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UCF says computers are Y2K compliant

SHELLEY WILSON
STAFF WRITER

You've heard the Y2K horror stories by now. Computers will misread the year 2000 as 1900 and malfunction on Jan. 1. Just how prepared is UCF for the turn of the century?

Over the past two years, UCF spent between $3-4 million getting ready for the bug. The school has established impact teams, executive committees and appointed college coordinators to fix all equipment that could be affected by the millennium bug. Approximately 6,500 - 7,000 business critical personal computers on campus have been updated, repaired or replaced. UCF says that the system is now an "all go."

"We're 100 percent ready," said William Branch, director for computer services and telecommunications. "It's been really encouraging. We've had a mass support in helping to get the problem solved."

Some of the equipment will be shut down before the stroke of midnight on Dec. 31, only to reboot on New Year's Day to see if it operates functionally.

"The ultimate test will be to install a new date and see what happens," Branch said.

Branch believes that the whole Y2K phenomenon has been carried out too far, but also said people should be taking precautions.

"In some way the media has established some paranoia about it, but to a certain point people should get prepared by having extra food, water and gas. But on the other hand, people shouldn't get too paranoid, when it indeed nothing may happen," Branch said.

Nothing happening is exactly what the UCF Physical Plant is planning on. According to its website, the green light is on for all systems that the Physical Plant is responsible for including electricity, heating, air-conditioning, ventilation, postal services and lawn sprinkler systems.

UCF was not alone when shellng out money. IBM has spent $575 million on its program. U.S. government agencies and organizations will spend more than $100 billion to replace software.

Preparing for Y2K

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-controlled equipment in your home that may be affected. This includes appliances, thermostats, alarms, and other electronic equipment.

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

ADAM SHIVER
STAFF WRITER

The exchange of gifts for Christmas seems to be the focus of the whole holiday nowadays. For a college student this usually means spending more money that he or she does not have.

Christmas does not have to be overly expensive. There are many different ways to avoid racking up that high interest credit card bill.

One way of spending considerably less money for the holiday season is by simply sending everyone Christmas cards. A card with a personalized message explaining how you're a student and don't have the money to buy real gifts is a nice touch. Most people will understand the situation. After all, many of them were once in your same situation.

"Anything from the heart is good," freshman Leon Terry said. Another way to save a little money is to shop in places like the dollar store or thrift shops. There are many things you can get at the dollar store that are the exact same items you would buy at a store like Wal-Mart. The dollar store is an especially good place to shop for small children. Buying a toy for a small child can be an expensive undertaking and is often a waste of money considering children usually lose interest in a few days or tear it apart to discover how it works.

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Thrift 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 thrift 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 ensure it works properly before you leave the store. Most thrift stores have a no
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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 Wagoner, 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 Motion 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 LAAVAROVITZ  STAFF WRITER

Last week nursing students from the City University of London made their third annual trip to Dayton, 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 our training might differ from ours, and to be exposed to different things," Event Coordinator Joyce Deloughry said.

The event was hosted by Halifax Medical Center where the students had the opportunity to view the Center's Emergency Room and tour the Royal Hospital of St. Bartholomew to learn more about British health care.

"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 Dayton 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.
10 percent of PCs on campus were replaced

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billion total fixing Y2K problems, with 94 percent of it already spent. That comes to $365 a person to fix a "computer glitch." In comparison, the most expensive natural disaster of all time, Hurricane Andrew, only cost $16 million.

"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 operating 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 test: hardware compliance, software compliance and personal data files. One to three hours were typical-

ly given to run a test on those computers, which Schramm said, should be all set.

"I'm very confident about the New Year. There'll be one or two of them that someone missed, but overall I think the computers are ready," Schramm said.

The colleges seem to be ready as well for the roll over. The College of Business, which claims that it was the first to run the tests on the computers, manually tested representative units for every model the college had. Out of the 22 models and over 500 computers there, 95 percent came back as compliant.

However, there are still concerns.

"The issue is we don't know everything," said Bruce Humphrey, director for the technology resource center for the college of business. The College of Education performed its Y2K sweep in September. Out of the 150 computers tested there, 90 percent were complaint. The remaining 10 percent will either be replaced or repaired.

