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Christmas shopping doesn't have to empty a meager bank account

The American Red Cross recommends preparing for Y2K just as you would prepare for a natural disaster:

- Keep a stock of nonperishable food and water to last at least a week in the event that power goes out.
- Keep several weeks worth of medications on hand.
- Keep hard copies of all records including bank and credit card statements.
- Make sure that the gas tank in your car is over half full.
- Keep extra cash and/or traveler's checks on hand in case ATM or credit cards cannot be processed.
- Check with the manufacturers of any essential computer-related equipment in your home that may be affected. This includes appliances, thermostats, alarms, and other electronic equipment.

Thrill stores offer many items that are in relatively good condition and at least half the price of the department stores. Here you can find many toys as well as things appropriate for your mom or dad. You can get everything from tools to appliances, VCRs to vases, and even collectable memorabilia. Gifts bought at the thrill store are going to run you quite a bit more than at the dollar store, but nowhere as much as they would at the mall. It is always a good idea to thoroughly inspect your purchase to insure it works properly before you leave the store. Most thrill stores have a no return policy. 

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Kodak awards $2,000 grant to film department

PATTY CANEDO STAFF WRITER

UCF's film department was recently awarded a grant of $2,000 from the Eastman Kodak Company. The Kodak Company awards the Eastman Product Grants to schools that have viable filmmaking programs rather than to individual students in order to recognize the overall quality of the program. The grant was given to the school in the form of Eastman motion picture camera film stock.

According to Sterling Van Wagenen, director of the UCF film program, the grant will benefit seniors in the film department working on their "Capstone Film" projects. It will help these students cut the cost of their film budgets, which they have to complete before they graduate from the Film program.

"This grant program rewards academic excellence by enabling film schools to undertake production projects beyond their normal budgetary scope and will enrich the educational experience of future filmmakers studying at this school," said John Mason, manager of marketing programs for Kodak's Professional Film and Imaging business unit.

"As the world's leader in imaging technology, we believe it is our responsibility to help film school educators prepare the future generation of filmmakers for the vital role they will play in our society," Mason said.

British nursing students visit UCF, learn about American health care

MAYA LAZAROVITZ STAFF WRITER

Last week nursing students from the City University of London made their third annual trip to Daytona UCF and the Central Florida region to learn about the American health care system.

"The purpose of this program is to compare our health care with that of the U.K. to see how their training might differ from ours, and to be exposed to different things," Event Coordinator Joyce Deloach said.

The event was hosted by Halifax Medical Center where the students had the opportunity to view the Center's Emergency Room, Women's Health Center, Pediatric and Oncology Departments. They also spent time in Memorial Hospital in Ormond Beach and at Bert Fish Medical Center in New Smyrna.

"We need to realize that world is getting smaller, and that we need to understand other cultures and ideas," said Roberta Gropper, head of nursing at Daytona UCF.

UCF nursing students have the opportunity in the spring to visit London and tour the Royal Hospital of St. Bartholomew to learn more about British health care.

"We visit some of the oldest hospitals in the country. It's an opportunity to share how we do things, and how they do things," Gropper said.

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The cost of functioning a high-tech operation is expensive anyway. The state
gave six-hundred thousand and the remainder of the funds came out of operat­
ing costs." Branch said.

"The greatest cost to our economy is behind us, with billions of dollars diverted
from other sources to fix the problem," Commerce Secretary William Daley said.

"Any glitches that pop up next year should not hurt our economic growth."

Of the approximately 6000 PCs here on campus, about 10 percent were
replaced. Ken Schramm, Senior Computer Technician at UCF, was mostly concerned
with three components of PCs when rolling them over for tests: hardware com­
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Sometimes these drugs give college students, just like most of the strong men that are seen on TV, the extra edge to work out their deficiencies and fatigue in their weight training. "I know lots of UCF students who use steroids," said Jennifer Patterson, a 20-year-old UCF student. "Over half of the guys who work out to get pumped up that I know, are definitely using." "I have heard that steroids are relatively easy to obtain on campus, but they're still not the norm," Dunn said.

One famous sports commentator admitted that most bodybuilders are on steroids, despite many problems turning against use of steroid.

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"I know that people in my gym definitely do use steroids too," said Dave Pospishil, a 19-year-old business major. "I know by word of mouth, and guys trying to sell them to me." Larry Langford, PAC of the UCF Women's Health Department admits that he has never seen steroids as a problem on the UCF campus. "In 15 years, I've never had any experience with students and the drug, he said.

"It is common for both men and women in sports to take steroids, despite the health risks and random testing for steroids within all athletic programs," he said.

"When I was put in physical therapy for a shoulder injury, I got while guarding, I was put on steroids. I can definitely see why they are addicting. I worked out, no joke, for three hours in one day without breaking a sweat," said Paterson. "Steroids aren't happening a lot because college students don't have the money to spend on it," said Nolan Newbery, a 19-year-old pledge at the Sigma Chi house.

An eight to 12 week cycle of steroids runs users more than $500. Steroids found cheaper on the street may be fake.

Apart from the expense, steroids have the long-term effects on the body that can be serious and even fatal.

The strongest steroids have the most side effects. Steroids can cause heart palpitations, impotence, jaundice, changes of blood sugar level, irritation of stomach lining, fluid retention, osteoporosis, water retention, acne and aggression.

Steroids have even been used as a defense in murder cases. If a user takes too much steroids, the drug can become ineffective.

The body can use only a limited amount of the drug, so the extra is turned into unwanted energy by the body.

Two kinds of steroids that are popular in universities are Aseron and Stanozol.
Former GAP sweatshop worker shares experience, speaks against company

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THE PARADAY
(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH

Last Tuesday, Carmencita Abad spoke to a large crowd in Carnegie Mellon University's Wright McKenna room about her experiences as a worker in a GAP sweatshop. For six years, Abad worked on the island of Saipan, which is part of the Northern Mariana Islands, a United States Commonwealth. The factory where she worked was part of the Sako Corporation, which was responsible for creating clothing for the GAP, as well as other major retailers such as Old Navy and Banana Republic.

Partially in response to Abad's call to action against sweatshops, protests were held by students on Walnut Street last Monday and Saturday.

Abad spoke about the conditions in the factory, as well as how the workers, who were mainly women, were coerced into sweatshop labor. Recruiters were in charge of getting mostly Asian women to sign up for working in the factory, and they accomplished this by telling the women that they would be working in an American territory. In exchange for the opportunity to earn money, the women sometimes had to give the recruiters up to seven thousand dollars for a work permit before they were permitted to go.

Another thing that the women had to do before leaving was to sign a contract, commonly known as a "shadow contract." In it, the workers agree that they will not join a labor organization, will not complain about the treatment that they receive or the conditions that they work in, and will not fall in love, get married, or get pregnant. And once the women arrived at Saipan, they found that their new home was nothing like what they had expected. They lived in "squid, unsanitary barracks surrounded by barbed wire," said Abad. Frequently working 14-hour shifts in an extremely hot factory was another part of the job. Physical punishment, such as beatings, was also common, along with sexual harassment.

Abad was fired in October, 1998 for attempting to organize a garment workers union. While she was still employed at the factory, she also wore a hidden camera for a 2020 exclusive report on Saipan sweatshops entitled "Is this the U.S.A.?” Because Saipan is a U.S. Commonwealth, the GAP can put "Made in the U.S.A." on the clothes that are made there and bypass various labor checks and laws. Since Abad was fired, she has devoted much of her time to pressuring GAP, Inc. to stop the use of sweatshops and pay the women on Saipan a fair wage for their services. "I will continue to do this until the GAP respects the rights of workers all over the world," said Abad. "No worker should be treated like a slave."

However, Abad is not calling for a full boycott of the GAP. Mindful of the need for many women to keep their jobs, she is urging consumers to pressure the GAP to pay their workers a reasonable amount of money. "There are lots of things you can do," she said. "Bombard GAP customer service, and tell them to treat their workers with dignity." As it is, the women in Saipan have barely enough to live on, and when one considers the amount of revenue that the GAP takes in every year, it is very clear that they can afford to pay the women more, Abad pointed out.

"Most people in this country don't even know that Saipan exists," said Bhunuka Machahita, who organized Abad's talk on Tuesday, "but we all shop at the GAP." Neil Donnelly, a staff member, also attended the meeting: "I thought it was good to hear a first-person account of things that go on in a sweatshop — it put a face to statistics," he said.
Bus driver for U. Florida students in serious condition after stabbing

MATTHEW BODEY
INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla.—About 100 University of Florida students were temporarily stranded on the Florida Turnpike on Sunday night as they were returning to Gainesville after the Thanksgiving weekend when one of their bus drivers was stabbed and the other was arrested for the crime.

