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New standards for journalism majors

KRISTA ZILIZI
STAFF WRITER

A portfolio of published clips and a competitive GPA are two new guidelines UCF’s Communications department has outlined for journalism majors.

"GPA moves up and down according to the number of applicants we have," said Dr. Mike Meeske, head of the Nicholson School of Communications.

The journalism program is one of several limited access programs at UCF. Only 20 students may be admitted into the program each semester after passing a keyboarding and grammar proficiency test. Students can bypass the grammar test if they have earned a minimum 3.0 average in college level comp classes.

In the past a minimum 2.5 GPA was the set GPA requirement for admittance, but with more applicants, GPA’s have become one of several deciding factors to admit or deny students from the program. "GPA moves up and down according to the number of applicants we have," said Dr. Meeske.

"Portfolio of clips is now required for graduation from the School of Communications. It must include 15 samples of students’ work," said Meeske.

Mike Meeske, head of the Nicholson School of Communications.

The number of applicants that apply also differ from semester to semester, according to Meeske.

"Last semester we had 24 applicants that apply, but there’s been times in the past when we haven’t had the 20 applicants," said Meeske.

In addition to a competitive GPA, students who apply to the journalism program now will be required to present an 8.5 by 11 portfolio of their published works a semester before their graduation. The portfolio may include published stories or photographs of journalistic nature. Journalism faculty students apply, but there’s been times in the past when we haven’t had the 20 applicants," said Meeske.

An election in progress

ADAM SHIVER
STAFF WRITER

Palm Beach County residents will be spending much of their time holding punch cards up to the light for the next few days. The county announced Nov. 12 that they would proceed with a full 400,000 plus vote recount by hand.

Some voters left their polling places last week in tears. The reason being, they were unsure as to if they had voted for the party they intended to do to what they called, confusing ballots. Many private citizens are now filing lawsuits regarding these irregularities with the punch card system that was used there.

Voters in Palm Beach County use a punch card system that has caused great confusion and anger amongst voters there and across the nation. On these punch cards Gore and Buchanan’s names were listed side-by-side. This caused many to accidentally vote for Buchanan instead of Gore.

They are not the only ones filing suit. Bush filed suit Nov. 11 in order to prevent hand recounts in Palm Beach, Miami-Dade, Volusia and Broward counties.

This however was nullified by a judge in Miami on Nov. 13.

There were also concerns of missing ballot boxes in southern Florida.

Clay Roberts, the director of the state Division of Elections, said that he feels the Palm Beach County situation is greatly exaggerated.

Not only did Americans everywhere wake up to an undecided presidential election, they woke up to 67 Florida counties scurrying to do a mandatory recount of voter ballots. Gore and Bush’s votes were only 0.5 percent apart, tripping a recount that is mandated by law. Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth said that a recount would be completed by 5 p.m. Nov. 9, but made no promises.

The recount did not conclude until Seminole County completed their count at 4 a.m. the following day.

It was known early on that Florida would be a very important state for both candidates, but...

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The UCF cheerleading team appeared at Nov. 8’s pop rally to pump up the nearly 500 students who gathered for the event. Also on hand for the rally were the Golden Knights football team, Head Coach Mike Krueger, SGA president Dennis Sprinkle, the Marching Knights and many more.

50,000 mark broken for first time

is waiting to be invited into a conference. With record setting attendance of over 50,000, many long-time fans believe UCF is headed to a conference.

"With the way that this team is starting to move," said Cindy Koed, a fan.

Because tickets for this game were at a premium, people who have never been to a game at all found a way to get tickets.

Attendee Steve Polino admitted that he probably would never have come to this one if the Boy Scouts had not given him free tickets.

"This turned out to be more fun than I thought it would be," he said. "The energy that I’m feeling from this crowd is awesome."

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Female, caught using fake ID at Sigma Phi Epsilon party

Colleen McGinnis, an 18-year-old freshman, was charged with unlawful use of a license in the early morning of Nov. 4. McGinnis attempted to enter a party at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house, which was restricted to people 21 years of age and up, by using a fake ID.

Officer Carpenter discovered that the license actually belonged to one Wendy Dimino, 22. After lying about her name, McGinnis then told Officer Carpenter that her birth date was 1980, as opposed to the 1978 printed on the license.

McGinnis then failed to give an adequate social security number and was arrested on the spot. McGinnis eventually admitted that the license did not belong to her.

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IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

The Holiday Season is just around the corner and what better way to share that holiday spirit than with the Giving Tree.

The Giving Tree is the UCF Bookstore’s way of supporting the U.S. Marine Corps’ community relations program, Toys for Tots.

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Toys for Tots at the UCF Bookstore through Dec. 15, 2000
Students compete for Mr. UCF title

Winner of contest will receive $2,000

Krista Zilize State Writer

Eight UCF gentlemen will set out to impress judges with interviews, talent, and beach and evening wear competitions. These men will be competing for the title of Mr. UCF on Nov. 18 at the annual Mr. UCF pageant.

Applicant numbers vary each semester

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members want students to include at least 15 samples and require that 75 percent of their works to be done during their time at UCF. The portfolio stipulation is not an admittance requirement, but can be a deciding factor for students who are admitted on a case by case basis when they don’t meet the other program requirements.

One of the things, they faculty members would be interested in seeing there is evidence of a portfolio,” said Meeske.

Meeske suggests that students submit their works to publications like the Central Florida Future or UCF’s online publication KnightWire. He also recommends submitting works to publications that accept freelance work.

Meeske said another possibility of getting works published would be through internships where students have an opportunity to do the work and get published.

