at him for about $9 a minute. He promises not to hit back, but many to try to evade his punches, and suggests that his customers relieve their stresses verbally as they swing. He told the Los Angeles Times that he averages about $200 a night.

Least Competent People

Terrance O. Stafford, 49, was charged with reckless discharge of a firearm at a gun show in St. Paul, Minn., in August. He said he wanted to test a .22-caliber automatic but feared damaging the gun if he attempted to "dry fire" it without a round in the chamber, so he loaded it and fired at the floor of the RiverCentre. Bullet fragments hit four people, one of whom required hospitalization.

In July, during lifeguard tryouts in Huntington Beach, Calif., only 20 of the 129 applicants were deemed even minimally qualified, and six of the others 109 had to be rescued themselves, during the half-mile swim. And in June, the Pine Bluff (Ark.) Commercial, noting state medical board records, reported that the family of the late MC. Mervaulos Cams has alleged that surgeon Michael Joseph Rook frequently operated while alcohol-impaired and in fact mistook Mr. Cams's heart for a lung while performing gallbladder surgery in 1996.

In September, two Shoshogan, Wyo., teens charged police they were carrying to see what it was like to get shot and that that's why they had been hospitalized with leg wounds. According to Sheriff's Capt. David Adams, a 14-year-old relative had obliged them and had been shot, and was arrested.

Women in Blue

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Adding to the list of stories that were formerly weird but which now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation: (37) People who just can't seem to pick up the phone to make burial arrangements for recently expired loved ones, such as the 73-year-old woman in Tucson, Ariz., whose husband died in 1995 but whose body was still in his bed in September 1999, or the 50-year-old man in Elizabeth, Ind., whose mother died in 1994, but her body was still in a chair in October 1999. And (38) schools' "zero tolerance" policies for "weapons" such as fingernail clippers, which resulted in a 45-day suspension for a 7-year-old boy in Caboka, Ill., in September.

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GET TO THE GOOD PART.
Ani DiFranco
To the Teeth

Through all my years in band, I've often heard the saying that music is what occurs in the spaces between notes. With Ani DiFranco's new sound on "To the Teeth," the best music often occurs in the spaces between the jam sessions.

This is not to say that the band work isn't good. In fact, it's exceptionally well done. But some of the best songs are also some of the less complex ones.

This is proven on the title track that begins the compact disc. It's a song about gun violence that uses DiFranco's voice and guitar work to carry most of the piece. She does an amazing job of shaping the entire piece, filling it with emotion. Thus, when she sings lines such as "open fire on the NR-land all the lies they told unfolding the way," it doesn't sound angry. Instead, there's a straight-forward honesty present, much the same as she created years ago on "To the Teeth."

DiFranco has managed to integrate the vocals and instrumentalization better than ever before, possibility because of all the practice she gained touring with the whole group. Songs such as "Cloud Blood," "Providence" and "Swing" show a greater degree of comfort with the ensemble than DiFranco has achieved before. Even the vocal distortion on "Cloud Blood" works well, and I'm not generally a fan of distortion on a band where Weiland looks strung out in his rock star facial hair.

True, this is not a folk album, no matter how many times DiFranco refers to herself as a folk-singer. And some of those old folk tendencies are missed, such as the songs when DiFranco sat down with only herself and her acoustic, either singing beautifully or obtaining unparalleled edge and reverberation.

"What To the Teeth" does, though, is create a unique and strong sound. It's a change, but the music is still good, a lot better than the last album. This CD has definitely spent a lot of time in my stereo over the past week.

—George Potter

Stone Temple Pilots
No. 4

It is always hard to say goodbye to burn-out rock stars. In 1992, Stone Temple Pilots became one of the most influential hard rock bands and helped push alternative rock to the radio dial with the release of their first album, "Core."

Four years later, "Tiny Music ... Songs from the Vatican Gift Shop" was released, and the Pilot in front, Scott Weiland, began drug rehabilitation.