The fight, which left Daniel Posada—owner of Gainesville-Miami-Gainesville Transport—in serious condition Sunday night, allegedly started over a feud between the competing bus companies.

Mario Jesus Perez, a driver for Miami Bus Service, was charged with aggravated assault for stabbing Posada at the West Palm Beach-Lake Worth service plaza at about 5:40 p.m., according to Florida Highway Patrol officials.

Both companies run a bus service that runs back and forth from South Florida to Gainesville on the weekends and holidays.

The services are used frequently by students who live in the Miami area and by parents who use the buses to send students to arrive in Gainesville by 3 a.m. today.

Dean of Students Julie Posada said the fight and stabbing occurred because of the rivalry between the two companies.

"We think this was an on-going feud between the two families," he said.

GMG Transport, in its 17th year of service, has two 53-passenger buses that carry students to South Florida on weekends.

The Miami Bus Service carries students on the same route. Both stop in Gainesville.

Students waited in the parking lot until another bus driver came from Miami and then they left for Gainesville at about 8:45 p.m. They were scheduled to arrive in Gainesville by 3 a.m. today.

Dean of Students Julie Sina said students on the buses should contact her office if they have any problems as a result of the delay.

"My concern is what time the students are getting back tonight," she said.

Center pole examined in A&M bonfire investigation

JASON HUNTER
DAILY TEXAN

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — Texas A&M officials are looking at the center pole as they continue to search for answers four days after the Texas A&M Bonfire collapse that killed 12 people and injured 27 Thursday.

The examination of the center pole, which was broken into four pieces, is the latest stage in the inquiry into the cause of the accident.

None of the pieces were lying on the ground, and the fourth was still embedded in the ground Monday.

The center pole, which consists of two large telephone poles splintered and bolted together, and secured with a gallon of wood glue, is the main support of the 55-foot tall structure.

In light of suspicions that the pole could have caused the accident, A&M President Ray Bowen said the Bonfire structure will be a focus of the committee investigating the collapse.

Private sources will pay for the investigation, said Cindy Lawson, executive director of A&M public relations.

She added that state law restricts how much money of its own A&M can spend on such matters.

Bowen is expected to announce the members on the commission later this week.

However, funerals for the students are taking precedence over naming the investigators, said Lane Stephenson, an A&M spokesman.

Investigators from the Office of Safety and Health Administration, a federal agency that governs workplace safety, covered cranes being used to place logs on the Bonfire stack in large plastic bags to preserve markings found on them.

The markings probably will not offer insight into the investigation but are being covered as a precaution, Lawson said.

OSHA officials will only be investigating the cranes themselves, and not the site, said Paul Brantley, Austina-area director for OSHA.

"We were there because the cranes were from a private contractor, where we have jurisdiction," Brantley said.

The future of Bonfire could hinge on the outcome of the inquiry.

"If responsibility needs to be placed on something, some place, we are willing to accept that," Lawson said.

Ashley Pacik, an A&M freshman, said the students who died would want the tradition to continue.

"If they were here today, they would want us to keep the tradition alive," Pacik said. "It's been successful for 90 years."
Florida makes George W. early pick

Jacob Ogles
THE ORACLE

U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. — The election for the next president of the United States is still a year away, but according to many sources, Texas Gov. George W. Bush may already have clinched the Florida vote.

Living in the legacy of his presidential father, being brothers with the sitting Florida governor and having the highest funded campaigns of any other candidates in the race, the hopeful has established himself as a favorite early on.

According to a new USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll, Bush is today a heavy favorite for the Republican bid nationwide, holding 63 percent of Republican voters for John McCain’s 16 percent.

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Jim Kane, political analyst of Florida, told the Associated Press that Bush holds a hefty lead in Florida.

“Voters in Florida support him over Vice President Al Gore by about 13 points,” he said.

Kane said this was primarily based on name recognition.

“We’ve entered an era of celebrity politics,” he said.

Kane told the Palm Beach Post that the sheer economic power of the Bush campaign creates an upward battle for any candidate contesting him.

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In Florida, fighting the money giant is even more difficult because voters in the state are a primary source of campaign funds. Sources have reported to news outlets in the state that $5 to $7 million of Bush’s $20 million-plus campaign are expected to come out of Florida.

Several $1,000-per-plate fund-raisers in the state have been organized for Bush. At one of these events, Nov. 8 in Jacksonville, around $450,000 was reportedly raised.

In comparison, Bill Bradley raised just $200,000 at a similar event in Jacksonville.

Many are saying Florida Gov. Jeb Bush is working full time to make sure campaigns for his older brother don’t falter in the Sunshine State, which would cause potentially catastrophic political damage.

Jeb Bush has accompanied his brother on the trail whenever he has visited Florida. Although having a blood connection to the Florida executive branch has the dominant appearance of a plus, a few Democratic politicians within the state have recently tried to use that connection against the presidential hopeful.

Because of recent lobbying by the Florida governor to reduce affirmative action within the state, Congresswoman Corrine Brown recently encouraged minority voters in the state to not only punish Jeb Bush for the stance, but also to unilaterally vote against George W. Bush.

“His brother is running, and we’re going to deal with his brother,” Brown said at a press conference Nov. 15.

“This has brought on scrutiny of the Texas governor’s own anti-affirmative action platform, which could significantly harm his showing among minorities in the state.”

According to the American Research Group, Bush may have another demographic in the state to be concerned over - the elderly.

Bush has not been faring well in polls among voters age 45 and older, trailing opponent John McCain by about 12 points.

“It’s troublesome for Bush to hear this, because younger people are going to vote in far lower percentages than people who are 45 and older,” said Andrew Smith, head of the University of New Hampshire Survey Center.

In Florida, a retirement haven, this could prove particularly damaging. However, if Bush can inspire younger voters to go to the polls, he can easily make up for this.

In a national poll by the American Research Group, he held a 26-point advantage in the polls among voters 18-24.

At USF, a straw poll was conducted by the Pi Sigma Alpha political honor society.

It says Bush currently holds the edge among campus voters as well. Of course, the presidential elections are still in the distance.

Primary elections in Florida will be held on March 14, and the general election is not until next November.

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Flea markets often have quality merchandise at low prices.

If you visit the flea market, you can find everything from Playstations to cell-phones for nearly a third of their regular price. Although the prices are low, you will have to expect to be getting something that is most likely used. You can also be innovative and create your own gifts. For those good with a needle and thread, you can pick up a cross-stitch pattern, which can be sewn and framed in the nick of time for the holidays.

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Thousands protest School of the Americas

MATT BOYD and JUSTIN PAPROCKI
THE DAILY NEWS

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"Father Roy has said that nothing will ever satisfy him except closure of the school," said Weidner in an interview with the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer. "He's terribly miffed and he's going to do more harm than good if he's ever successful."

A protest marches forward

This is the 10th consecutive year of the protest that marks the anniversary of the murder of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and daughter at the hands of a Salvadoran army patrol. The military officers attributed to this crime received training at the School of the Americas, according to a press release for the protest.

Teri LeClerq, an English professor at the University of Texas, "crossed the line" in last year's protest. About 2,400 walked onto the base in an act of civil disobedience last year. The protesters were at risk of being arrested for trespassing.

When last year's protesters entered the base, the military didn't arrest any of them. LeClerq said, instead, the protesters simply boarded buses provided by the base, and were dropped off a few miles away. Their names were recorded and they were banned from the base for five years, she said. This is why LeClerq wasn't going to cross the line this year.

Last year's penalty for repeat line crossers was up to six months in prison and a $5,000 fine. LeClerq also noted how the number of the protesters had dwindled. "It's grown exponentially," she said.

An estimated 12,000 people came this year to protest the School of the Americas; 82% were estimated to have marched into the base, according to protest organizers.

Last year, 2,400 protesters crossed the line. The year before, only 600 had. At the beginning, in 1990, only six showed up at the protest, she said.

Preparation

In the hours before the march began, the small residential neighborhood outside the base swarmed with protesters. People mostly of Latin American heritage made speeches and played folk music. Adriana Portillo-Barrow nearly broke down in tears as she spoke about her experiences at the hands of the Guatemalan military.

Actor Martin Sheen resembled his current role as president, a part he plays on NBC's "The West Wing," and opposed the closing of the School of the Americas.

A modified school bus served as a kitchen for the protesters. Members of the International Socialist Organization sold copies of The Socialist Worker, a party newspaper.

Elderly women with the Grandmothers for Peace organization mingled with dreadlocked college kids.

An old man held out two sheets of paper. One said H. R. 732, the other S. 873. Each represented a proposed bill to close the School of the Americas passing through their respective Congressional houses.