“The reason for this requirement is our faculty feels very strongly that students need to demonstrate their ability as writers and reporters, not just in their courses,” Meeske said. “This is an opportunity for the faculty to get an understanding of how capable their students are.”

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Life after campaigning
Proctor receives 15 percent of vote

KATHY FORD STAFF WRITER

Zeal Proctor has discovered that there is life after running for political office. Part of her is sad that the campaign is over while another part of her is relieved.

Surprise was another feeling Proctor said she had when she watched the election returns with the other Libertarian candidates and party members. She had garnered nearly 15 percent of the vote while Win Adams, a more experienced politician, received only 16 percent. Her mother called to express surprise that they, as a party, did so well and disappointment that the Libertarian party are just people who don't get in.
Election continues to make history

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no one could have foreseen how important Floridians' electoral votes would actually be.

Earlier than most had expected, Florida was thought to have gone to Gore. Supporters of Gore were ecstatic about this. Little did they know, only an hour later, networks across the nation would pull back their hasty judgment and declare that Florida had yet to be decided.

Polls across the state were showing Bush ahead most of the evening and on through the night. States fell to both Bush and Gore all night while Florida, one of the first states to close voting booths, remained undecided.

Another matter that is going to be a huge deciding factor in the state of Florida is absentee ballots. With absentee voting being quite high this election year, this adds a large number of votes to be taken into account.

About 40,000 absentee ballots are to be counted in Orange County alone. Along with absentee ballots, overseas ballots have yet to be accounted for.

In the 1996 election, 2,300 overseas ballots were counted. Law allows that overseas ballots be postmarked no later than Election Day and can be counted as late as 10 days after elections.

Around Campus: Yoga classes offer alternative exercise

Jennifer Paterson
Staff Writer

Yoga classes are now offered twice per week in the Student Fitness Center: Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Sponsored by the UCF Recreational Services and Campus Wellness Center (there is no charge to UCF students, or to faculty/staff who are members. For more information, call (407) 423-2841.

New production by UCF Theatre Department to start

Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m in Theatre Building Stage One. The UCF Theatre Department will be putting on their play "Glengarry Glen Ross." This is David Mamet’s Pulitzer Prize winning comic drama about small time real estate salesmen trying to out-do one another. The sullen capo, trick and outright lie to anyone who might have the slightest interest in buying a plot of land just to stay in the game. For more information visit the Theatre UCF Ticket Office at (407) 823-1500.

Liberal Studies? Need to know where you can go?

On Nov. 20, from 6:00-10:00 p.m., the Liberal Studies program will be hosting “Evening Career Counseling” in Student Union Room 218C where students can get advice on what one can do with a Liberal Studies degree. For more information please contact Liberal Studies main office at PA 201 or telephone (407) 823-0144.

Sexual Harassment - what’s that all about?

On Nov. 20, starting at 7:30 p.m. Laurie Kemper, Ph.D, of the Counseling and Testing Center and Mary Gamisans, Victims Advocate, will be hosting a seminar on sexual harassment in Student Union Room 218C. This workshop will explore what behaviors constitute sexual harassment, the psychological effects of sexual harassment and what options are available on campus and in the workplace. For more information contact Dr. Rich McLaughlin at (407) 823-2811.

Want to know more about Forensic Science?

Nov. 21, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. the National Center for Forensic Science will be hosting "Forensic Science Education - The Future Challenge Monthly Seminar in Forensic Science" in TR 542, Room 102. This month’s lecturer is Dr. Barry Fookies from the Chemistry Department at UCF. For more information contact Dr. Iuliett Vizan at (407) 823-6469 or email jyinon@mail.ucf.edu.

Film professor’s series picked up by PBS

New UCF film direction and production teacher Jonathan Mednick’s reality television show “American High,” which he co-produced for the Fox network this fall, has been picked up by PBS and is scheduled to begin airing in April. The series documents a group of real students lives as seniors in a Chicago-area high school.

Mednick, a 15-year film veteran, recently produced two critically acclaimed independent films, "Welcome to the Dollhouse," and "A Perfect Candidate," as the president and founding partner of New York’s Other Pictures Inc.

Office of Student Disabilities Changes Location

The Office of Student Disabilities Services has relocated to the Student Resource Center Room 132. If you have any questions, please call the office at (407) 823-2371. No phone numbers have been changed as a result of this move.

Student not compliant when stopped for DUI

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Drunk driver nearly causes accident on Gemini Blvd

Officer Michael Johnson observed a silver Ford Mustang spin 180 degrees into oncoming traffic on Gemini Blvd. Three other vehicles nearly wrecked as they attempted to evade the out-of-control car.

Witnesses saw Miguel Rivera, 22, drinking from a silver and black Coors Light beer can. Through further investigations, Officer Johnson was able to determine that Rivera has not even been issued a driver’s license from the United States.

Officer Johnson went in state in his police report that Rivera, “was very non-compliant with my lawful commands... He got out of the vehicle very quickly and started coming towards me flailing his arms and speaking in Spanish.” Rivera was arrested and immediately transported to the Orange County DUI Testing Center. He later told police that he had taken the car from his uncle without his permission.
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Election shows more than just confusion

Adam Shiver
Staff Writer

I, as many Americans, expected a very close election. But did anyone expect the run for the presidency to come down to such a close call?

With less than 1,700 votes separating Gore and Bush in the state of Florida, people will say when asked if they are going to vote, "No. With so many people voting, my one little vote doesn't mean anything. I'll leave it up to everyone else."