In the two years following the poorly-received album, Weiland recorded a solo album, and the other three Pilots found a new vocalist and performed under the name Talk Show. Just when you thought you had heard the last notes from another prominent group in hard/alternative rock, the Pilots performed an impromptu gig in March 1999 and a surprise concert in August. They also have released their fourth project, unfeignedly titled "No. 4."

—Andrew Shaw
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All the tickets were sold and the fans were anxious. Powerman 5000 last performance in Florida, on this particular tour, took place at the UCF arena on Veteran's Day. This tour, featuring Kid Rock, is to promote PM5K's new CD 'Tonight The Stars Revolt!' In an interview with the lead vocalist, SPIDERone, said that touring with Kid Rock was effective because the audience knows both Kid Rock's music and PM5K's. Although Powerman 5000 will take a break from touring in December, they will get back on the road in Summer of 2000 to headline their own tour.

SPIDERone remarked that they would mainly be playing their new material at the concert because it has been more popular. He said that nothing about their sound has changed since their days in Boston, they are just a bit more aggressive on the new album. "MTV and other stations are more accepting to our music now a days. People have caught up to our sound," claims SPIDERone. When asked how the music comes together SPIDERone stated that every band member brings their influence to the group and they all just care about making the best music.

The concert went on with a local band to open for the uprising group. When PM5K got on stage, the fans jumped to their feet, rushed toward the band, and moshed as they played. The band gave their fans a great, loud performance.
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Knights expecting ‘war’ at TAAC Tournament

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STAFF WRITER

What a difference a year has made for the UCF women’s volleyball team. One season ago, the Golden Knights struggled to a 7-15 record and lost to Florida Atlantic in the TAAC Tournament, marking the first time in UCF history the Knights did not win the TAAC title.

But in 1999, UCF has been a completely different team. The Knights enter Friday’s TAAC Tournament with an unblemished conference record (9-0, 17-11 overall) and as the No. 1 seed. In a twist of irony, UCF will travel to FAU, where it lost in the TAAC Tournament last year, with hopes of winning back the TAAC title.

Should the Knights walk out of FAU Gym with its seventh TAAC crown in eight seasons, UCF will earn a spot in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1997. Golden Knights’ coach Meg Fitzgerald said that although UCF enters the tournament as the highest seed, she doesn’t expect an easy ride to the title.

“I always look forward to our next match, but I never think we’re going to go coast through,” said Fitzgerald. UCF’s first-year coach and the likely winner of the TAAC’s coach-of-the-year award. “We expect a war out there and it’s going to be tough. But I’m also very excited.”

By virtue of their record, the Knights receive a first round bye at the tournament and will face either fifth-seeded Samford (14-18, 5-4 TAAC) or sixth-seeded Georgia State (12-18, 4-4) for their first match. UCF easily defeated the Bulldogs in four games and the Panthers (15-5, 15-6, 15-10) in the regular season, but Fitzgerald said she expects a much tougher match by tournament time.

“I see this as a pretty tough tournament overall,” she said. “Georgia State could be tough on us because they had one of their best middle [blockers] out when they played us and they’ve pretty much been plagued with injuries all year. Everyone is healthy for them now and they’re all back. Samford gave us a good run for our money when we played them, so they could be tough too.”

From the second round on, UCF’s next foe could be anyone’s guess. With a victory over its first opponent, whether its Georgia State or Samford, UCF will advance to the TAAC finals and await its competitor. The Knights should advance to the finals, could face No. 2 Jacksonville, No. 3 FAU or No. 4 Troy State in the TAAC’s final round.

The Knights easily defeated the No. 2 seeded Dolphins in three games (15-10, 15-5, 15-8) to give the team a bit of a mental edge against their likely TAAC finals foe. The Knights also rolled to 3-0 record this season against the defending TAAC Champions, FAU, and dispatched Troy State in three games (15-3, 15-9, 15-6).

Fitzgerald said she no matter who the team faces in the last round, she expects a difficult TAAC finals should the Knights advance that far.