"Any computer glitch." Branch said.

"The Huntington Bank on campus also says it is Y2K ready. While attempts to contact the Smart Card programmers, Cybermark, were unsuccessful, Huntington states in its Y2K handout that every Huntington system is tested and adjusted for the Year 2000 date change.

"I'm very concerned. The transformer in my neighborhood always blows out. I'm thinking it's cards and car heaters come Dec. 31," Daisy Lozada said.

"People are overreacting. Nothing's going to happen," Freshman Derek Bacchus said.

"I don't think anything big is going to happen. It was probably all planned by the government. I was going to fly back home over the New Year's, but still something in the back of my mind was saying 'I better not.'"

The mystery of Y2K has even the computer experienced wondering what will happen at the stroke of midnight. "This is the first time in ten years anything's come up like this. I expect little problems that people hadn't thought of. Still what's the worst thing that could happen? You're sitting alone with no lights on and eating a cold can of ravioli," said Doug O'Brien, programmer analyst for UCF.

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Athletes throughout country randomly tested for steroids

Sometimes these drugs give college students, just like most of the strong men that are seen on TV, the extra edge to work through the aches and pains and fatigue in their weight training.

"I know lots of UCF students who use steroids," said Jennifer Paterson, a 20-year-old UCF student. "Over half of the guys who work out to get pumped up that you know, are definitely using them."

"I have heard that steroids are relatively easy to obtain on campus, but they're not the norm," Dunn said.

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

"When I speak to kids I tell them, 'I hope you don't use steroids, but if I'd be lying if I told you you didn't,'" said Bill Karrama, winner of the World's Strongest Man competition.

"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.

"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 Newberry, a 19-year-old pledge at the Sigma Chi house.

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

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

The strongest steroids have the most danger. Some steroids can cause heart palpitations, blood clots and strokes. Others can cause liver failure, kidney damage, or even death.

"Sure, steroids are defiantly around the Greek community," said Adam Maggio, president of Sigma Chi. "But I'd say that it's about 15 percent. But my chapter has to be at least 99 percent steroid-free. In four years, I've never heard of a Sigma Chi to be on steroids."

"Any rumors about my fraternity brothers using steroids are just not true," said Brad Miles of 19-year-old Sigma Alpha Epsilon brother. "I know a lot of frat guys work out, obviously some of them are going to be using steroids. But I've never heard of it in my house."

"I have heard of steroid use at UCF, but not in my chapter. Most people use natural products that are sold in stores," said Mike Shutley, president of Lambda Chi.

Some believe that there is not even a significant amount of steroid use at UCF.

"Sure, there are stereotypes of some people in a certain organization using roids," said Maggio. "Everyone has heard rumors, but they've been dying down lately. But I'm sure that it's going on somewhere."

"I'm sure that steroids do exist at UCF, but it has not been a problem in the past nine years for a chapter. It is not a major concern," said Gregory Mason, Director of Greek Affairs.

"I think today people are far more educated and there are so many legal products out today that steroids are far and few between at UCF. We are not concerned with students using other drugs that are illegal or with students using prescription drugs without a prescription," said Mason. "For them, working out is not a hobby, it is a way of life.

"Any guy who uses steroids is really unattractive. It's a real turn-off," said Dana Boufani, a nursing major from West Palm Beach. "I don't think that people should use steroids to enhance their performance at the gym. They should achieve the results that they want naturally," said Jennifer Nassidt, a health services administration major. "If anything, steroids should be big, hey, that's life," said Dexter Bricken, a criminal justice major and member of the CFCI. "People just build themselves naturally, the use of steroids is a 'cop-out'."
Former GAP sweatshop worker shares experience, speaks against company

Laine ToweY
THE TARPA

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH

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On Tuesday, Carmenita (Chie) 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 Marianas Islands, a United States Commonwealth. The factory where she worked was part of the Sako Corporation, which is 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 GAP, recruiters were in charge of procurement. Abad’s call to action against GAP, Recruiters were in charge of the recruitment, and they accomplished it is, the women in 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 that go on in a sweatshop — it put a face to statistics," he said.