In the throng was James Bell, a 66-year-old Methodist reverend, one of several clergy mingling with the crowd. He drove 1,050 miles to the protest from his home in Post, Texas. He was carrying a wooden cross that came up in his chest with the name "Archiebald Romero" written on it.

According to Bell's pamphlets, Oscar Romero was an influential figure who spoke out against the government of El Salvador. In 1980, he was shot in his church during the middle of mass. The SOA Watch says Romero's killer was a graduate of the school.

Speaking with a calm, peaceful cadence, Bell explained why he thought the school should be closed.

"There have been many people killed, assassinated and disappeared by officers who were trained at this school," Bell said. "I think it's time that Americans knew what the real purpose of this school is."

Tim Gallagher lives next to the base, down the street from Bourgeois. As he watched the protest, from the end of his driveway, he said he supported the school.

"Most of the people are misguided," he said. "Torture has been going on a lot longer than we've been here."

Although he complimented the protesters for being orderly, he said Bourgeois and his followers are blowing the issue out of proportion.

"There's bound to be a few bad eggs," he said of the Latin American officers.

Gallagher said he used to be in the Army, but declined to comment on whether he was associated with the School of the Americas.

Right before the march, Wesley Mott, assistant chief of the Columbus police, said the day was going smoothly.

Columbus police cars lined the street leading to the south entrance.

"We're trying to ensure the citizens of the United States their constitutional right to free speech," Mott said. "Most everybody's very friendly, very nonviolent."

Crossing the line

Around noon, the speeches wound down and the line for the march began forming.

Clashing crosses, protesters stepped in fours of four to seven and walked solemnly past signs warning individuals taking part in political protests on the grounds of the base were "subject to administrative and/or judicial sanctions."

Journalists were not allowed to follow the protesters inside the gate.

Around 2 p.m., protest organizers reported the marchers had walked into the base and sat down, refusing to move. Others who led the procession wore black armbands and death masks.

These "high-riskers," as they were dubbed by the protesters, carried red paint and lay down beside the coffins as others performed a commemoration service.

Later that afternoon, the protesters began tricking back. Like last year, most of the protesters had been transported a few miles away and dropped off. As they walked back to the gates on foot, they received rounds of applause from those who had stayed behind.

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The new Y2K dilemma: Tacky millennium gear

ADAM SHIVER
STAFF WRITER

If you look around your local department store or shopping mall you’ll notice that we’ve all gone crazy. Crazy over Y2K and all its mystery.

I recently got my fill of Y2K and all of its hype when I went out shopping for Christmas presents. As I looked around for clothes to buy as gifts I came across racks filled with Y2K “worry-shirts.”

As I scanned through the shirts I noticed that most were very simplistic and did not contain any catchy slogans. They simply were printed with “01-01-00” on them. For they were asking $20.

I thought for a moment that this was just a chance encounter, but as I continued I discovered a ton of other Y2K merchandise. Most, if not all of it, is tacky and worthless.

Everything from the classic Millennium countdown clocks, to a Millennium version of the time-honored board game Monopoly are available. I also ran across hats, shirts and watches, all stamped with Y2K gimmicks.

Sure, I understand that companies are simply trying to cash in on a little hype, but let’s get real. Who is going to buy some of this stuff? Not anyone I know.

I can understand that some people are frightened by the upcoming millennium change over. I can even understand all the computer companies trying to reassure their buyers that their products are “Y2K compliant.”

But I can’t fathom why they would purchase some of this merchandise.

If you are scared of the upcoming New Year, what is going to make you want to embrace it with your fifty little millennium watch or “01-01-00” shirt?

Not only is Y2K taking over our department store clothes racks and game shelves, but also it is creeping into our breakfast cereals and television shows.

General Mills has put out “Milleni-O’s,” a Cheerios spin-off for the millennium. David Letterman has donned his show as the “Talk show of the millennium,” with a logo saying so in the corner of the screen. He’s not the only one to jump on this bandwagon. The History channel even calls itself the “Station of every millennium.”

Another popular item that has taken on the Y2K scheme to help its sales is Budweiser. They have begun bottling their traditional Bud beer in a fancy millennium bottle. I’m sorry, but I don’t see this increasing their sales, so what is the point of all this?

I don’t know about you, but you will not catch me donning a Y2K hat or a millennium T-shirt. Not in this millennium at least.

‘Blair Witch,’ Culpepper make your degree valuable

ANDY LERIG
STAFF WRITER

Since arriving at the University of Central Florida in the fall of ’97, I’ve become intrigued with its growth since the beginning, up to the Central Florida in the fall of ’97, I’ve bounded became than continues to climb over new hurdles.

1963 as University of Florida, have amazed me. From sports, to degree programs, to nationwide cinematic wonders, UCF continues in climb over new hurdles.

All I can do is sit back and smile. See, a professor once said to more friends think I’m crazy, I think I’m lucky. I spend my time on vacation through the reference to it every time I tune into my favorite television programs, I laugh. My University of Central Florida students as they consider, for some the first time, going to UF, FSU, or UM.

And all because of Daunte Culpepper, the “Blair Witch Project,” and everything else this university has done in its tenure. And imagine, as UCF, we’re only a fifth of a century old. Imagine what we will do next year.

So don’t mock sports, or deny the directors of “Blair Witch” of their roots, because with their actions, your degree is worth more in the future job-hunt, even if you are a philosophy major, UCF is in its beginnings, growing in tradition and stature, so be a part of growth, not a thorn in its heel.
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OPINION

Q: What do you want for Christmas?

A: "I want a faster computer."
—Stephanie Shimon, 21, senior, physical therapy

"I want a new computer and a DVD player."
—Ben Pierscion, 22, junior, sociology

"I want a new car and straight As."
—Katie Pierscion, 20, junior, athletic training

"I want the fastest red motorcycle that is made."
—Cody Jackson, 22, junior, criminal justice

"I want a scholarship to University of Miami Law School."
—Gil Hernandez Jr., 26, senior, criminal justice/legal studies

"A new guitar, a new baby and some socks."
—Charlie Delanuez, 35, senior, elementary education
Woodie and Buzz are back again

ALLISON POND
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Being torn, shelved, outgrown and forgotten, or worst of all, sold in a garage sale: a toy's greatest fears.

A funny, action-packed computer animated adventure, "Toy Story 2" is an unpredictable sequel that easily measures up to the first "Toy Story."

The action begins when Woody (voiced by Tom Hanks) is stolen by Al McWhiggin (Wayne Knight), a rare toy collector, while attempting to rescue fellow toy Wheezy the penguin (Joe Ranft) from a yard sale.

Buzz Lightyear, space ranger (Tim Allen) heads up a rescue party made up of Mr. Potato Head (Don Rickles), Slinky Dog (Jim Varney), Hamm the pig (John Ratzenberger) and Rex the dinosaur (Wallace Shawn).

They tumble through several adventures, including a dangerous trek across a busy road and run-ins with another Buzz Lightyear and Emperor Zurg, Buzz's arch-enemy and terrorizer of the universe.

Meanwhile, Woody meets other wild western toys Jessie (Joan Cusack) and Prospector Pete (Kelsey Grammer) in Al's collection and learns he was the star of "Woody's Round-up," a favorite children's show decades earlier.

When Buzz and company finally reach him, they find that Woody has decided to go to Japan as part of a rare museum display instead of escaping home to the toy room, where he believes he will inevitably be outgrown and discarded. In an ironic turning of tables from the first movie, Buzz searches for a way to remind Woody what it means to be a toy and to be loved by a kid, if it isn't too late.

Advances in computer animation since the first "Toy Story" four years ago give a more realistic and detailed touch to this sequel. While the original characters have only been touched up a little, the faces of new human characters have lost that matted digital look in favor of wrinkles or a five o'clock shadow.

This new technology also makes it possible to create textures like the furry family's coat and Chexio dust on Al's fat fingers.

Creative uses of lighting and shadow add yet another dimension, as in several scenes where the TV is on and others in the toy store after hours.

Next to the animation, the film's biggest selling point is the vocal talent behind the toys. Tom Hanks, Allen, Varney, Ratzenberger and the rest of the original cast are joined by other award-winning actors including Cusack, Grammer and Wayne Knight.

This high-profile cast lends more than just voices to the characters; their trademark personalities also come through. The toys are even animat- ed to resemble them.

It's like watching Frasier, Clive the mailman, and Vizzini from "The Princess Bride" interact with Ernest and "Too Easy's" Tim Taylor — only everyone looks like a pig or an astronaut or a potato.