To this I say "Nonsense!" This is one of the stupidest things I have ever heard. Each and every person's vote counts. If your vote didn't count for anything, why would anyone vote? And if no one voted, how would we elect someone as our leader?

On Nov. 8, President Bill Clinton addressed the country saying that he hopes this election will help people realize that their one vote does count. This election may come down to just that. One vote. I have waited years to vote. With this being my first opportunity to ever cast my ballot, I made sure that I got out and voted for my candidate.

My vote, like everyone else's, counts. It makes me wonder about people when I see such low turnout rates. Orange County, Fl. had a turnout of only 53 percent of eligible voters on Election Day. Fifty three percent? That is ridiculous. In Seminole County it was a little better with a turnout of about 72 percent. But this too is insane.

We have one of the best opportunities in the world. We have the ability to choose our leader in a democratic fashion. There are people around the world that would literally kill for this chance.

Americans must get out and vote. Everyone that is eligible to vote should vote. I know someone who is registered must, on Election Day, cast their ballot.

If this election has shown this country nothing else I hope it has shown us that one vote could mean everything. One vote could mean the difference between Gore and Bush.

So take the time to register and to vote. It really does mean so much.

Letters to the Editor

Experience of Greek life... priceless

In the Nov. 1 issue of the Future, Chris Hale of the Running and Raving opinion article attempted to argue that fraternities put off a "dry" image during rush and then drink heavily in the weeks following. However, I believe that fraternities focus on aspects such as leadership, scholarship, athletics and philanthropy during rush, rather than how much they drink. Any fraternity or sorority will tell you that a Greek organization's main purpose is not partying. Fraternities don't party during rush because they don't want to attract new members who are only interested in having a good time and drinking.

Fraternities want new members who are eager to become leaders and scholars, and because of this, they have the opportunity to experience brotherhood within the UCF Greek system, and because of this, you have to have heard about fraternities. I would like to leave you Chris, with a quote I have seen on the back of a fraternity rush shirt...

Tuition...$2,000.
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Fraternity dues...$500.

The experience of being in a Greek organization... PRICELESS.

-Ashley Burns

Student examines story in great depth

In her article, "Independent sounds too good to be true," Krista Zilizi disparages the new student-controlled newspaper, The IndepENdent. She claims, "The articles [in the IndepENdent] meet little or none of the style, grammar, and punctuation rules that are standards of journalism." Before we accept Ms. Zilizi's accusation, let us examine her own misuse of grammar in English in her article.

Her opening sentence is a "run-on," there is a comma where a period or semicolon should be. The last sentence of the paragraph is lacking an appropriate comma between "student-controlled" and "providing." The last sentence of the paragraph contains an unnecessary comma. "Instead" and "in fact" are generally followed by a comma. In the fourth paragraph, a comma should follow the word "grammar" in the first sentence. The second sentence contains two independent clauses which should be separated by a comma. However, there should be no comma between "true" and "but" in this case. Making this sentence even more awkward, the first independent clause is in the passive voice, and the second independent clause is in the active voice. The same paragraph contains two dangling prepositions. Ms. Zilizi's article has several more errors in comma usage, trite- ness, and substandard grammar, but I believe I have sufficiently pointed this out.

Ms. Zilizi is in no position to recommend the use of any newspaper as toilet paper. Before Ms. Zilizi publishes any further literary critiques, I recommend that she carefully proofread her own writing.

Victoriously criticizing a fledgling newspaper is pointless. UCF needs a newspaper that is entirely student-run. Whereas The Future seems to pick and choose which student editorials it will print (I speak from personal experience), The IndepENdent will give student writers true freedom of the press on campus.

-Abigail Cavides

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Inspid Thoughts

I nominate Dan Rather for President

Adam Shiver
Staff Writer

Why is it that most clubs allow females in at the age of 18, but require males to be 21 or older? Is this so that older men have Eye candy? Isn’t this age discrimination? It has to be. I understand when clubs offer ladies nights. This is not discrimination I believe because they are offering a discount to certain people. This is done in many different businesses. But not admitting someone on age, such as this is quite wrong.

This year’s election has made the residents of Florida look less intelligent than the country already thought we were. The good thing about all this though is that maybe people will look at the whole idea of the Electoral College and see that it needs to be revamped. Hopefully people will also realize that their vote really does count.

I think Dan Rather must have read the big book of clichés before going on the air. Nov. 7 for election coverage. Lines like “this election is getting shakier than cafeteria jelly” and “this election is so close you couldn't get a cigarette paper between the candidates,” were throughout his commentary. I found this quite amusing and funny. You go Dan. That’s the way to make a serious subject a little funnier.

Motown music rocks! How can you not be in a good mood and sing along with it? It makes you want to get up and dance, if I did.

(Thanks)

UCF has a great mascot-Knightro. We also have his counterpart, Glycerin. My question is though. Since the Glycerin character is female, is there a male or female under the mask? It would be a bad thing if it were a guy. I mean in Shakespeare’s day all characters that have accents that are hard to understand.

“Give me a mask, an accent that is hard to understand.”

Napster has teamed up with R&B music and will soon be selling MP3 files to users instead of allowing free user-to-user trade. So college students everywhere, start downloading your songs now while they are still free.

An opinion is an opinion. And as the old saying goes, opinions are like butts, everyone has them, and most of them stink. If you don’t like someone else’s opinion then voice your own.

Quote of the week:
“If you are ever in doubt as to whether to kiss a pretty girl, always give her the benefit of the doubt.” - Thomas Carlyle

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Voting gaps imply societal split

DAVID MARSTERS 
STAFF WRITER

Note: The exit polling numbers were taken from CNN and MSNBC's exit polls on their respective websites.