“If we do get matched up with [Jacksonville] it’ll be tough,” she said. “It’s tournament time and anything can happen. We’re all healthy right now and the coaching staff is excited about the tournament. We’ve worked hard all year to get to this point, so now we’ll just see what happens.”

NOTES: The Knights have a match scheduled against Florida A&M University on Nov. 26, which could provide a final warm-up for UCF it it wins the TAAC title. The FAMU match begins at 4 p.m. and given UCF is the TAAC Champion by then, the Knights would have only six days off before their first round game in the NCAA Tournament. Fitzgerald and her staff visited the high school volleyball state championship rounds in Florida and Louisiana to look for new Knights for next year’s team. UCF, which will lose four seniors next season, hopes to bring in some fresh talent to gel with a Knights team that returns eight players. “We’re excited about the young kids we saw,” Fitzgerald said. “Hopefully, some of them will sign on to be Golden Knights. We lose four seniors and they all contributed, so that’s difficult to replace. With the younger players we do have taking on a new role next year, it’ll be a brand new young team.”

Senior Lisa Klemann’s solid play and leadership was one of the many ingredients that helped UCF back to TAAC prominence and the top seed at the upcoming conference tournament, which rewards the winner with an NCAA bid.

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"It was the first time we've had a chance to play a live game situation in front of other people," assistant head coach Greg Frady said. "Offensively, Dustin Brisson was the standout today at 5-for-7. He and Pete Gavillan swung the bat very well," Frady commented.

He added that Rankin, Stillman, Sterzbach and Ridenour were the most impressive pitchers. Despite the loss, Visitors pitching combined for 16 strike-outs in 16 innings.

Practice continues daily in preparation for UCF's regular season opener Jan. 28 at the ACC/Disney Baseball Blast against North Carolina.

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Sophomore forward Khaliah Guillaty led UCF for the second straight game with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Junior forward LeRoy Graham added 15 points while freshman forward Erin Paige dropped in 12.

Junior forward LaDonna Larry finished the game with 10 rebounds including a team-leading five offensive.

The Golden Knights won the battle of the boards, 57-32, but were not sharp at the FT line, hitting just 19 of their 32 free throw attempts (59.4%) to the Elite Team’s 73.7% (14-19).

UCF women’s basketball

UCF women’s golf finishes sixth at Palmetto as Campbell wins

The University of Central Florida’s women’s golf team steadily improved its play over the three rounds to finish strong at a sixth-place 919 in the Edwin Watts/Palmetto Women’s Intercollegiate.

UCF wins championship, lightweight and novice 8+ races

The University of Central Florida crew placed first in the Championship 8+, Lightweight 8+ and Novice 8+ races at the Head of the South Regatta in Augusta, Ga., Saturday.

UCF women’s basketball

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UCF women’s basketball teams have adopted discipline as a team goal, and it appears on their practice jerseys. New coach Gulf Stringer is expected to continue UCF’s success with an up-tempo offense.

The Golden Knight women’s basketball team, led by Monica Gundersrud and Tanja Arnold, tied Lorna Nelson of Miami with three-round scores of 227 (+11). Gundersrud fired an even-par 72 in the final round to gain momentum and give UCF two top-20 finishes.

Line Berg improved a stroke per round and wound up at 234. Olivia Hartley shot 226 in a roller coaster tournament and Chrisy Atchison took a 224 to the clubhouse.

Medalist honors went to South Florida’s Kelly Lagedrost, whose ended at one under-par 215 for the tournament despite shooting above par in the last two rounds. Pam Huff of Tulane was second at 217 (+1).

Both the UCF women and men have completed their fall slates. They will resume the spring portion of their schedules in early February.

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Striegler leads new UCF unit on to the court

JEFF CASE
STAFF WRITER

In 1998, the Golden Knights women’s basketball team won 20 games, had the best coach and player in the TAAC, won the TAAC Tournament and went to the NCAA Tournament for only the second time in school history. A year later, the departure of TAAC coach-of-the-year Lynn Bots from the University of Ohio and the graduation of TAAC player-of-the-year Charynia Davis could make the Knights a much different team.