The actors' humor has kids and adults giggling throughout the movie at "Star Wars" jokes, Mrs. Potato Head packing her husband's angry eyes in case of battle and Hamm getting excited when the gang stumbles onto a Barbie pool party.

The sound-track is also good, with the exception of a cheesy Sarah McLachlan song.

The animation during the song is excellent, but the song itself left me with that funny feeling you get sometimes after a trite, overdone, manipulative pulling of heartstrings.

This successful sequel leaves the door wide open for a third "Toy Story" — or, as Buzz Lightyear would say, "to infinity and beyond."

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The verdant hills of an Ireland who cannot abide the British and a Britain whose grey industrialism seems firmly rooted in the 1950s provide the backdrop for "Felicia's Journey," a film that moves easily between quiet moments of recognition and nostalgic hilarity, all tinged with an ominous undercurrent. Overlaid with a serial killer with a gastronomic bent and a young girl on an impossible search, the film addresses ideas of control and catharsis with equanimity.

A tale of two troubled souls who don't see that they're trouble until they find each other. "Felicia's Journey" represents a marked surface change for writer/director Atom Egoyan. His choice of material benefits his characters, and, indeed, embodies them, all three. Egoyan Hilditch (Bob Hoskins) and Felicia (Elaine Cassidy), outsiders in their locations no matter how at home they think they are. Cassidy with equanimity videotapes, which he absorb like a sponge in his unmasking as a serial killer whose gray industrialism seems firmly in each one of these, his painful talisman.

When Hilditch is not a monster, he is contained in a series of scenes recollecting his past. His jolly facade drops when he is alone in his house of horrors, his sadness made manifest. And Felicia? Felicia discovers the nature of life and learns to stop the lies that truth resides, and eventually overtakes her. In Egoyan's capable command, it's sublime.

While "Felicia's Journey" does not pack quite the emotional wallop of the director's last two films, it comes close and close is far closer than most filmmakers can ever hope to get.
Chuck Shepherd's
NEWS OF THE WEIRD

LEAD STORIES

— In October Derek Farmer, 42, who served 18 years in prison for the murders of a civil rights activist and a police officer in Dayton, Ohio, passed Ohio's bar exam and was sworn in as a lawyer. However, two weeks earlier, Kevin Kapel was denied permission to take the same exam. Kapel's application was helped by the strong support of his presiding judge and two other judges.

— According to a November Boston Globe story, the Global Positioning Satellite locator, heart-rate monitor and cell phone transmitter, to be activated when the wearer actually creates some dishes, not merely as garnish but with the expectation that they be eaten. Raisins are the main ingredient, which was recently offered. "It's so thin and weightless that by the time you eat it, it's gone." She added, "There's a feeling of plenty around. People are feeling rich."

Latest Bra Technology

In July, London art student Kursy George told reporters she had developed a prototype "Techno Bra," which houses in its lining a Global Positioning Satellite locator, heart-rate monitor and cell phone transmitter, to be activated when the driver actually creates some dishes, not merely as garnish but with the expectation that they be eaten. Raisins are the main ingredient, which was recently offered. "It's so thin and weightless that by the time you eat it, it's gone." She added, "There's a feeling of plenty around. People are feeling rich."

Latest Religious Messages

— In August, a convention of related groups met near Dayton, Ohio. Brian Collins, 83, critically injured his wife (age 83) out of jealousy (Rauen, France, in June). J.L. Hunter was arrested in Baton Rouge, La., in September on theft charges after police found him hiding in a closet. According to an Associated Press report, Johnson did not resist arrest, but he did ask police if they could wait a couple of minutes for him to fix his hair.

Active Seniors

Paul Foglin, 87, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for strangling his wife (age 83) out of jealousy (Rauen, France, in June). Brose Ghearst, 90, was sentenced to four years in prison for trafficking in crack cocaine (Santeri, N.Y., April). J.L. Hunter Rountree, 88, was arrested and charged with bank robbery (Pensacola, Fla., October). Driver Warren Collins, 83, critically injured his wife and himself by plunging over an embankment into the Pacific Ocean after doing "doughnuts" with his car, causing it to fly off to a prospective buyer (Long Beach, Calif., October).

Recurring Themes

News of the Weird reported in 1996 on a hospital in Kimbassa, Zaire, that was treating newborn babies and their mothers until they paid their bills. In September 1999, Reuters reported that the government's Sina hospital in Tehran, Iran, repeated the earlier year a detention cell in the building, staffed by three guards, that has housed about two dozen patients a month who had not paid their bills.

Said the hospital's director, "We had no other choice."
Final exam changes

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Events educate public on Islamic culture

PATTY CANEDE
STAFF WRITER

The Muslim Student Association kicked off UCF's 9th annual Islam Awareness Week with a picnic on Nov. 14. Throughout the week, MSA members sat at an information booth outside of the Student Union for those who had questions about Muslim culture.

The MSA presented a documentary about "Women in Islam" along with reflections by Muslim women on Nov. 16.

This event attracted several students from the women's studies program. MSA member Heba Ali says there are many misconceptions about the Muslim culture because of the way that Muslims are portrayed in the western media.

Ali said that the behavior of Arabic Muslims, which make up 15 percent of the Muslim population, is often misrepresented as the behavior of all Muslims.

The Islamic Feminist Movement is not just about equality, but also about education. Women are being encouraged to learn more about their religion, way of life, rights and place in society.

The Muslim Student Association which began in 1963, has become a major organization for the realization of the Islamic presence on campuses around the world.

One of the goals of the MSA is to deliver the message of Islam. For further information on the organization, visit the MSA website at http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~msa-net.

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Dear Nancy,

This weekend I hung out with a guy that I've known since high school. I really like him and we had a good time together. He actually told me that he's liked me since we last saw each other about a year ago. The problem is we live in different towns and we won't see each other again until Christmas, and he never asked for my phone number. I've always known him to be shy and his friends were around when I saw him last. I could easily get his number, do you think I should call him?

-Don't want to wait Denise

Dear Denise,

Get on the phone girl, what do you have to lose?! He's already confessed that he likes you. He probably didn't ask you for your number because he was hearing the voices of rejection in his head. "What if she says no? What if she really hates my guts? I'll never get with her. I suck." All he did was take the safe route by saying he'll see you at Christmas. No chances.

But that's not what life's about now is it? The '90s are almost over. In the millennium women will probably be the ones walking around with watches that store numbers, pens and little black books in their purses, and why not? I think you should go for it. He'll be so relieved that the pressure's off of him—bells will be ringing, halls will be decked and you'll have yourself a very merry Christmas.

-Dear Nancy

A

Dear Jealous,

The world is full of beautiful people, on TV, in magazines and in the real world. Unless you live with your eyes closed it's hard not to notice. You've never said a word about anyone? Not even Robert Redford in Out of Africa? Or Ben Affleck on the cover of Vanity Fair? Or even nodded your head at a good looking guy who wasn't the spitting image of your man? To notice and even admit that someone is attractive is perfectly human. But... there is a place to draw the line.

Although your boyfriend's obsession with Scully is annoying it seems harmless, unless he tells you he wished you looked like her. In that case he's a jerk and you should get out of the relationship. Otherwise I would let him watch this show alone or tape his mouth shut with duck tape.

Also what kinds of comments is he making about these women? It's one thing for him to say Cher is sexy but to go into detail about what he wants to do to her is another advice column.

It's also different if he's telling you how attractive he finds the redhead in his chemistry class.

If he starts dedicating more attention to other women than he does to you, that's a problem—In that case he needs to be left alone.

But as of now you should tell your boy how you feel and try to work something out.

-Jealous girlfriend

A

Dear Nancy,

My boyfriend is obsessed with Scully on X-Files. Every week he stops what he's doing to watch the show and tells me how hot she is every time her face appears on the screen. He also makes comments about other girls in magazines and on TV. It makes me jealous because a lot of them look nothing like me. I don't know why he has to let me know what he thinks. What should I do?

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JASON HARDY  CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Skateboarding is a dangerous sport. It doesn’t take long to figure that one out. Of course, it took this reviewer seven years, a broken arm, numerous sprained ankles and about 100 visits to the chiropractor before I finally threw in the towel.

But thanks to professional skateboarder Tony Hawk’s brilliant marketing strategy, I’m finally back. Only this time around, it’s a lot safer and less expensive.

“Tony Hawk’s Pro Skater” is about as fun as skateboarding can get without actually leaving the living room. Of course, the thrill of landing tricks on a video game can’t compare to the thrill of doing it yourself in real life, but the game is still fun in its own right.

For starters, let’s get one thing straight: If you’re a pudgy kid who is rarely found doing anything aside from playing video games, don’t expect to get a real life skateboard and be able to do tricks like the pros, which can be viewed in the video section. Also available are some secret locations and “Officer Dick,” a cop who skateboards. He comes with boards that have pictures of donuts on them, and when he skates, you can see his butt crack. Just like real life.