While most of the nation's media attention regarding the 2000 Presidential Election is focusing on the vote recounts and controversies going on across the country, there is a very disturbing trend that is being overlooked. It seems as though the two major political parties in the United States, the Republicans and Democrats, not only represent two contrasting political philosophies, but also two very different Americas.

There is a crisis going on in the voting habits of our country's different genders and ethnic groups. America prides itself on being a land of opportunity for those of all backgrounds, but that is not showing in the way we vote. There are gender and racial gaps in America's voting behavior, and that is problematic for a democratic system that is based on the equality of all involved. Women vote Democratic in high percentages, even though both of these things are practical examples as to why there are these voting gaps, but there is a bigger issue at stake here; that of inclusion and exclusion.

Women and African-Americans, who have struggled over time to become equals in our society, seem to feel more comfortable with the Democratic Party. While males, who have very little problem getting opportunities within the system, seem to feel more comfortable with the Republican Party. Is this racism and blatant discrimination? Probably not, even though both of these things sadly do still exist in America. It is doubtful that the Republican Party maliciously discriminates against blacks and women. Most people in both political parties are above that, and even if they weren't, it would be bad politics.

But there is a definite disparity in the opportunities afforded to minorities by the policies of the different parties. The most obvious example of this is affirmative action, which is a program that has helped many minorities get opportunities that they otherwise would have been unfairly omitted from. Affirmative action in some form is generally favored by most Democrats and opposed by most Republicans. The Republican Party seems to be unable to include minorities, while the Democratic Party welcomes them. If George W. Bush's message of "Compromise, Conservatism" had been effective, then more minorities would have voted for him.

In a country based on the premise that all are created equally, there should not be such voting gaps. These issues of minority inclusion should not divide the country along party lines. Based on its support from minorities, the Democratic Party seems to currently have the right idea regarding these issues. The Republican Party should follow this lead and increase its appeal to a more diverse audience. Politicizing issues like taxes, social security and heathcare is acceptable, but it is time to end the politics of exclusion.

Much of the gender gap can be attributed to the Pro-Choice stance of the Democrats, prompting women to feel that the Democrats respect their individual rights more than the Republican platform does. These are practical examples as to why there are these voting gaps, but there is a bigger issue at stake here; that of inclusion and exclusion. During his speech at the Democratic National Convention, President Clinton joked that his cabinet was more diverse than the entire audience at the Republican National Convention. And while it was said in jest, that statement was quite close to being accurate.

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A journalist's dream

James Nunez
staff writer

Nov. 7 came and Americans showed up in droves to election polls around the country. Journalists from a myriad of different sources prepared for a night that they knew would be exciting and historical.

After darkness had fallen upon the east coast of America, and the first few states had officially closed their polls for the 2000 election, Brokaw, Jennings, Donaldson, and Rather took their seats behind their news desks and welcomed America to the beginning of history.

Millions of other reporters from national publications like the New York Times to such small-town dailies as the Cape Coral Beacon printed their roundups and outtakes and prepared to create the defining words of this election. Everyone prepared a close race, but no one could have predicted what would proceed.

That first signal of the madness to come revealed itself when every network initially gave Florida's 25 electoral votes to Al Gore. More than a few hours later, they bodlily took it back, chaining the difference in the vote between Gore and Bush were too close.

The journalists' world was thrown into a frenzy. What had looked like an easy win for the vice president had quickly become a dogfight. As the hours ticked off the clock, and the coffee pots operated on full throttle, each of America's 50 states were given one of the two candidates. However, Florida remained divided.

At about 2 a.m. on Nov. 8, the resounding message was, "It is official. We are able to predict that George W. Bush has won the state of Florida and will become the 43 president of the United States."

But Bush supporters and opponents alike emitted a sigh of relief, as the election was finally over. Fingers crossed from all corners of the nation cried the words, "print it!" and dropped their pencils for a few hours of rest. Gore called President elect Bush and conceded the candidacy. Everyone believed that this cliffhanger of an election was finally over, with the majority of reports showing Bush won the state of Florida.

But no. I had to stay up until 4:30 in the morning because some Floridians are too stupid to design a new ballot. Because some are too stupid to understand the ballot, stupid Floridians designed it. Because some are too stupid to realize that you can't vote for both candidates on the same ballot, Gore virtually split Florida, creating an automatic recount and essentially one of the most riveting weeks in America's recent history.

**Christine Zizo**
staff writer

I am so ticked off. At a staff meeting last week I received the great honor of writing the commentary on America's choice for president. An honor early journalists' best commentators have been bestowed: the George W, the Linda Ellerbee, the Dave Barrys.

Yes, yes, this honor would be mine.

But obviously the little county of Palm Beach didn't hear of my plans for glory. I mean, I was going into this election thinking the biggest conflict I would have was whether or not to watch Dan Rather or George Steppenpoole.

But no. I had to stay up until 4:30 in the morning because some Floridians are too stupid to design a new ballot that makes sense, while others are too stupid to understand the ballot, stupid Floridians designed it. Because some are too stupid to realize that you can't vote for both candidates on the same ballot, and probably will if we don't get a vote.

You know what? I have a great idea. Let's just make people president. It's the least the American people could do.

I mean, you've all named my great editorial. If I go to the Atlanta Journal, I was going to talk about the organic screws alla "When Harry Met Sally..." I let out as the final projected vote was tallied.