First year coach Gail Striegler inherits a team, by her own admission, that is rich in talent but short on experience. The Knights return seven players from last year’s TAAC title team, five of whom are either juniors or seniors. While that should equal into good leader­ship for UCF during the season, the upperclassmen will be hard pressed to replace Davis’ 19.3 points a game average from last year.

Striegler said she doesn’t expect any one player to fill Davis’ role but plans to get her scoring in a variety of ways.

“It’s a big hole to fill and it’s going to be a hard one to fill,” said Striegler, who served as an assistant coach at Stephen F. Austin State for six seasons before coming to UCF.“It’s going to take a little bit of time and it’s going to take some meshing. We’re going to have to [get scoring] as a group, there’s not going to be anybody on this team that’s going to average 20-something points a game. We’re looking at trying to get a couple of players with 10 to 15 a night.”

Striegler’s plan to diversify UCF’s offensive gameplan this season could be easily accomplished given the type of offense she hopes to run. By having such a young team, Striegler said she expects to have trouble getting the Knights into her flex offense.

The offense, which is based on setting down screens and back cuts, is based on timing and precision, something she says the team has struggled to learn in the past.

“The flex tells you exactly where you need to be and exactly what you need to be doing it,” she said. “Until you get the timing right, it’s not going to be running very smoothly. Right now, our timing isn’t good on it and that’s why we’re not getting a lot back cuts and a lot of that type stuff off it.”

As the team tries to master the flex offense, Striegler said she plans to use “quick hitters,” which are plays called to get quick scoring opportunities. She said the team has been successful at its quick hitting plays and she also expects a strong transition, fast-break-type style from the Knights.

The Knights should have little trouble running with teams this fall, as they boast a lineup of players with over 6-feet tall. Striegler said the offense depth and versatility at guard and forward will make the fast break a viable part of the offensive gameplan.

“If we can get into a full court game, we’re going to be able to play with anybody,” Striegler said. “It’s something we can do. Our guards are pretty quick, our post players get up and down the floor and it’s something I like to put in. It’s fun for the kids, it’s fun for the fans to watch.”

“Right now, we’re having a lot of troubles [on the break], but with the guards that we have we have not having a lot of experience, we’re going to have to live with that.”

Injuries have forced Striegler to put her players at positions they may be unfamiliar with, but she said broading her players’ knowledge of the offense should help as the season progresses.

“There’s not much I can do about the injuries and they’ve been good about [playing out of position],” she said. “In the long run, we’ll have more kids that know more positions, therefore they know more positions and it gives them more playing time.”

For as deep as UCF is in its backcourt, only one player, Nancy Richter, saw significant time last year. Richter, a junior, will be counted on to pick up not only running some of UCF’s offense, but also some of the scoring that departed with Davis.

“arly in the year, as they face a difficult non-conference schedule including home games against South Florida, Florida and Texas Tech. The Knights also play at American University to highlight the non-conference slate, giving UCF four schools that are regular NCAA Tournament contenders.

While Striegler said UCF’s schedule is needed to improve the team’s play, she said UCF could struggle against the Generals and Red Raiders.

“We’ve got Florida and Florida State on our schedule for next year, that’s the way it needs to be,” Striegler said. “The key is, this year is going to be hard because we’re not together as a team right now, so it’s going to be hard for us to play the Floridas and Texas Techs and Americans in the beginning because we’re a new team. We’re still trying to gel.

“It’s going to be harder on us this year than it is next year, but hopefully they’ll be able to go out there and pull together and play hard and get better every game.”

That inexperience and youth could be considered a hindrance to UCF’s hopes of repeating as TAAC champions, but Striegler says otherwise. Although she expects some bumps along the way as the Knights find their identity, Striegler said UCF, picked third in the TAAC preseason poll, could find a way to win the TAAC.