GAP recruiters up to seven thousand dollars for a work permit commonly known as a work permit, which is referred to as a "contract." "Bombard GAP customer service, and tell them to treat their workers with dignity," said Abad.

Most people in this country don’t even know that Saipan exists," said Bhumika 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.

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Bus driver for U. Florida students in serious condition after stabbing

Matthew Boedy
Independent Florida Alligator

(G-U-WIRE) Gainesville, Fla. — About 100 University of Florida students were temporarily stranded on the Florida Turnpike on Sunday 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 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 care packages and clean laundry to Gainesville.

Perez stabbed Posada several times, including once in the chest, said FHP spokesman Lt. Pembroke Burton.

Barry Staley, a supervisor at the Citgo station in the service plaza, said Posada was flown by helicopter to Delray Medical Center.

"He didn’t look too good when he left," Staley said.

At 9 p.m, Posada was in surgery with a stab wound to the chest and ear, according to hospital officials. Burrows said the fight and stabbing occurred because of the rivalry between the two companies.

"We think this was an ongoing 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 West Palm Beach. GMG’s rides cost $40 for a round trip while Miami Bus Service charges $35.

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 Sinu 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.

Three 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 spliced 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 Brandtley, Austin-area director for OSHA.

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

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

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

Ashley Pacilic, 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," Pacilic 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 a heavy favorite for the Sunshine State, fighting the toughest competition from Sen. John McCain's 16 percent.

Forbes who can write his own check. "It's troublesome for Bush to hear that, 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 36-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.

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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. If you’re not handy with the hands, but still looking for a relatively inexpensive create-your-own gift, you might try something like making your own flavored liqueurs and schofilps. Doing so is as cheap as buying a cheap $6 bottle of vodka, some fruit and a book on making your own liqueurs.

“If I’ve made everything from picture frames, to sports gifts baskets and lots of other homemade things for Christmas,” freshman Sara VonMutius said. If you’re not the handy type you might just stick to the dollar store.

Either way you are sure to find an inexpensive way to give gifts on your college-student bud- get.
Thousands protest School of the Americas

Matt Boyd and Justin Paprocki

The Diamondback

(E-WIRE) FORT BENNING, Ga. — It was the first time that all day 12,000 protesters were completely silent.

Quietly, 5,258 of them "crossed the line," risking arrest by trespassing onto Fort Benning grounds, protesting the United States of America's School of the Americas located within the base. The school is a training center for Latin American troops.

Each marcher, some of them students from campus, held a small white cross with the name, age, and country of somebody who they claimed was killed by the military in Latin America. As each line passed by a protest organizer, most of the protesters here until this school is closed down," the protesters.

"You're old."

"Presente."

"Fathe."

"Eliazar Paguaga."

"We'll present."

"Christian Romero" was a graduate of the school.

Crossing the line

"Where's the Army?" she said out of the more than 600 people killed, assassinated, and disappeared by officers who were trained at this school," said Bell, "I think it's time that Americans know what the real purpose of this school is."

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

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

"We're going to cross the line this year," he said of the Latin American officers.

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**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 these they were asking $20.

I thought for a moment that this was just a chance encounter, but as I continued to discover I uncovered 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 “Millen-O’s,” a Cheeries spin-off for the millennium.

David Lettermann 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 what you, but you will not catch me donning a Y2K hat or a millennium T-shirt. Not in this millennium at least.

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**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 present.

Translated to English, the leaps and bounds UCF has made since its creation in 1963 as FTU, and more accurately, since it became UCF in 1979, have amazed me.

From sports, to degree programs, to nationwide cinematic wonders; UCF continues in climb over new hurdles.

All of this can be laid back and smile. See, a professor once said to more than 200 students (and myself), “The best thing to happen to your degree was Daunte Culpepper.” I believed him then, and with each new year, I understand his larger scale point. Some universities are well known for Ivy league grades, others for their beauty, and others still for unique traditions. Most however, reach national merit through the public eye, rather than a small percentage of people’s scrutiny.

This translates to the general public, and most evidently through sports. You win a national title, you upset a big team and go to the final four as a Cinderella story, or you attend a bowl in your early 1-A division years, you are suddenly a big name and the buzz of ESPN.