But stupid people and politics foil my plans. Again. You people owe me big.
Becki Panoff
STAFF WRITER

"My name is Becki and I'm from Palm Beach County." These days, it's almost like admitting I have an infectious disease when admitting what part of Florida I was reared.

I'm talking about the recent elections that everyone would just like to forget at this point. Over the past week, it seems that my home has become ground zero for media coverage, political figures (Jesse Jackson anyone?) and angry voters from all over the state.

So in all of this I have to ask, what happened?

I am a registered democrat in Palm Beach County - like my family - and so when I got an e-mail from my mother, who is an intelligent woman in her own right, saying that she had had problems with the ballot, I started to really question the now infamous ballot.

The argument goes back and forth, Republicans saying that the people who voted were unsavvy, the Democrats saying that the butterfly ballot was designed confusingly.

And the outcome is this: Palm Beach County has become the pinpoint of idiocy in the world.

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Mom says
Eat your greens...

I'm starting to chimp every time I turn the TV on. I keep seeing familiar landmarks flash onscreen. Downtown West Palm, the West Palm Beach courthouse. Clematis Street. The novelty of pointing at the screen and saying to my friends "That's where I'm from" has started to wear off. I'm seeing more of home on the television than during the two times I have been down there this semester.

The real villains in this are not the Democrats who went a bit confused, nor Teresa LePore, the supervisor of elections in the county or even the Republicans who are complaining about the ballot being perfectly fine. They are those who descended upon South Florida and created the havoc that seems to be going on back home. The people who got in their cars and flew down I-95 to be part of history. Roads in downtown West Palm Beach are clogged with protesters, most of which have come from all parts of the state to join in the novelty.

After all of this, I have decided one thing. I'm voting by absentee ballot like I did in this election from now on. No long lines, no one telling me I have five minutes to vote or having to deal with people running the voting precincts that were actually alive when the last time this happened with Rutherford B. Hayes and Samuel Tilden in 1876.

Just my vote and the knowledge that I am from Palm Beach County.
Looking for something different to do this weekend? Want to express your creativity? Looking for that perfect present? Then you should pay a visit to Glaze Under Fire where you can do all of the above by painting your own pottery.

Here's how it works: you browse their large selection of unfinished bisque pieces, pick what you want to paint (the hardest part), go get some paint (over 60 colors to choose from) and paint to your heart's content. Then you leave it there and they glaze and fire it for you. This way, if you’ve painted flatware, it will be safe to eat off of. In about two weeks, they give you a call and you pick it up.

They offer a variety of pieces ranging from dragons to vases and tiles. If you consider yourself to be creative challenged, they also offer a large assortment of stamps and stencils, which are included in the price. They also have a talented staff to help you out if you have any concerns.

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You pay for the bisque piece itself (prices range from $5 and up) and then pay a $9 or $6 studio fee, depending on the size of your piece. This fee covers glazing, firing, paint, fancy stamps and stencils. And if you know someone who loves to be artistic, Glaze Under Fire has beautifully painted gift certificates that also make great presents.

You are encouraged to bring your own snacks and drinks. There are several restaurants in the area that you can order from as well. You are also welcome to bring your own CDs to play. They also offer party reservations for parties of seven people or more (they offer a $7 studio rate for that).

So, when and where can you do all of this? Their hours are Monday from 5 - 11 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. and Sunday from 12 - 6 p.m.. They are located in the new Winter Park Village, 460 N. Orlando Ave., near Lee Road. It is a bit of a drive from UCF, but well worth it. If you need directions or have any questions, you can call them at (407) 644 - 8088.
Ska, Punk and Hardcore music fans will have one less place to find their favorite albums after the end of this year. Local independent music store d.i.y. Records will be shutting its doors this December due to sagging profits. The store, which has been open since January of 1997, has suffered from a lack of sales and owner Jeff Hogan can’t afford to keep it open.

D.I.Y. (or "Do-It-Yourself") catered exclusively to the Punk, Ska and Hardcore community, never branching out to include other genres of music. "I sold music I loved and knew," Hogan said.

Not only will music fans lose a place to buy CDs, T-shirts and records, but they will also lose d.i.y. the venue as well. D.I.Y. has provided an in-store venue for nationally known bands such as No Motiv, Peterbuilt, Unsung Zeroes, Hot Water Music and local bands like dirty barby, Denison Mars and Bughead. It has been one of the most supportive venues of independent music in Orlando.

Hogan doesn’t blame the lack of income on the Internet music trading or increased theft in the store, but on a lack of support from the public. "I could blame Napster and the like, but it’s mainly because the Punk and Hardcore community here chooses not to support the store," he said.

Although the store has been a popular spot for concerts, live shows have not been a profitable source of income for d.i.y. Hogan believes that this misconception helped contribute to the store’s demise. "The venue was always a service. Most folks came to think that was how d.i.y. made its money and only chose to support the store by coming to shows. The majority of the money from shows went to bands and paying people to run the shows, not to d.i.y."

D.I.Y. Records currently has concerts scheduled through December. The store is located at 7559 University Dr. in Winter Park. For more information, call (407) 681-1DIY or check out their website at www.diyrecords.com.
Sandler Shares A Bit About Little Nicky And Career Success

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Adam Sandler returns to the big screen in Little Nicky on Friday, Nov. 10, his most special effects laden film to date. The comic plays the lead role of Nicky in the film, one of the Devil's three sons, whose task is to save the world from his two older brothers that want to create a Hell on Earth.