“My focus this year is to be playing well at the end of the year,” she said. “We’re good enough that we can win the tournament and go to the NCAAs. I think there’s potential in those from going undefeated in the conference to losing half the games and going through the conference tournament undefeated. It all depends on how long it takes for us to gel.”
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Guard play key vs. Canes

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UCF makes right choice in denying Sun Belt

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A team which should have joined the Sun Belt Football Conference can admit they were wrong now.

No, it certainly didn't take very long to realize that Athletic Director Steve Sloan & Co. made the right choice by saying thanks, but no thanks, to the invitation to join the Sun Belt. It will be about as prominent as the Big West.

What, you didn't know they had football? My point exactly.

The mucous crowd of over 10,700 (it actually looked like one of those corpses was added for cosmetic purposes) probably had the Golden Knights kicking themselves for not being a part of the lofty admission revenue that those zeroes was added for cosmetic purposes) probably had the Golden Knights kicking themselves for not being a part of the

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ner for the SBC. And the natural rivalries that could have been formed against Louisiana-Lafayette and Louisiana-Monroe would have been something to see.

That may take a while to get over. OK, I'm over it.

As I was looking out on to the artificial turf at MT and their empty, yet nicely color coor-

dinated blue seats, my mind wandered back to Auburn's Jordan- Hare Stadium, which may be a house of horrors for UCE; but is nonetheless a fun place to play. Seeing Lightning, MTSU's blue horse mascot thing that looks straight out of Rainbow Brite didn't erase the memory of seeing UGA the building painted the side-

line. Maybe I'm being unfair, because it isn't MT's fault that it is located in Murfreesboro, TN and doesn't have much of a football history like a Georgia or an Auburn. And maybe UCF isn't light years ahead of where the Blue Raiders stand, but the Golden

Knights do have room to grow. It's just that we know what we're worth. Yearly trips to Murfreesboro, Lafayette, and Monroe don't get us anywhere. Attendance at the Florida Citrus Bowl leaves a lot to be desired, but it is still better than anything the Sun Belt will generate. If fans don't show up to see the Knights play La. Tech, who also spurned the Sun Belt, opting to join the WAC, why would they show up to see Sun Belt showdowns. It would never happen.

It is 100 times better to remain a I-A independent, play the best schedule possible, generate as much money as we can, and wait patiently for something to open up. I compare the athletic program at UCF to an attractive girl wish is lot going for her who only recently moved to town. She doesn't have to go out with losers just for the sake of going out. It's better to sit at home and wait for Prince Charming.

Be patient, someone will come knocking on our door soon.

Any supporter who wants UCF to go join the Sun Belt and be lumped and laughed at with the rest of the have-nots must

be masochistic.

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Defense dominates Blue Raider attack

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come out with the quarterback draw," Penn said. "It was there pretty much all night because they spread everybody out and we had good blocking."

UCF's defensive effort improved following MT's opening drive, in which the Blue Raiders drove 60 yards in six plays, taking a 7-0 lead on a 44-yard pass from Wes Counts to Tyrone Calico. After that, the first half was all UCF.

Four of Middle Tennessee's next six possessions ended after three-and-outs, while its only sustained drive came in the first quarter ended with a missed 42-yard field goal by kicker Keegan Ray.

"We weren't clicking at first, but that's meaningless because there were three other quarters in the game and we did a lot of great things in that time," Penn said. "We didn't panic about the slow start.

The second half saw MT turn the ball over four times, twice on downs, and on twice on interceptions by UCF's Eliott Shorter. The key possession in the second half was Middle Tennessee's opening one, in which it drove 59 yards on 16 plays, only to come up empty.

The Blue Raiders held the ball for 12 minutes in the first half, in which it drove 59 yards on 16 plays, only to come up empty.

Offensive linemen Kurt Beamen and John Beuchamp were part of a strong effort by the Golden Knights in the trenches, opening up giant holes for a running attack that gained 323 yards.

Penn wasn't the only one to dominate on the ground, with sophomore Omari Howard gaining a career-high 85 yards on just nine carries, while junior Edward Mack gained 56 on seven carries.