This also relates to entertainment such as ground breaking methods of making a hit movie. Yes, I’m talking about “The Blair Witch Project.”

With every Target commercial abusing the fame of “Blair Witch” and every reference to it every time I tune into my favorite television programs, I laugh. My friends think I’m crazy, I think I’m lucky. I spend my time on vacation through the Thanksgiving holiday saying, “No, it’s not true. Did you know that it was created by UCF Students?”

And level in the smile on High School student’s faces as they consider, for some the first time, going to UCF over UF, FSU or UM.

And our stock grows larger. The Computer Science department makes technological advancements yearly, and has its hands in one of the world’s largest super powers next to Bill Gates. Disney UCF Students are practically running that place. Sure, I’m exaggerating a little, but think of the possibilities of...new erman. Needless to say, students from other states and universities transfer to UCF to be part of these nationally known programs.

And my degree becomes more important.

I’m a philosophy major. Yes, that’s right, a philosophy major. We exist, and we take REAL classes. We graduate with real degrees, and are not all anti-thrusters, incessant role-players, coffee drinkers or poetry bounds. And even though my major has nothing to do with Computer Science (now that the department has moved out of Arts & Sciences), will never contribute heavily to film making, or the geek ride designer for Disney, my degree is worth more.

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 were a philosophy major. UCF is in its beginnings, growing in tradition and stature, to be a part of growth, not a thorn in its heel.
Q: What do you want for Christmas?

“I want a faster computer.”
—Stephanie Shimoon, 21, senior, physical therapy

“I want a new computer and a DVD player.”
—Ben Pierson, 22, junior, sociology

“I want a new car and straight A’s.”
—Katie Pierson, 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/legislative studies

“A new guitar, a new baby and some socks.”
—Charlie Delanuez, 35, senior, elementary education
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 fabric that's coat and Chetoo 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 animat­ed to resemble them.

It's like watching Frasier, Clint the mailman, and Vizzini from "The Princess Bride" interact with Ernest and "Tool Time'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 soundtrack 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 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."

Above, Buzz Lightyear, Woody, Bopeep, Mr. Potato Head, Rex and Slinky Dog are back together in another "Toy Story" adventure.
The verdant hills of an Ireland who cannot abide the British and a Britain whose gray 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 troubled 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's Hilditch (Bob Hoskins) and Felicia (Elaine Cassidy), outsiders in their locations no matter how at home they think they are. Felicia travels to Britain, motivated by her need to find the father of her unborn child from himself. But in Felicia he perhaps finds a match.

When Hilditch is not a monster, he seems as innocent as his new young friend, a roly-poly man who, although lonely, is at least happy. But in the wellspring of emotional pain that flows behind his eyes, the truth resides, and eventually overtakes him. And Felicia? Felicia discovers the nature of life and learns to stop the lies that her duty as the unsophisticated title character with the charm and grace of a far more experienced actress. Her Felicia is utterly believable - never for a second do we think that Felicia has any idea just how horribly she's been lied to by Johnny.

Hoskins, for his part, is the ultimate good/bad guy, a man whom we pray can be redeemed even when we know he cannot. His jolly façade drops when he is alone in his house of horrors, his sadness made real.

Felicia and Hilditch are haunted by their respective memories, by the pain of being lied to and left behind. The mystery of their pasts unravels in due time, as Egoyan once again turns to his beloved device of displacing events, of non-linear storytelling. In the hands of a less skilled filmmaker, such a tool would become tedious or even expected.

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.
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 by the Ohio Supreme Court. (Farmer’s application was helped by the strong support of his presiding judge and two other judges.)

— According to a November Boston Globe story, plastic surgeons in New York and Boston have taken to adding genuine gold flakes to some dishes, not merely as garnish but with the expectation that they be eaten. Restaurant owners recently offered “risotto of summer’s golden squashes with leaf of 24-carat gold.” Said the owner, “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 Geves told reporters she had developed a prototype “Techne Bra,” which houses in its lining a Global Positioning Satellite locator, heart-rate monitor and cell phone transmitter, to be activated if the wearer is attacked (which supposedly produces a heartbeat distinct from that produced by exercising or passion). Also in July, a battery-operated vacuum bra that removes air from its two domes so that breasts are sucked forward; 15 women testers grew by an average of 1.34 inches.