In the midst of the 90 minute chaos, Nicky wrestles between god and evil to the soundtrack of music by hard rockers Disturbed, Filter, Incubus and Powerman 5000. In addition, P.O.D.'s new song "School of Hard Knocks" makes for a great backdrop to Sandler's fighting amidst the fires of Hell. Along for the ride are co-stars Patricia Arquette, Allen Covert and Rhys Ifans.

The film is by far Sandler's most risky, and it's obvious that this one is going to have some trouble straight out of the starting blocks. Although Sandler's work should never be taken too seriously, this film will certainly put him in hot water with countless religious groups due to the spiritual representations in the film. "We didn't want to offend any one with the Heaven and Hell references," said Sandler at the House of Blues hotel in Chicago. "If someone does get upset over it, we didn't mean it." Sandler is virtually fearless at poking fun at others, and Little Nicky features guest appearances from Rodney Dangerfield, Henry Winkler and Ozzy Osbourne, who are amongst the cameo list of actors that provide some laughs. However, the humor is sometimes missed in the film due to all of the constant movement and elaborate sets that fill up the screen during almost every scene. "We wrote this movie and didn't say let's write an effects filled movie," Sandler said. "We just wrote as funny of a film as we could for the premise... We learned a lot of computer stuff. Sometimes you're in a shot and then they shoot a green screen later on and put them together."

Sandler plans to continue on with his script writing and has even considered some Internet-related script writing after the release of Little Nicky. He's also well known for his comedy albums, which he would also like to get back into sometime down the road.

"I like cutting albums, mostly the freedoms of an album," he said. "People are not on top of you telling you this has to sell. When making movies, we do the funniest things we can do at that time. When making an album, it's more like hanging out for a night without trying to make it like a movie which has to be more of a story."

This comic has truly grown since his Saturday Night Live days, and whether Little Nicky passes or fails won't change his memories of the support he received from friends during his younger years.

"When I was in college, I was not really sure what I was going to do," he said. "The best thing I did with my life was get a lot of friends on the same pages as me and we all encouraged each other to take chances. When I was doing stand ups, I'd try to do something funny. I just stuck with it and my buddies would come to my show and we all just started by doing it together."
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*NSYNC Member to Open Nightclub

Lance Bass of *NSYNC is hoping to open his own nightclub by next summer. Bass is busy looking for places in Manhattan to open a venue with a 2,000 people capacity. His partner is Eytan Sugarman, who already owns some of the hottest clubs in Manhattan. His club One51 is said to where the Yankees hang out. Sugarman has said that Bass’ club will feature different music in many rooms and will be open to everyone. “We’re not big on that whole velvet-rope thing,” he said. The rest of *NSYNC’s members will not be joining in on this business deal. Bass is on his own.

Madonna Dedicates Song to Spears

Madonna’s mini-concert in New York City has left many people confused. The concert was held on Nov. 5 at the Roseland Ballroom. The material girl wore a sleeveless black tee with Britney Spears’ name on it and dedicated her ballad “What It Feels Like for a Girl,” from her latest album “Music,” to her. Madonna’s rep Liz Rosenberg said, “It was a fun, lighthearted tribute.” Spears responded in a statement: “She’s my idol. For her to dedicate — even ironically — my favorite song on the album is incredibly flattering and sweet.” Some people think the act was not about giving out props as it was about pointing out a copycat. Hip hop bluesman Everlast, who opened the show, said, “There are originators and copiers and Madonna was just letting it be known, ‘Don’t be fooled by ‘TRL.’ We all know who was doing this first, who made it all right for these girls to dress skimpy.”

Golf Champ Fined for Making Commercials

Golfer Tiger Woods has been fined $100,000 by Screen Actors Guild for shooting a non-union commercial. The ad for Buick was shot during the 6-month strike against the advertising industry. The decision by the union’s trial board occurred during a three-day hearing, in which Woods participated via telephone. He has 15 days to appeal the ruling, but has decided not to. Members of SAG and the American Federation of Television & Radio Artists (AFTRA), which was also on strike, wanted Woods to be stripped of his membership to SAG. In May, Woods did back out of a non-union ad for Nike in support of the strike. In July he shot the Buick ad in Toronto. He said, “I have responsibilities to uphold with my sponsors who have supported me over the years. This is in no way a stance against the union.”

It’s Over For Garth Brooks

Country music singer Garth Brooks has filed for divorce from his wife of 14 years, Sandy. He has cited irreconcilable differences. The singer filed the papers in Tennessee’s Davidson County Circuit Court under his full name, Troyal G. Brooks. According to the papers, the couple has been apart since March of last year and Sandy moved back to their home in Oklahoma the following July. Garth is staying at the home in Nashville. He admitted the marriage was on the rocks because of him not being there due to professional commitments. At a press conference, Garth announced his retirement giving his three daughters as a reason. Garth said he would probably make at least one more album and perform a show or two before he retires for good.

Titanic Star Tries to Keep Her House From Flooding

Kate Winslet, star of Titanic, and her husband, Jim Threapleton, are trying to save their house from being flooded. The couple is using sandbags in an attempt to block their island home, which sits in the middle of the River Thames in Southern England, from being destroyed by rising floodwaters. Threapleton said: “It gets any worse, we will have to think about evacuating. We are just keeping our fingers crossed.” This is one of England’s worst floods in 50 years. Many residents have evacuated their homes. Winslet and Threapleton are literally stranded on the island because the road, which connects them to the mainland, has been closed due to the flooding. Winslet gave birth to her first child, Mia, on Oct. 16. The actress is on a seven-month hiatus spending time with the newborn and trying to survive the floods.
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Tuesday and Wednesday. Be respectful to an authority figure on delay your travel on no to a loved one's unreasonable request on Saturday. Cleaning up a big mess gets you started.