"It was nice. It was critical that we run the football in this game. Last week (against Auburn) we weren't able to run it at all, so we made a big issue of it this week thinking that we could run the football and it worked out pretty well.

"Spreading people is the key for us. We're not real big or strong where we can line people up in a base set with a tight end and two backs and just pound people, so we spread them and run the ball. We did a great job of that tonight."

Even backup quarterback Kelvin Robinson got into the act, taking over for Penn in the fourth quarter and carrying three times for 25 yards. Junior Terrance Williams got the most carries with 12, but gained only 23 yards, though he did score on a 1-yard run with 10:52 remaining.

Charles Lee was on the receiving end of UCF's first seven completions, and ended up with 100 yards on 10 receptions, raising his season total to 77 and 1,025 receiving yards.

"Coach Krueger me in at a groove," Lee said. "I felt that I could do some things once I got the ball after the catch so he got me to me early. I appreciated that. I was trying to make the most of it.

The Golden Knights scored their final points when Ricot Joseph blocked his single-season record fourth punt, which was recovered by Thad Ward and ran in for a score.

"The key is watching the ball and getting off on the point before the snap," Joseph said. "You have to get off when he's squeezing the ball or right before he's about to snap. If you get off on the snap you're going to be late, so you have to get off a little early."
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Falcons hope to run ball well

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passes of 68, 17, and 23 yards. This year, Bowling Green is led by tailback Joe Alls, who has rushed for 511 yards with three touchdowns, and has been the catalyst during the Falcons two-game win streak. He rushed for 134 yards against Central Michigan and racked up 153 yards last Saturday versus Ball State. Godfrey Lewis is the second leading rusher with 407 yards and six scores.

"They have a really big offensive line. They’re really strong and they try to just shove it down your throat," said UCF defensive tackle Josh McKibben. "As a defense, we have to stand up to them and really go in expecting a battle." Freshman Andy Sahm and sophomore Ricky Schneider share the quarterback duties, but Sahm has been the one to play the majority of time the last two weeks. Despite completing only 14-of-31 the last two games, Sahm has led them to a pair of victories. The two quarterbacks have combined for over 2,033 yards with 17 touchdowns and 11 interceptions. Sahm, at 6-5, and just 200 pounds, presents a big target for the UCF pass rush.

"I personally would love to get back there," said junior Fred Harley, who has yet to record a sack this year, after finishing second on the team in that category last year. "He’s big and kind of thin, but it may pose a problem that he’s so tall and can look over a blitz and hit his receivers.”

Three receivers will be the main focus for the UCF defense. Kurt Gerling, Robert Redd, and Aaron Alexander have been the favorite targets in the final game of his career, should have a field day against the BGSU secondary after catching 10 passes for 100 yards at MTSU last week, and will need 12 receptions to break Siahah Burley’s single-season reception mark.

UCF’s big play capabilities should allow it to pick apart the BGSU defense as long as it doesn’t turn the ball over. With the idea of the worst record in 15 years and taking a step backward in the progress of this program, UCF will look to continue its recent dominance against Mid-America Conference teams, whom they’ve beaten nine of 10 times since joining I-A, and end the season on a winning note at home.

“We’re trying to establish momentum for next season, where we have 11 games left, excuse me 12 games left (referring to a bowl berth),” receiver Kenny Clark said. "We’ve got Bowling Green left and an opportunity to keep building."
Quarterback Vic Penn dropped back to pass on this play against Middle Tennessee. But he spent plenty of time running by the Blue Raider defense as well, racking up record-setting rushing yards for a Golden Knight QB.

Penn drives Knights past MT in victory

Toney Meda
SPORTS EDITOR

When Vic Penn went over the 100-yard rushing mark against MT, becoming the first UCF quarterback ever to do so, everyone in the press box had the same reaction: "Daunte didn't do that?"

No, despite all the great things Daunte Culpepper accomplished in his four seasons as a starter, rushing for a lot of yards wasn't one of them. His highest output was 95 yards.