One of the game’s best assets is the two-player mode that features three different formats: head-to-head competition, where you win points; horse, where players have to outdo each other one trick at a time; or graffiti, where players earn points for doing tricks on obstacles; but if the other player busts a bigger trick on said obstacle, the point goes to the other player.

All in all, it’s a great game with a pretty good soundtrack, featuring the Suicide Machines and the Dead Kennedys. The graphics are very realistic, and the skaters’ movements are incredibly similar to those of their real-life counterparts. The game offers an endless amount of trick combinations and different special moves for each skater, which keeps the game challenging. Despite its realistic ties to the skateboarding community, “Tony Hawk’s Pro Skater” isn’t fun only for people who actually skate, just as race car games aren’t fun only for race car drivers and ninja games aren’t fun only for ninjas.

It’s a non-stop good time with or without a second player, and it’s more addictive than alcohol. Of course, the only injury anyone should worry about are the calluses that will inevitably develop on the player’s fingers and thumbs.

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Players can choose from real-life skateboarders like Jamie Thomas, Andrew Reynolds, Bob Burnquist, Chad Muska, Geoff Rowley, Elissa Steamer, Kareem Campbell, Rune Glifberg, Bucky Lasek, Tony Hawk, each of whom has different skills.

Once a rider is chosen, the player is then able to pick which of the pro’s signature boards to ride, how tight the trucks should be and what color of wheels the board has. Finally, the player chooses a location to skate. The selection includes real life skate spots like the Bamby’s project in Portland, Ore., and EMB in San Francisco.

In career mode, the player must accomplish certain goals, like grinding five picnic tables or earning 25,000 points, to win skate videos. The more videos a player has, the more skate spots and boards are available.

Winning tapes in career mode also wins players actual video footage of the pros, which can be viewed in the video section. Also available are some secret moves and “Officer Dick,” a cop who skateboards. He comes with boards that have pictures of donuts on them, and when he skates, you can see his butt crack. Just like real life.

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All in all, it’s a great game with a pretty good soundtrack, featuring the Suicide Machines and the Dead Kennedys. The graphics are very realistic, and the skaters’ movements are incredibly similar to those of their real-life counterparts. The game offers an endless amount of trick combinations and different special moves for each skater, which keeps the game challenging. Despite its realistic ties to the skateboarding community, “Tony Hawk’s Pro Skater” isn’t fun only for people who actually skate, just as race car games aren’t fun only for race car drivers and ninja games aren’t fun only for ninjas.

It’s a non-stop good time with or without a second player, and it’s more addictive than alcohol. Of course, the only injury anyone should worry about are the calluses that will inevitably develop on the player’s fingers and thumbs.
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### REVISED Final Exam Schedule
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At times, it can seem like the episodes of VH1’s wonderfully engrossing “Behind the Music” are all the same. Conan O’Brien suggested the following template: “(insert name of artist here) was rising high … but then it all came crashing down.”

He wasn’t that far off the mark: a good many rock bands’ careers seem to follow a similar trajectory: the quick rise to fame and success, the descent into sex, drugs and alcohol, and the tragic death or near death of a band member, the stunt of rehab and possibly, a more headlined, somber reunion sometime later. But if the stories are similar, that doesn’t necessarily preclude their being entertaining. After all, great drama, from the Greek tragedies to Shakespeare and beyond, usually takes one of only a few basic forms—the rest is in the details.

And so, “Behind the Music” finds endless variations on its theme, covering artists across the spectrum of popular music, piecing together life stories with interviews, concert footage, videos and photographs. From veterans like Sting and Peter Tosh to more recent artists like Lenny Kravitz and TLC, everyone, it seems, has a story to tell.

Of course, an artist’s talent doesn’t always correspond with an interesting story. Take Tom Petty—nice guy, always loved music, got together with some friends and proceeded to play great rock ‘n’ roll for the next 25 years. Add the I’ve-been-mentioned-for-the-last-30-years demeanor with which Petty lethargically recounts his exploits, and it doesn’t exactly make for explosive drama.

Conversely, the show’s most interesting episodes sometimes come from unlikely sources. One of the best to date documented the life and times of Vanilla Ice, whose brief stint atop the charts gave way to a lifetime as a national joke. Though Ice seemed optimistic about the future at the show’s end, he also made it clear that the deal he made—six months or so of fame and adoration in exchange for all artistic credibility and respect—wasn’t worth it.

Another “Behind the Music” of note covered the English metal band Def Leppard, whose careers have taken the traditional path of rock ‘n’ roll excess to a frenzied extreme. The episode is a microcosm of everything the show is at its best, including interesting trivia (did you know that the spelling of the band’s name is a homage to the unique spelling of Led Zeppelin’s?), firsthand accounts of benders that would make mushroom munch and an inspirational recovery from disaster, a drummer Rick Allen lost an arm in a bus accident but miraculously continued to play with the band. If this were fiction, it would be derided as hackneyed and unrealistic, but as reality, it’s unbelievably gripping.

By this point, “Behind the Music” has covered most of the major names of the past few decades, leaving it to look in new places for material. A few recent episodes seem to have been scraping the bottom of the popular music barrel (Thin Lizzy, for God’s sake), while others have covered more contemporary successes such as Alain Morissette and Dr. Dre, an installment which marked the show’s first foray into true hip-hop. Upcoming episodes include Chic and Barry White, both of whom are certain to have some interesting tales to tell.

If there’s one lesson to be taken from “Behind the Music” (other than never agree to a record deal using the name Vanilla Ice), it’s that truly interesting and involving stories can come from the most unlikely of places. To write off an episode of this show simply because of its subject may be to miss a great story.
Nas Nastradamus

When you think of artists that have evolved and reinvented themselves, you may think of musicians such as David Bowie.

With ‘Nastradamus,’ his fourth album slated for a November 23rd release, you can put rapper Nas in that category as well.

Earlier this year, his ‘Belly’ costar DMX became the first artist to top the albums chart twice in the same year with two separate albums. Shares the same name as the album, and claimed him as himself other nicknames such as N as to return to his on the album is another commercial hit, with a No. 1 rap song “I Own America.”

Before Nas ever had a record deal, he went under the name Nasty Nas, and even released a song under that name on the soundtrack of Oliver Stone’s film, “Zebrhead.”

Through his career, he gave himself other nicknames such as Nas Escobar and Esco, which provides the backdrop for the chorus on the song, “Nastradamus.” Another standout song on the album is “Some Of Us Have Angels.”

For the song “Project Windows,” Nas made two versions with the original having a fancy piano loop, but he opted to put a less effective remixed version on the album instead.

Overall, the album is worth checking out, but fans may feel as if his talent is declining.

With other high profile albums on the way, such as the Beastie Boys “Sounds of Science” and Korn’s “Issues,” Nastradamus may not reach No. 1, but Nas has arguably had the most success of any rapper this year.

—T.J. Toksoy

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Michigan State accepts Citrus Bowl invite

MATT Mytti

THE STATE NEWS (MICHIGAN STATE U.)

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State officials surprised few people Wednesday night with an announcement that the Spartan football team has accepted an invitation to play on Jan. 1 in the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

The Spartans finished the regular season 9-2 overall and 6-2 in the Big Ten. They tied with Michigan for second place in the conference.

The Citrus Bowl bid marks the first time MSU will play in a New Year’s Day bowl since the 1988 Rose Bowl — when the team pulled out a 20-17 win over Southern Cal. MSU head coach Nick Saban said he’s proud his team has been able to achieve its goal of playing in a major bowl.

“It’s a great bowl,’’ Saban said. “The players felt that a bid to the Florida Citrus Bowl would be a tremendous reward for what the team accomplished this season. This bowl has a great reputation, not only for its hospitality but for the quality of the conference games played.”

The Spartans will face a tough SEC opponent, with the running down in Alabama, Florida and Tennessee.

The opponent will be chosen on Dec. 5. In the seven years since the game became a Big Ten-SEC matchup, the SEC leads the series 5-2. Michigan best Arkansas 45-31 last year and Penn State knocked off Tennessee in 1994, but the other five matchups have seen the Big Ten lose.

MSU’s bowl record is 2-5, with the most recent loss being a 51-23 dismantling at the hands of the Washington Huskies. The Spartans did not travel to a bowl game last year after finishing with a 6-6 record.

The game will represent a homecoming for senior cornerback Amp Campbell, senior wide receiver Gari Scott, senior place-kicker Paul Edinger, sophomore defensive tackle Josh Shaw and sophomore corner백 Cedric Henry — all Florida natives. It will also be the last game in uniform for all the Spartan seniors, including quarterback Bill Burke.