Tuesday. You could get a glimpse of your perfect Monday, but keep later, and for your favorite people. A friend may be say in jest could come back to haunt you on Saturday. That's part of the reason why you're so strong on your money this weekend. Take notes, then decide be in a quiet place to hear that little voice. It's trying to tell you something on Wednesday, too, so schedule some meditation time. You may find the answer you've been seeking for ages, almost by accident. That's part of the reason why you're so strong on Thursday and Friday. Standing up for yourself could cause some changes, but don't worry. They're way past due. Friends are ready to tell you how to spend your way on Monday, so divert some into your fun, but don't talk too much. Don't swagger, either.

Good on Friday. All systems could shut down if you listen. It's your Mom, or some Mom-like person, tell you what to do on Monday, and you'd be wise to assume authority with confidence. They're two sides of the same coin. Other microbes by Tuesday. Hide out with friends and talk over recent developments. Wednesday. You'll have to make a decision around Thursday so you can take action by Friday. You love completion anyway, so don't fret. Once you've made up your mind, the rest will be easy. You're cute as a button this weekend, as everybody keeps telling you. Accept their compliments, you've earned 'em. You may even get a backhanded one from a person who's hard to figure out. Just add it to your treasure trove!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Travel and long-distance phone calls should be productive on Monday. A new idea from a loved one can help you avoid running up big expenses Tuesday and Wednesday. All that naggery won't prove so useful after all! Trust in your influence with a powerful team on Thursday and Friday. You can help strong individuals work together, and that could make a big difference.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Follow the money trail Monday, and you'll find out who's in the best position to pull strings. That's the job you want! A foreign friend can help you get a little closer to it Tuesday and Wednesday. Be respectful in an authority figure on Thursday, but don't tell everything, of course. Give away something you don't want on Friday to keep something you like better. Friends provide the rest of the story over the weekend. Private conversation brings closure on one old issue, and a couple of surprises, too.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Concede a minor point on Monday, and you may win the bigger battles. Monday is the issue Tuesday and Wednesday. Take care, or you could lose more than you planned. Don't fall for the old okey doke. You just want to get out of town Thursday, and with planning, you might make it. A neighbor's annual request sounds down Thursday, but that's OK. It's more important that you help solve a problem than get where you thought you were going. Be patient with a critical older person over the weekend. You're getting the third degree, but you know it's for your own good.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't give away a secret on Monday. Developments at work on Tuesday could lend a whole different flavor to the proceedings. Just do your job on Wednesday, and you'll advance more than you realize. A fascinating relationship includes a sharp difference of opinion on Thursday, but that doesn't mean you can't be friends. You can be very effective partners, too, as you may find out on Friday. Don't concede the point you want on Friday to keep something you like better. Just pay attention to where you're going, and what's going on around you.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You can find the best second thoughts on Monday by following a thrifty friend. On Tuesday you're the one in front, but watch out. Something that seems too fabulous is fake. Talk in private with a loved one on Wednesday, and get back into alignment. There's a slight disagreement on Thursday about how to spend the money, but the two or three of you can work it out. It means doing without one thing on Friday so you can have another, but that's OK. Don't get into a rush on Saturday or Sunday. Going too fast, even in familiar territory, could lead to a nasty bump.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Your friends are into a good thing Monday. Instead of telling them what to do, listen. It's a little bird on your own shoulder that gives you the best advice on Tuesday. You'll have to be in a quiet place to hear that little voice. It's trying to tell you something on Wednesday, too, so schedule some meditation time. You may find the answer you've been seeking for ages, almost by accident. That's part of the reason why you're so strong on Thursday and Friday. Standing up for yourself could cause some changes, but don't worry. They're way past due. Friends are ready to tell you how to spend your way on Monday, so divert some into your fun, but don't talk too much. Don't swagger, either.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Your buddies want to have a party on Monday, so you can get distracted later if you want to. Don't fall for a fanciful dream on Tuesday, you're likely to get a nasty surprise on your ego. It's not that you're foolish, it's just that you want something that's not quite real yet. Rest and relax as much as possible on Wednesday. Your intuition should be working well then, especially in a quiet and beautiful setting. Classical music is optional. There's little time for that on Thursday or Friday. You're hustling to keep up with the orders, but be careful. You don't want to make an expensive mistake, and that could happen. Don't let the stress get to you this weekend. Just do what you can, and ask a perfectionist partner to take care of the rest.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Take care of a family matter first on Monday, so you can get distracted later if you want to. Don't fall for a fanciful dream on Tuesday, you're likely to get a nasty surprise on your ego. It's not that you're foolish, it's just that you want something that's not quite real yet. Rest and relax as much as possible on Wednesday. Your intuition should be working well then, especially in a quiet and beautiful setting. Classical music is optional. There's little time for that on Thursday or Friday. You're hustling to keep up with the orders, but be careful. You don't want to make an expensive mistake, and that could happen. Don't let the stress get to you this weekend. Just do what you can, and ask a perfectionist partner to take care of the rest.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week of Nov. 13: The money you invest this year could make your future warm and snugly. Don't just toss your money away. Learn to do it right. Nov. 1: Set long-range goals, and you can make them happen. Don't expect to finish the whole thing this year, however. Nov. 15: Finish what you started last year. The tough part's over now, so gather the rest of your friends. Nov. 24: Travel. Just think about your next vacation, and make plans later. Get out of town in November. Nov. 17: This year your assignment is to obey authority gracefully and assume authority with confidence. They're two sides of the same coin. Nov. 18: You learn how to jump hurdles as you confront old fears and beat them. It's all part of growing up. Nov. 29: Modify your routine so it works better. Make improvements to achieve the perfectionist partner to take care of the rest.
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LEAD STORIES