Tama-Re, an ancient Egyptian goddess of plastic surgery, has been listed in telephone directories; and, in rough estimates, thousands of people are feeling rich. She said, “It’s so thin and weightless that by the time you eat it, it’s gone.”

Latest Religious Messages

— Tensions grow daily in rural Eatonton, Ga. (60 miles southeast of Atlanta), between the Putnam County sheriff’s intent on enforcing agricultural zoning laws and the 48 African-American disciples of Chief Black Eagle Malachi York, who has built a religious retreat, American disciples of Chief Black Eagle Malachi York, who has built a religious retreat, American disciples of Chief Black Eagle Malachi York, who has built a religious retreat, American disciples of Chief Black Eagle Malachi York, who has built a religious retreat, American disciples of Chief Black Eagle Malachi York, who has built a religious retreat, American disciples of Chief Black Eagle Malachi York, who has built a religious retreat, American disciples of Chief Black Eagle Malachi York, who has built a religious retreat, American disciples of Chief Black Eagle Malachi York, who has built a religious retreat, American disciples of Chief Black Eagle Malachi York, who has built a religious retreat, American disciples of Chief Black Eagle Malachi York, who has built a religious retreat.

— According to an October report in the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, a national Christian English-blend language, Nuwabic, teaches that the owner, Warren Collins, 83, critically injured his wife and himself by plunging over an embankment in a car carrying them to avert suspicion, but with nightfall approaching, the driver actually created suspicion when he failed to turn on his headlamps.

— Problems of Postmodern Policework: Flamboyant cross-dresser Donald Ray Johnson 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 take a couple of minutes for him to fix his hair.

Active Seniors

Paul Faglin, 87, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for strangling his wife (age 83) out of jealousy (Rouen, France, in June). Brose Gearheart, 90, was sentenced to four years in prison for trafficking in crack cocaine (San Antonio, Texas, in July). James Free, 68, was arrested and charged with bank robbery (Pensacola, Fla., in August). Driver Warren Collins, 83, critically injured his wife and himself by plunging over an embankment in a car carrying them to avert suspicion, but with nightfall approaching, the driver actually created suspicion when he failed to turn on his headlamps.

Recurring Themes

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

Said the hospital’s director, “We had no other choice.”

(Readers of Weird News are Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 18737, Tampa, Fla. 33679, or Weird@compuserve.com)
Briefly

Final exam changes

Classes which meet Thursdays from 1-3:45 p.m. and those which meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-2:15 p.m. have revised Final Exam Day Schedules. Their Final Exams are Dec. 9 from 1-3:50 p.m.

For more information visit the Final Exam web site at http://www.ucf.edu/registrar/examschd.html.

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- UCF Daytona Beach Campus is 904-254-4460

10-digit dialling

Effective Dec. 1, all local calls in Central Florida, excluding Brevard County, will require 10 digits. All UCF telephone users must dial the area code and the seven-digit number for all local and long distance calls.


New SARC hours

The Student Academic Resource Center will be open 24 hours through Dec. 10. For additional information call 407-823-5130.

Events educate public on Islamic culture

PATTY CANEDO

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.

All 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.

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Put your mind to rest! COME BY NOW!
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 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.

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 still tell your boy how you feel and try to work something out.

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?

—Jealous girlfriend

Dear Nancy,

I know what you're thinking. You're probably wondering why he asked you out if he was so interested in other women. The answer is that he didn't ask you out because he didn't want to risk rejection. He probably thought that if he asked you out you would say no and he wouldn't get what he wants. He's very tired of being rejected.

But let's get back to the main issue. Do you think you should call the guy? I would say yes. You've known each other for a long time and you obviously get along well. The only thing you have to lose is your happiness. The fact that he didn't ask you out doesn't mean he doesn't like you. He just didn't want to take a chance. So what are you waiting for?

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Hawk back-flips on your screen

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 much 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 anytime soon.