The Florida Citrus Bowl begins at 1 p.m. Jan. 1.

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South Florida blows
11-point lead against GW

DAVE MINCBERG
THE ORACLE (U.SOUTH FLORIDA)

WASHINGTON -- When freshman guard Val Brown did not show up for the beginning of George Washington's pregame film session, Colonials coach Tom Penders was worried he might not show for the team's matchup against USF at all.

Unfortunately for the Bulls, Brown did.

Brown, who entered the game as the Colonials' leading scorer at 24.7 points per game, shrugged off 18 percent shooting in the first half to score 22 of his game-high 33 points in the second half en route to a 88-76 GW victory.

"Val Brown may be the best player I've ever recruited," Penders said. "He's got confidence, explosiveness, the whole package."

USF's game plan was to keep the ball away from Brown, something the Bulls (2-1) did not accomplish.

"He made a lot of bad shots go into the basket," USF coach Seth Greenberg said. "That makes him a good player!"

Brown and junior forward Mike King combined to score 34 of the Colonials' 54 second-half points as GW overcame an 11-point deficit heading into the break.

Unfortunately for the Bulls, Waldon was whistled for his fifth foul on a questionable charging call two minutes later. The call elicited an unfavorable reaction from the Colonials' bench to lead the Bulls in scoring with 25 points.

Waldon assisted on a Cedric Smith three-pointer on the Bulls' next possession, but committed his second foul 20 seconds later and was sent to the bench. However, the Bulls continued on their tear, forcing the lead up to 11 points before the Colonials cut the score to 41-34 at halftime.

Waldon returned in the second half, scoring the Bulls only five points during a 20-5 GW run, putting the Colonials up 54-48 with 12 minutes remaining.

A Jackson dunk brought the Bulls to within four, but Waldon committed his third and fourth fouls in the next 41 seconds and had to sit out once again.

This time, Waldon's absence was too much to overcome as the Colonials built their lead to 66-57. Waldon returned with slightly more than seven minutes left in the game.

Unfortunately for the Bulls, Waldon was obviously our go-to man, our big scorer and him being out hurt us in all ways. We definitely could have used him in there towards the end, but that's the way it goes. If he's out, he's out. We've got to play without him." Waldon said.

Greenberg was not deterred by the loss.

"We don't need to make adjustments, we try to get better with what we're doing," Greenberg said.

"That's the only thing on our minds. We should have won this one, but we didn't. They got the breaks. Now we're going down to Tennessee, hopefully we can possibly get every possession for the entire ballgame," he said.

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With the BCS, winning margin makes difference

Andrew Bagnato
Chicago Tribune

It turns out that winning isn’t everything. Winning big is everything.

At least that’s what Virginia Tech and Nebraska are thinking as they chase a Sugar Bowl date with Florida State. Because several of the eight computer rankings employed by the Bowl Championship Series take victory margins into consideration, the Hokies and Huskers have to make sure they win by the right score.

Forget about sportsmanship. Forget about ethics. Gentlemen, start your moderators.

“When it’s gotten to how much you can beat a team, we’re getting away from what college football should be about,” Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer said. “We talk about turning and respecting an opponent, then everybody is talking about how bad can you beat somebody.”

Beamer made that comment after whacking Temple 67-2 a week ago.

Temple coach Bobby Wallace had no complaint with the rough treatment. “They’ve got to worry about these computer formulas,” he said. “I do know that beating somebody bad is better than just barely getting by.”

Who says so? The computers say so.

In the final college football season of the 1990s, printouts have become more important than pitchouts.

Oh, the irony. Five years ago when Nebraska and Penn State battled for No. 1, many observers derided the human bias of the coaches and media polls after both named Nebraska No. 1. Computers were supposed to be the answer.

But now that they’ve been added to the mix, they’ve only become a question.

While it’s true that the coaches and media who voted in the old system were influenced by scoring margins, many were wise enough to discount routs over weaklings. The trouble with computers is that no one knows how much the scores count. Is it better to beat a good team by a point or to sock Temple 67-77? In Nebraska’s case, it was better not to play at all. The site Cornhuskers edged closer to the victorious Hokies in the BCS standings.

BCS boss Roy Kramer insisted that “scoring differential becomes so minimal that when you pass 17 to 19 points, it becomes infinitesimal. There was so much fuss made over Virginia Tech beating Syracuse 34-0. But it would have been the same if they won 21-0.”

Kramer conceded that there is a “slight bounce” for a large victory. “But that’s also true in the subjective polls,” he said. “I think all of you (voters) are influenced by scoring differentials. I think it’s difficult not to be. But in the final numbers, when the computer is finished grinding out the numbers, scoring differential is less of a factor than most people think it is.”

Only one problem: The people who think it matters are the coaches. And that’s why they’re rushing to pile on the points.

Kramer asks that we take this word on one. But it comes down to accountability. The computer programmers have none. For personal or business reasons, many won’t divulge the secret sauce, not even to Kramer and the BCS honchos.

Without accountability there can be no credibility. This is why the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll is widely considered a joke. Votes are secret, sometimes even to the voters themselves.

I’ve voted in the AP media poll for the last six seasons. The AP relieves the voters at the beginning and end of the season, and it will release each pollster’s ballot in the event of a close race for No. 1. Many of the voters, including me, regularly publish their ballots.

In 1994, when I voted Nebraska No. 1 ahead of fellow unbeaten Penn State, I explained in print. Nittany Lions fans respond, some of them in English. Three years later, when I voted Nebraska No. 2 behind fellow unbeaten Michigan, the crayon-scrawled letters came from Lincoln.

This isn’t to say that the AP poll should be the sole determining factor, it is as for so many years. The more input, the better. No one wants the national title to be decided by a sportswriter in a crumb-covered plaid sportcoat. (Myself, I prefer coffee-stained printouts.) But it is preferable to have it decided by a geek who has spent his life hitting the “page down” key.

I’m not saying Kenneth Massey is a geek. But before this fall, when the BCS picked up his rating system, Massey was an obscure graduate student in math at Virginia Tech. The moment he referred to the Hokies as “we” in an interview, he lost any shred of credibility. I’m guessing Massey’s screen saver is a Gobbler — just like his rating system.

The idea that computers are somehow more reliable than people is ludicrous: Every try logging on to America Online?

When BCS officials added five computers to the three employed a year ago, they said that any single rating system could have “undue influence.”

Unfortunately, the computers still have “undue influence.” Just take a look at the scoreboard.
Virginia Tech runs the table to 11-0

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KNIGHT-BOBBER NEWSPAPERS

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Sugar cubes raining from the golden sky, one at a time at first, then in merry handfuls. Soon the student body was tearing down the goalposts, and the fans were preparing for Florida State with the Tomahawk Chop, and the players were wearing strands of plastic beads just like the kind they wear on Bourbon Street.

Powered by sensational redshirt freshman Michael Vick, No. 2 Virginia Tech whipped Boston College on Friday, 38-14, to cap the school’s first unblemished regular season since 1918. That should be the end of the high drama. But this is the computer-chip age of college football, and the mighty Kramerkomputer has not hacked and coughed for the final time.

Much of the Lane Stadium crowd of 53,130 hung around to bear the slightly disappointing news that No. 3 Nebraska had edged Colorado in overtime, keeping Florida State’s opponent in the Nokia Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4 in a sorry little bit of doubt.

But the 11-0 Hokies and their fans already know where, and whom, they should be playing next. Virginia Tech thought it not only whipped BC on Friday, but the BCS, too.

“How many of you am I gonna see in New Orleans?” Tech coach Frank Beamer, on a stepladder at midfield, said after the game to a thundering crowd.

The Hokies clutched to a skin-of-the-teeth 0.63-point lead over Nebraska on Monday in the December 1, 1999, BCS computer, but the Hokies think they will have enough of a lead on the Compuhackers next week that the Big 12 championship game on Saturday won’t make much of a difference.

“We’re going to New Orleans — I don’t care what anybody else says,” defensive end Cory Moore said between puffs of a victory cigar. “It would be an absolute tragedy if we wouldn’t go.”

Not only did Virginia Tech match Florida State by winning all 11 regular-season games, but the Hokies navigated the four ranked teams they played by an aggregate score of 154-31. Friday’s victory was a demolition.

Boston College (8-3) entered the game ranked No. 22, and the game was played in drizzle and on slippery turf, but the Hokies thrashed the Eagles, rolling to a 24-0 halftime lead, then punching in a big touchdown after BC scored on a 97-yard touchdown pass.