"That shocked me. I didn't know about that stat until just now, but it's a great accomplishment for our unit as a whole, to be able to get a 100-yard rusher," Penn said. "It was a lot of fun to run and make some big plays with my feet. It's definitely a great accomplishment."

About the only person who didn't flinch when asked what he thought of Penn achieving something Culpepper never did was Coach Mike Kruczek.

"Nothing surprises me about Vic. He just plays the game with heart because he loves to play it. Anything can happen with him," Kruczek said, "I think he's surprised himself with his running ability because he's never done it. He did an outstanding job on the quarterback draw from empty, I thought he was gonna score on that first where he tripped and we only got three points out of it. I think we ran it one or two other times.

"If I can get him to settle down and hit a lot of these throws that he's missing he could have 1,000 yards passing."

Penn did miss throws early, but didn't do much of anything wrong after his 63-yard run put UCF in position to open the scoring. Not surprisingly it was that run, not a pass that sparked the Golden Knight offense.

"We talked about it all week," Penn said. "We knew we were going to spread them out and come out with quarterback draws. The defense spread everyone out and they keep five in the box. We had confidence that our o-line would block and I'd just squirt through there and get some big yardage."

Penn got plenty of big yardage, breaking another long run on the second play of the fourth quarter, taking off for 47 yards. Then in a 44-yard pass to Charles Lee later in the quarter, and Penn's big-play ability was on display in all facets against MT.

"Whatever they want me to do I'll do. If they want me to throw, I'll throw. Like I said, coming into tonight we saw some things in their defense that we felt we could take advantage of and we did and it worked great."

Kruczek knew the quarterback draw would be an effective play to, especially because his five-receiver sets dictated their coverage. With Penn's speed, the draw will be an effective weapon for UCF against Bowling Green and next season.

"I'm not afraid to call it anymore, but I'm afraid of the hits. At 180 pounds at this level, it's not too smart to run him all the time. We ran the option down there and he kept it and scored, which was critical. He did a good job."

"How often we run it next year will be dictated on how big he gets, but I plan to. Yeah, I plan on using it more."

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**FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK**

**Moore records first sack of season**

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"But I got lucky, Josh (McKibben) and Rahem (Pintonhill) stunted me to me, and I made the play." Moore, who wears war paint for every game, is a favorite of teammates, who especially pleased he finally got on the board.

"I felt it when he finally got his," said defensive end Fred Harley. "Last year, he was first and I was second (in sacks) and I don't have one yet either. It was really good to see him get his."

Just because Moore hasn't been able to record a sack doesn't mean that he's been a slouch on the year. The senior leads the team in pressures and is the school's record holder in tackles for loss.

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**Shorter picks off a pair**

Defensive back Elliot Shorter recorded a pair of interceptions, his first two of the season, in UCF's big win against MT.

Shorter picked off Counts twice in the second half.

"I'm not a starter, but when I get my chances in a game I just try to do my best of what I can do and what the coaches have taught me," Shorter said.

Shorter actually is now tied for the team lead with Damian Dempis, Ricot Joseph, and Justin Moore, who have each recorded a pair of interceptions. For Shorter, he was just doing his job.

"It's a matter of reading the quarter­back and being in the right place at the right time, and I was," Shorter said. "We tried to come back and do this for the seniors and come out strong for them. We didn't want to stay down on ourselves after the Auburn loss."**

**Knights wanted to make point against newcomer**

UCF got a chance to look back in time when facing the Blue Raiders, a first year Division I-A squad. The Golden Knights have come a long way in four years, and wanted to prove what they've learned.

"We had to show up and show how far we've come," receiver Kenny Clark said. "They played us tough, we can't take anything away from those guys, because we were once in their shoes. They have a really good offense and their defense is coming along. They're a tough group."

The Golden Knights knew they had a lot to lose if they were to get defeated by MT, which would have left supporters just
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"They're innovative in what they do too," Kruczek said. "I think sometimes they have to do those things when you have a lack of size and people that can knock people off the ball. I think Andy (McCollum) and I are very similar in what we try to get accomplished offensively, spread people and throw it."