For one, the player is able to combine any number of tricks that, in real life, are rarely found doing anything aside from leaving the living room. In fact, a lot of the tricks on this game are physically impossible. The player is able to combine any number of tricks that, in reality, gravity simply doesn’t permit.

In that sense, it’s about as unrealistic as you could imagine. However, in terms of the skaters, their ability and the places they skate, the game is on the mark.

Players can choose from real-life skateboarders like Jamie Thomas, Andrew Reynolds, Bob Burnquist, Chad Muska, Geoff Rowley, Elissa Steamer, Kareem Campbell, Ruck Flieberg, Bucky Lasek and, of course, 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 light the trick 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 Burnside 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 laps 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 locations and “Officer Dick,” a cop who skates. He comes with boards that have pictures of donuts on them, and when he skates, you can see his bun 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; breeze, 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 a more addictive than addictive. Of course, the only injury anyone should worry about are the callouses that will inevitably develop on the player’s fingers and thumbs.

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**Reservation Road** is the story of two families struck by tragedy.

**Burnham’s ‘Reservation Road’ brings out human nature**

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“Reservation Road,” by John Burnham Schwartz, is the story of two families struck by tragedy.

Josh Learner is a 10-year-old boy whose life is taken suddenly on a dark road near a service station.

Dwight Amo drives the car that never stops, racing away from his own demons as he tries to get his son home to his ex-wife.

Dwight’s son, Sam, is Josh’s age and a serious boy who takes in the world’s harsh realities. This activity consumes most of the characters’ time in the whole book.

Children and adults alike are faced with death and pain, and all must cope with the aftermath.

Chapters are told from the the characters’ perspectives, the narrative swirling in a seemingly downward spiral.

This downward spiral reveals emotions that humans wish never existed but make them more human.

The story peals back the layers of life to expose the raw core lived by the children. Two families torn apart.

The children reveal the best parts of the human spirit: hope and forgiveness. Adults learn from them.

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“Reservation Road,” by John Burnham Schwartz, is published by Vintage Books.
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 riding high ... but then it all came crashing down."

He wasn't that far off the mark; a good many rock 'n' roll bands' careers seem to follow a similar trajectory: the quick rise to fame and success, the descent into sex, drugs and alcohol and, finally, a more or less sober reunion sometime later. But if the stories are similar, it doesn't necessarily preclude their being entertaining. After all, great drama, from the Greek tragedies to Shakespeare and beyond, usually takes on 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-promised-for-the-last-30-years demeanor with which Petty is derided, and you've got a really nice guy, always nice.

Conversely, the show's most interesting episodes often have come from unlikely sources. One of the best to date documented the life and times of Vanilla Ice, whose brief stint in 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 he'd made - six months or so - a real deal for God's sake?, while others have covered more contemporary successes such as Alanis Morissette and Dr. Dre, an installment which marked the show's first foray into true hip-hop. Upcoming episodes include Chet 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 ride high off his release, you can put rapper Nas in that category as well. Nas, riding high off his "I Am..." album, which was released only six months ago, will attempt for the same feat with "Nastradamus." When Nasir Jones, better known as Nas, debuted in 1994 as the name on the soundtrack of Oliver Stone's film, "When We Die," critics and fans alike praised his first album "Illmatic" and claimed him as the second coming of legendary rapper Rakim.

With lines like "I never sleep 'cause sleep is the cousin of death," his poetic brilliance caught on, and helped make his first album a success. In 1996, Nas dropped a long awaited sophomore album entitled "It Was Written," which helped him gain a more commercial audience, especially after the classic duet with Lauryn Hill, "If I Ruled the World."

Hip-hop enthusiasts, however, felt as if he had slipped. This past April, Nas released his third album, which was yet another commercial hit, with a No. 1 rap song "You Can Hate Me Now" with Puff Daddy.

The album received rave reviews, but fans are still looking for Nas to return to his old form and do more personal songs. You won't find that in "Nastradamus," but elements of the old Nas are still there.

The album's first single, which shares the same name as the album, puts a twist on Slick Rick's "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, "Zebrahead."