Actually, Vick flopped it in, lofting a 30-yard rainbow that settled on Cullen Hawkins’ fingertips like a downdrop. Vick was magnificent Friday, completing 11 of 13 passes for 290 yards and three touchdowns and running for 76 yards and Tech’s last score. His two incompletions, by the way, were passes that his receivers dropped.

Vick’s first two touchdown passes were majestic, parabolic rainbows to Andre Davis. The first was a 69-yard play in which the left-handed Vick threw the ball 63 yards in the air.

The second was set up by his amazing scrambling ability. Vick rolled to his left, and the BC defense closed on him fast. One of the players closing on him, unfortunately for BC, was free safety DeCharlton Davis. Davis was wide open on the 59-yard score.

“I like throwing long balls,” Vick said. “I like running the ball, too. I just do whatever I have to do.”

Tech’s defense crumbsled Boston College quarterback Tim Hasselbeck into little bits, sacked him six times and allowing only 41 passing yards outside the touchdown pass. With 3:27 left, following a 3-yard touchdown run by Vick on a bootleg, Tech led, 38-7, and sugar cubes and sugar packets were being thrown on the muddy field.

“We showed to the nation what type of team we are, and now we’ll rise through the computers — I guess,” senior defensive tackle Nathaniel Williams said.

Beamer just seemed to be happy that the regular season was over. Virginia Tech had been part of this BCS drama since the first ratings came out in October.

“I never thought we got caught up in all the things going on,” Beamer said. “I just liked that the kids kept playing.”

And when the game was over, they wanted to hang around to hear the score from the Nebraska game. It was a weird scene: players and fans staring at the updates flashed on the big scoreboard. First it was announced that Colorado had won, and the crowd roared, but no one really seemed to mind too much after they heard Nebraska came back.

Everyone there heard Virginia Tech had already taken care of business.

“When the time comes, I’m going to start studying for Florida State,” Andre Davis said pleasantly, “because I feel like we’re going to be playing them.”

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Emotions run high in 20-16 Texas A&M win

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COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Major Applewhite was an arm movement away from writing one final tragedy for Texas A&M.

He was about to become Shakespeare in pads and script a somber ending to a horrible eight-day stretch in College Station.

The Texas quarterback had spotted offensive possession ended as a result of an Aggie turnover.

Gamble said.

Two of A&M's second-half drives started on the Texas side of the field, both resulting in touchdowns. Ja'Mar Toombs picked up nine of his 126 rushing yards on a TD scamper off right tackle that cut the Texas lead to 16-13 in the third.

Then with 5:02 remaining in the fourth, A&M quarterback Randy McCown hit Matt Bumgarnder on a fade route in the end zone to give the Aggies their eventual 20-16 margin of victory.

"I didn't do my job to win," said corner Ahmad Brooks, who was covering Bumgarnder on the play.

"I got beat today," he added. "Anytime you get beat in anything, that's totally separate from the game you were trying to win." The Aggies knew the feeling. They had been checking their manhood ever since the morning of Nov. 18, when members of the A&M football team joined the Aggie faithful.

"It's a defensive standpoint, the Horns' final offensive possession ended as a result of an Aggie interception return by safety Lee Jackson on a blistered A&M extra point attempt, the Horns could never put the Aggies away for good.

Texas only crossed midfield once in the second half — on the final drive — and allowed an Aggie offense that had managed just 105 total yards in the first half to hang around and begin to win a crucial field position battle.
Sports injuries affect athletes' motivation

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MINNEAPOLIS — After months of physical therapy and with many more to come, student-athletes can lose the motivation to push on with their healing process, said Diane Wiese-Bjornstal, a University of Minnesota associate professor of kinesiology.

The emotional toll student-athletes suffer when incurring one of the most common types of knee injuries can be enough to hinder physical rehabilitation, she said.

The number of injuries involving damage to the anterior cruciate ligament, one of the knee's main structures, rises every year among young athletes, she said. This ligament allows the knee to twist and turn, motions essential in sports such as football, basketball and soccer, said Susan Schwenz, who is currently researching the subject for her dissertation.

Although these injuries are common, there generally are no counseling programs to support the athletes before and after surgery.

"My long-range interest and goal would be to set up an interdisciplinary graduate program that would better prepare students to counsel student-athletes," said Wiese-Bjornstal, who has supervised studies on the link between physical and psychological effects of such injuries since 1994, focusing on student-athletes' mood swings that follow knee surgery.

Wiese-Bjornstal said some student-athletes fear that sitting out games or entire athletic seasons to allow their knees to heal might threaten their University scholarships.

"(Disregarding injuries) is the normative culture of sport: You will play hurt, you will play injured," Wiese-Bjornstal said. "There is no question in my mind that there is pressure, even at the younger level."

The medical director for men's and women's athletics said University athletes aren't allowed to play with an ACL injury, with some exceptions made if you are a pure runner or swimmer," said Dr. Elizabeth Arendt, an associate professor of orthopedic surgery. "Playing through injuries is not what we advocate."

In an essay to educate patients with ACL injuries, Dr. Robert LaPrade said about 70 percent of people with serious ACL deficiencies will develop significant arthritis 10 years after their injuries.

Student-athletes typically wear a knee immobilizer in earlier stages of ACL knee reconstruction, LaPrade said. Recovering athletes can begin basic strengthening such as jogging or running three months into the process and return to sports five to seven months after the surgery, Arendt said.

Mike Morrey and Eric LaMott, two former graduate students, completed their doctoral dissertations on the subject in 1994 and 1997.

Recovering from ACL reconstruction surgery involves extensive physical therapy and keeps competitive athletes away from courts and fields often longer than they like, according to the research.

But student-athletes have to deal with more and more pressure, causing an undeniable psychological impact, Wiese-Bjornstal said.

Recovering student-athletes become frustrated, bored and have trouble maintaining physical intensity to which they are accustomed, according to the research.

As a consequence, young athletes bound back onto the field or court and use their knees before they have fully recovered, Wiese-Bjornstal said.

Some high-school and college athletes undergo multiple ACL surgeries by the time they graduate, she said.

"We should be very concerned about this," Wiese-Bjornstal said. "Particularly with young students."
Volleyball finishes season with victory

The University of Central Florida volleyball team (19-12) finished its season with a 15-6, 15-10, 15-9 sweep of Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champions Florida A&M University (23-8) Friday afternoon at the UCF Atrium. UCF's seniors stepped up to lead the Golden Knights in their last match of their collegiate careers. Outside hitter Stephanie Noiseux (Winter Springs/Oviedo HS) led UCF offensively with seven kills followed by right-side hitter Lisa Riemann (Chuluota/Oviedo HS) who hit a team leading .556 with six kills. Outside hitter/defensive specialist Brandi McCollom (Palm Harbor/East Lake HS) topped all Golden Knights with six digs. Sophomore middle blocker Piper Morgan (Loveland, Ohio/Milford HS) and freshman setter Becca Saldana (White Lake, Mich./Walled Lake HS) each had six blocks for UCF who finished with 14 to FAMU's four. Saldana finished her freshman campaign with 27 assists and also had five digs in the match. Sophomore defensive specialist Samantha Andisco (-Ft.Myers/Ft. Myers HS) served four aces for the Golden Knights.
Knights drop three in holiday tournament

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

UCF's men's basketball team lost three games this past weekend by a combined 11 points, falling to Clemson, Old Dominion, and South Carolina State at the SoCon Holiday Hoops tournament in Greenville, S.C.

The Golden Knights continue to play without senior forward Mario Lovett, who has missed their first five games after having scar tissue removed from his left foot early in the preseason and is still slow to recover.

He's sorely missed. UCF has had trouble establishing a presence in the post, having to rely solely on a perimeter attack.

On Sunday, playing in the seventh place game, UCF jumped out to a 14-point halftime lead after shooting 56.5 percent. The Golden Knights let a 44-30 lead at the intermission slip away, as they were out-rebounded 52-31 in a disheartening 71-70 loss.

The rebounding discrepancy is yet another reason Lovett's absence is killing the Knights, not to mention he's the team's top post defender.

SCS was especially dominant with 28 offensive rebounds. UCF only had four and was hurt with 21 turnovers while SCS only had just eight.

The Golden Knights fell to 0-5 on the season and return home to face South Florida on Dec. 3.

The tournament did have it's brightspots for UCF despite the three losses. The perimeter shooting came around after a pair of lackluster performances. Senior D'Quarius Stewart and sophomore Jason Thornton combined to hit 10-of-10 3-pointers against the Bulldogs, while freshman Al Miller got the majority of minutes at the point for a banged up Cory Perry, gaining valuable experience that will help down the road.