Ricot Joseph was pleased that UCF was prepared for everything MT brought to the table.

"They came out there and the feeling that we got from them is that they changed things up and really mixed things well when they scored on us," Joseph said. "They did some different things, but our coaching staff was ready for it."

"That's my job, I can move around back. They tried to make me a one­dimensional back, but I'm not," Howard said.

"Omari did well. I'm glad he went back in and did a good job once he got back in. That's the key thing. You have to forget about the mistakes and go back and get the job done and he did. I was pleased with that." Howard was able to display his run­ning game outside of the tackles, a devi­sion from the straight-ahead, short yardage running he's been limited to.

"That's what they recruited me for. I think they think other skills that I have," Howard said. "That's my job. I can move the ball down the field and am an all­around back. They tried to make me a one­dimensional back, but I'm not."**

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"I felt it when he finally got his," said defensive end Fred Harley. "Last year, he was first and I was second (in sacks) and I don't have one yet either. It was really good to see him get his."

Just because Moore hasn't been able to record a sack doesn't mean that he's been a slouch on the year. The senior leads the team in pressures and is the school's record holder in tackles for loss.

"I got lucky, not a starter, but when I get my playing time," said Moore.

UCF's defense generated just shocking," Moore said.

"I was impressed with the sopho­ne's poise."

"He was slippery," Moore said. "We had him wrapped up a couple of times back there and he would get out of it. He was a good quarterback, real mobile and was real effective, but we got the job done in the end." However, Counts' biggest accolades came courtesy of Kruczek, a quarterback who can be considered an expert on the position.

"He went up and shook his hand. I think sometimes a quarterback can be considered an expert on the position."

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Senior Charles Lee caught 10 passes, nine in the first half, for 100 yards and in within striking distance of single-season records for receptions and receiving yards. Lee is eighth in the nation in receptions per game, and 11th in receiving yards per catch.

Knights run past Blue Raiders in 25-point win

TONY MEJIA
SPORTS EDITOR

MURFREESBORO, TN. - On Saturday night, quarterback Vic Penn recorded a feat that even Dante Culpepper never accomplished. Penn, a junior, rushed for 122 yards, becoming the first Golden Knight at his position to break the 100-yard barrier.

His passing wasn't shabby either; he tossed for 208 yards and two touch downs, while rushing for another to lead the MT defense to set up a Javier Beorlegui 22-yard field goal to open the scoring for the Golden Knights, who managed just two first downs on their first three drives.

"We dropped some passes to stop drives and mistimed on a couple things," Coach Mike Kruczek said. "It just took too much time to settle down. This offense can be very explosive at times and they did a good job. It's a long game. Sixty minutes is a long time. You can squander a couple, two or three drives and still score a lot of points."

Tyson Himslaw made a tremendous 13-yard catch over the middle of the field, flipping over after being undercut as he caught the ball, to set up the Knights' TD reception. Kenny Clark caught an 11-yarder from Penn four minutes later, and just before halftime, the fleet-footed quarterback raced in on a designed draw from five yards out.

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Coach G. Blackney had a good game plan in the first half on how to contain the UCF offense by keeping it off the field, BGSU ran the ball 42 times and mixed in a few trick plays, including an onside kick following a score to take a surprising 24-14 lead at halftime.

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Golden Knights hope to blow away Hurricanes

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It's what UCF has been looking toward since last season's disappointing 89-61 loss to Sanford in the TAAC National Tournament final. The Miami Hurricanes are coming to town.

Miami, ranked No. 24 in the nation, becomes the first ranked opponent over to visit the UCF Arena on Nov. 19, helping the Golden Knights tip off the season with a marquee matchup.

The game is the second part of a home-and-home between the Golden Knights and Canes, with Miami having won the first meeting down south last season.

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"That's going to be a tremendous challenge to do it the first game of the season. We found out last year how difficult it is to move the ball and deal with the defenses."

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Falcons fly in for UCF's season finale

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