Through his career he gave himself other nicknames such as Nas Escobar and Escob, 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. Toksou

Perry Farrell
Rev

After the amicable split of former groups Jane's Addiction and Porno For Pyros, frontman Perry Farrell is back with a "new" album exhibiting past hits. It's a nice play by Farrell to have his fans purchase this "new" album. But there are actually only two "new" tracks.

Of course "Rev" contains past Jane's Addiction hits like "Been Caught Stealing," "Jane Says" and "Stop," as well as Porno For Pyros smashes "Pets," "Tahitian Moon" and "Hard Charger."

We've all heard them before, yet many may look back and realize there is a reason why grunge is nonexistent. The two "new" songs, title track "Rev" and "Whole Lotta Love," actually boil down to one new song ("Whole Lotta Love") is a Led Zeppelin cover. "Rev" features Farrell screaming annoyance over a confused drum beat combined with a constant guitar riff borrowed from '80s powerhouse Skid Row.

Other than picking proper former hit songs, Farrell also succeeded on ruining the classic, "Whole Lotta Love." This new version has an illicit, hard-hitting techno beat that doesn't work.

Farrell tries, but fails, in imitating Robert Palmer with the groans and screams that made the '70s icon so famous.

Some things should be left untouched.

—Steven Geringer

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Michigan State accepts Citrus Bowl invite

MATT MYFTUI
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 games played."

The Spartans will face a tough SEC opponent, with the running down to 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 been the Big Ten losers. 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 A Hamp Campbell, senior wide receiver Gari Scott, senior place-kicker Paul Edinger, sophomore defensive tackle Josh Shaw and sophomore cornerback Cedric Henry — all Florida natives. It will also be the last game in uniform for all the Spartan seniors, including quarterback Bill Burke.

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South Florida blows 11-point lead against GW

DAVE MINCBERG

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 and scored 14 of the Colonials’ 29 points in the first half en route to a 86-76 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 (0-1) 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 Altron Jackson came off the bench to lead the Bulls in scoring with 25 points. Freshman point guard Reggie Kohn, starting in his first college game, added 14 points and four assists. B.B. Waldon, the team’s leading scorer a year ago, contributed 13 points in just 21 minutes.

The first half belonged to the Bulls. Down 18-9 midway through the first half, the Bulls let their press loose, forcing five turnovers in the last 2:5 minutes. The Colonials took advantage of the turnovers to capture their first lead of the game, 23-20, on a Waldon three-pointer with seven minutes remaining in the half.

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 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 whistled for his fifth foul on a questionable charging call two minutes later. The call elicited an unfavorable reaction from the Bulls’ bench and a technical foul was called on Greenberg.

“Definitely hurt us,” Kohn said.

“(Waldon) is obviously our go-to man, our big scorer and him being out hurt us in all ways. If he’s out, he’s out. We’ve got to play without him.”

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.

“What we’re doing is very solid, there’s 28 games left, it’s not like we’re ready to toss what we’re doing,” Greenberg said.

The Bulls look to rebound Monday at No. 18 Tennessee. Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m.

“We’ve got to win,” Jackson 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 win.”

USF wants to ride momentum against FAU

DAVE FORD

TAMPA, Fla. — Members of the South Florida women’s basketball team are hoping Monday’s win over Florida State will help the Bulls build momentum heading into Sunday’s game against Florida Atlantic.

“We’re confident, but we need to keep focused,” junior guard Shannon Layne said. “I don’t think we let down at all, our momentum should really carry over.

The Bulls have won the last two meetings against FAU and hold a 6-5 all-time advantage. The last time the teams met, Nov. 16, 1998, the Bulls won 83-72.

The Lady Owls were 5-21 overall last year and lost their top player Yonka Moses to graduation.

“We’ve got to be consistent in the rebounding category in order for it to be successful,” Greenberg said.

“We don’t have a lot of size, we don’t have a lot of strength at those positions. We’re going to have to continue working on it,” Greenberg said.

Turnovers are another concern for Winters, as the Bulls committed 20 against FSU.

Aside from their concerns about rebounding and turnovers, the Bulls are wary of a letdown against FAU after their emotional victory Monday night.