Senior Roy Leath has made significant strides from last season and has emerged as the team's top rebounder, while sophomore Paul Reed played solidly throughout.

UCF dropped the opening game of the tournament, 54-48, to Clemson, who eventually lost in the final against Oregon State. The Golden Knights shot a pathetic 30 percent in the game, but played great defense against their ACC opponent.

The team's pressure kept them in the game for the entire 40 minutes, with Thornton leading the way with 16 points and Stewart adding 13. Point guard Will Solomon paced the Tigers.

In its second game, UCF fell to Old Dominion, squandering countless chances to tie and take the lead down the stretch, ending up on the short end of a 61-57 decision. Thornton hit all five of his attempts in the game to finish with 12, while Stewart paced the Golden Knights with 14. The Knights were hurt by 1-of-6 shooting from the free throw line.

The Knights improved over the course of the three days, and should be a better team because of it. One thing is certain-UCF misses Lovett.

Coach Kirk Speraw has had a rough start to the season without senior forward Mario Lovett, as UCF has lost its first five games.
Knights fall short in comeback bid

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UCF trimmed the Gators second half lead to 51-34 with 13:55 to play, but that would be the closest the Knights would come in an upset. UF outscored UCF 54-35 in a hot shooting second half in which the Gators hit on 58.1 percent of their shots.

Florida, which upped its mark to 20-0 all time against the Knights, was led by Tiffany Travis’ 24 points on 11 for 22 shooting. Only two Gator starters failed to score in double digits as every UF player saw action in the win. On the Golden Knights’ side, LaToya Graham led the team with 19 points and six rebounds while teammate LaDonna Lary added 10 points and five rebounds.

UF shot 40.9 percent from the floor to UCF’s 37.5, but it was Florida’s 47-31 edge on the glass, including a 22-9 edge on the offensive boards, that helped the Gators roll past UCF.

Streigler said she was disappointed with UCF’s effort in the last three minutes with the game in hand for UF. The Gators scored 11 points in that time frame, including three three-point shots.

“One half was very happy with the way we played, we were only down about 15 with 15 minutes to play in the second half,” Streigler said. “The problem with that is, you can’t have those stretches of being brain dead in a game against this kind of team. You have to play 40 minutes of basketball. We’d start off slow and they jumped on us, then we’d fight back and then we’d break for five minutes and then they’d score on us. "Then we’d come back and play well for a couple minutes. When you’re playing a top caliber team like they are, you can’t have the lapses. You have to execute all the time. We played good for two or three minutes, then we’d play bad for five or 10 minutes and they’d gain points on us."

The Knights will look to heal up an injured lineup before facing their next game, a 6 p.m. game against Bethune-Cookman on Dec. 3. UCF is already without the services of two of its freshmen guards, Ashlee Ballance and Marvelous Washington, both of whom could miss the season with injury. The Knights’ wounded list also includes junior Camille Howard, who suffered a concussion against the Gators.

Howard, the lone center on UCF’s roster, played only minimal minutes against Florida. She suffered the injury in the first half while trying to block a fast break layup by UF’s Brandi McCain. McCain made the shot but Howard fell back while trying to block the shot, hitting her head on the padding of the basketball goal.

Howard, who scored five points, missed the remainder of the first half but played nine minutes in the game, including spot duty in the second half.

Leslie Deaton and LaToya Graham go through defensive drills in a UCF practice.
USF's Kohn returns home for contest

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the coach at Lake Howell, while his brother Josh fin­ished his career at UNC­Asheville as one of the school's all-time leading scor­ers.

Last season, the Golden Knights hung with the Bulls, trailing just 51-48 with over eight minutes remaining in a game played at Tropicana Field, site of the 1999 Final Four. UCF ended up drop­ping the game, 69-55, as leading scorer Brad Traina was able to play just 20 minutes after going down early in the second half with a sprained ankle.

Waldon was spectacular in the USF win, finishing with 21 points and 14 rebounds, while Smith added 15 points, six rebounds, and six assists. D'Quarius Stewart led the Golden Knight effort with 17 points, while Jason Thornton provided a lift in Traina's absence, adding 13. Ironically, through five games, that duo is UCF's leading point producers.

"This is a big game," Stewart said. "It's kind of our last chance to knock off a big­time team at home so I'm really looking forward to it. They've achieved a level of publicity, so it would really be big for us to be able to knock them off."

The Golden Knights and Bulls tip off at 8:30 at the UCF Arena.

Crew wraps up fall with successful showing

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ORLANDO - The University of Central Florida Novice crew finished its fall season with four wins at the Florida Inter­collegiate Rowing Association Freshman/Novice Race in Fellsmere last Saturday (Nov. 20).

UCF's 8+ "A" boat made up of Kim Hans, Emilee Trower, Lisa Pickley, Sam Avery, Anne Cooper, Jennifer Anderson, Jessica Spinelli, Amber Bland and coxswain Jessica Spinelli, Anderson, Cooper, Bland and coxswain Marli finished in 14:50, 40 seconds ahead of Miami while the "B" crew of La Whiteley, Katya Sauer, Anna Barrett, Kristine Wilson and Elizabeth Hensley beat Florida by 1:15.

The Lightweight 8+ finished third, just eight seconds behind race winner Rollins and seven seconds behind second place Stetson.

"It was good for our kids," Striegler said. "They were physical for us and that's common.

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GET TO THE GOOD PART.
Bulls visit
UCF in key
matchup

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

When the Golden Knights welcome South Florida this Friday evening, both teams may be in search of their first victory, a surprise considering the expectations surrounding both programs entering the season.

The Bulls lost their opener at George Washington, blowing a seven point halftime advantage. They played their second game at Top 20-dweller Tennessee on Monday evening in a game not completed prior to press time.

UCF (0-2), comes off a trio of losses at the SoCon Holiday Hoops tournament, falling to Clemson, Old Dominion, and South Carolina State by a combined 11 points. Senior forward Mario Lovett, yet to play this season after having scar tissue removed from his left foot, is expected to see action in this game either.

South Florida's program has been turned around by Coach Seth Greenberg, who came over from Long Beach State and immediately turned the Tampa-based school into a recruiting hotbed, luring in some of the nation's finest. This year's squad has been picked to finish first in the National Division of Conference USA and is expected to make its first NCAA appearance since Radenko Dobras led them to the Big Dance in the early 90's.

B.B. Waldon, a 6-8 sophomore forward, leads the team, having averaged 16 points and eight rebounds as one of the nation's most productive freshmen last year. Scott Johnson, a 6-10 center, returns after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in the second game of the '98-'99 season.

Rounding out the South Florida frontcourt are junior forwards Artha Reeves, Chosey Asbury, and Cedric Smith, multi-talented athletes who are interchangeable.

Smith, who also sees time in the backcourt, will back up sophomore Altron Jackson, who led the Bulls in scoring in their opener. Jackson came in with Waldon in last year's recruiting class, dubbed one of the best in the country.

This year's recruiting class brought South Florida someone very familiar with Orlando, Casselberry Lake Howell product Reggie Kohn. Kohn has emerged as USF's starting point guard, beating out sophomore Haven Jackson, and junior college transfer Marlon Dawson.

Kohn led Central Florida in assists last season and has exceptional range on his shot. He's got great bloodlines too—father Steve is University of Florida's physical play too much for Knights

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

For nine minutes and 30 seconds, the UCF women's basketball team looked poised enough to hang with the Florida Gators. But for the rest of the day in Sunday's 93-56 loss, the Knights looked far too matched, undermanned and still learning on the job team they are.

"This is the first one I haven't had to worry about," Knights' coach Gail Striegler said. "When it went down to about 20, I was still worrying about it, but it wasn't a last second game like my first three ones were. Of course I'd rather have it be a last second game."

The Knights (0-2) stayed with the Gators in the first half as UF held a 18-9 lead with 10:30 to play. The Knights had the lead down to as little as seven points in the first half, but a 21-12 run by UF helped Florida grab a 39-21 halftime lead.

Despite the lack of first half scoring, the Knights played physically with the Gators, tying up loose balls and boxing out well in the early stages of the first half. As the half wore on, the Gators began gaining an edge on the boards, building a 28-14 rebound edge in the first half. The Gators defense forced UCF into 26 turnovers for the game and scoring easy points in the transition game.

UCF coach Gail Striegler, who is recruiting in her first season, said the Gators' physical play should help the Knights later in the year.

"It was good for our kids," Striegler said. "They were physical for us and that's common for the SEC. The SEC is more physical. If we want to beat these kinds of teams, we have to get used to being physical and that's how the SEC calls its games."

"The refs in our conference don't call as physical of a game. There were some calls that should have been made, but they were calling a physical game and we have to get used to that when you play these kind of teams."

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