“They (players) know that anybody is capable of beating us if we’re not on our toes, if we’re not playing as hard as we can possibly go every possession for the entire ballgame,” she said.
With the BCS, winning margin makes difference

ANDREW BAGNATO
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — Sorry, Vince Lombardi.

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. Gendron, start your modems.

“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 talking and respecting an opponent, then everybody is talking about how bad can you beat somebody?”

Beamer made that comment after whacking Temple 62-7 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 1900s, printouts have become more important than pitchouts.

Oh, the irony. Five years ago when Nebraska and Penn State duked for No. 1, many observers derided the human bias of the coaches and media polls after 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 rots 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 62-7?

In Nebraska’s case, it was better not to play at all. The idle becomes so minimal that when Nebraska and Temple meet, it becomes infinitesimal. There was so much fuss made over the human polls, many won’t divulge the secret score, not even to Kramer and the BCS honchos.

Without accountability there can be no credibility. This is why the ESPNU/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 releases lists of 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, I voted Nebraska No. 1. I voted 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. 1, behind fellow unbeaten Michigan, the crayon-scrubbed letters came from Lincoln.

This isn’t to say that the AP poll should be the sole determining factor, as it was 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 letters.) But it is preferable to have it decided by a geek who has spent his life hitting the crumber-printouts.

Without accountability there can be no credibility. This is why the human polls, many won’t divulge the secret score, not even to Kramer and the BCS honchos.

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 Geobber — just like his rating system.

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

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

Unfortunately, the computers still have “undue influence.” Just take a look at the scoreboard.
BLACKSBURG, Va. — Sugar cubes rained from the sodden 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 waving 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, 24-0, 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 Krammercomputer 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 BCS 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.

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“I just do whatever I have to do,” Vick said. “I feel like we’re going to be playing next, Virginia Tech thought it not only whipped BC on Friday, but the BCS, too.

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Virginia Tech has been part of this 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 it 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 here thought 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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COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Major Applewhite was an arm movement away from writing one final tragedy for Texas A&M.

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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 while injured.

“I personally don’t let my athletes return to sports with an ACL injury, with perhaps 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 these studies.

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.”

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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 Arena.

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 rightside hitter Lisa Rieman (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.

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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 season 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 its bright spots 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 to an upset. UCF outscored UF 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 11-22 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 Larry 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 boards. Women’s hasketb

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Howard, the lone center on UCF’s roster, played only minimal minutes against Florida. She injured her ankle 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 and was unable 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 La Toya Graham go through defensive drills in a UCF practice.

Women’s basketball coach Gary Streigler remains in search of her first win as a collegiate head coach.

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USF’s Kohn returns home for contest

From PAGE 36

The coach at Lake Howell, while his brother Josh finished his career at UNC-Asheville 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 big-time 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 their 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 Puckey, Sam Avery, Anne Cooper, Jennifer Anderson, Jessica Spinelli, Amber Bland and coxswain Sheila Marti, finished second to Miami.

UCF’s 8+ ‘B’ boat finished second to Florida. The ‘A’ boat, including Spinelli, Anderson, Cooper, Bland and coxswain Marti, finished in 14:50, 40 seconds ahead of Miami while the ‘B’ crew of Ja Whiteley, Katy Saner, 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 uncommon.”

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GET TO THE GOOD PART.
Bulls visit
UCF in key match up
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 not 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, Chonsey 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.

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 undermanned and still learning on the court.

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 game. UCF coach Gail Striegler said, “It was good for our kids.”

“Players were physical for us and that’s how the Gators want to play these kind of games.”

But it wasn’t a last second game like my first one I haven’t had to worry about,” Knights’ coach Gail Striegler said. “When it got 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.

University of Florida’s physical play too much for Knights

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

The Gators (0-2) stayed with the Knights in the first half as UF held a 35-27 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 game. The Gators defense forced UCF into 26 turnovers for the game and took advantage of the Knights miscues, scoring easy points in the transition game.

UCF’s Paul Reed got a chance to play against his former school at the SoCon Holiday Hoops Tournament. Reed lined up against his former teammates when the Knights hooked up with Old Dominion.