- Officials at the Paralympic Games, held in Sydney two weeks after the Olympics, said performance-enhancing drugs were a concern, certainly, but that some athletes with spinal-cord injuries presented yet another problem in their quest to get an edge: Some jabbed pins into their legs, or sat on tacks, or blunted their spines to overfill their bladders, which research shows improves athletic performance (by raising blood pressure) by an average 10 percent. Even though such abuse is pain-free, it is dangerous, a Canadian team doctor told the Globe and Mail newspaper, "I'll bet, if you like other athletes (these abuses) feel invincible."

- The New England Journal of Medicine reported in October on apparently the first-ever transfer of a food-poisoning virus during a football game. Florida State beat Georgia Tech 62-13, in the 1998 game, but 43 nauseous Gator players and assistants got some measure of revenge by inadvertently making 11 FSU players violently ill during and after the game. Researchers believe the virus via their faulty bladders, hands and the fresh vomit on their own uniforms. The cause was contaminated turkey sandwiches.

Latest Exorcism Developments

- Re-release of the 1973 movie "The Exorcist" in September is but one event fueling a recent flurry of Satan-dispatching attempts. The Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago revealed in September 2000 that it had, for the first time, appointed a full-time exorcist. And the Vatican revealed in September that Pope John Paul II had failed in his own exorcism of a 19-year-old woman after the church's chief exorcist had also failed. And in a July-investigative piece, the New York Post reported that the $1 billion annual donations under the church-created fear that such giving is under the church-created threat of getting exorcisms. Creme de la Weird

- Birchard, N.D., police reported in October that a man recently telephoned two fast food restaurants posing as a police officer and instructed the manager to strip search employees for contraband.

- An unidentified man was finally caught by police in August, in Stafford County, Va., after two years of sightings in which he would lie on mountain-bike trails camouflaged with dirt and leaves in hopes (sometimes successful) of getting run over by an all-terrain vehicle. (Last October, according to one sighting, he staggered away from such an incident, bloodied.) The man, who lives in Burke, Va., was not arrested but was ordered to stay off bike trails.

- Toes in the News: In August, sheriff's deputies in Pinelake, Mo., arrested truck driver John Hookan, 34, and charged him with sexually abusing two underage boys by a seduction scheme that started with his fetish for sucking toes and culminated with oral sex. And a different person was reported (but not apprehended) in a St. Louis suburb in October after he forcibly sucked a woman's toes in a hotel hallway. And a police officer in Central Point, Ore., was placed on medical leave in June for forcibly sucking the toes of two women after they had rebuffed his request to submit to the sucking voluntarily.

Government in Action

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture is now formally considering (following a public comment period that ended in September) new regulations that would reduce the minimum size of Swiss cheese holes in Grade A cheese from 11/16ths of an inch in diameter to 7/64ths of an inch. The dairy industry said it could provide the cheese more efficiently if the holes were smaller.

- Happy-Handed Regulatory Reform: A sausage factory owner grew tired of repeated visits by federal food-safety inspectors and, according to police, shot three of them dead (San Leandro, Calif., June). A man angry at his treatment at a fast-food restaurant sued his former employer in California (Sacramento, Calif., September). Two city officials were shot dead by a homeOWNER when they tried to cross his property to attend to a sewer problem (Bunker, Mo., September). Five Miami-area homeowners; fearful they will lose their trees, have been charged in 2000 with brandishing guns at state inspectors looking for an infectious citrus disease.

- In October, the large psychic-hotline company Access Resource, based in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., promised in a settlement with the state attorney general not to engage in fraudulent practices. One provision of the settlement absolutely forbids the company to hire bone-headed boneheads who contain the exception allowing telephone psychics to be hired if they swear in writing that they can read people's minds.

Creative Lawsuits, Exposed

- New York University instructor (and accused shoplifter) Eliza Ayres filed a lawsuit in August against Lord & Taylor in New York City, claiming that when security guards found an unpaid-for item in her bag, they were not allowed to because they planted it there so that they could accuse her of theft and "terrorize" her until she confessed to stealing it. At NYU, Professor Ayres teaches creative writing.

Recurring Themes

- Among the latest Muslim "fatwas" (religious rulings): Men and women must use separate checkout counters in supermarkets (Malaysia, April). Husbands may hit their wives "gently," "as a warning," but must take care not to hit them in the face (Turkey, July). Having a spouse who smokes is a legitimate ground for divorce (Egypt, July). No shopping at a discount store (Egypt, June). Women caught working for British aid organizations will be kidnapped and forcibly married, in order to keep them at home (Pakistan, August). And an October statement by the Egyptian Islamic Group instructed disciples to kill Jews wherever they are found.

Thinning the Herd

- In September, a 34-year-old man drowned in his car after he drove through well-marked barriers and plunged into a 15-foot-deep sinkhole in Fan Claire, Wis. In August, a 43-year-old man drowned in Lake Erie near Piuresville, Ohio, diving in to retrieve his favorite fishing lure. A 54-year-old man drowned in Japan after diving into Joe Pool Lake near Dallas after his hat.

Also, in the Last Month...

- A 36-year-old hunter shot and killed a state-protected mountain lion, but according to witnesses had no choice because the lion attacked him while he was squirting with his pants down, answering nature's call (Skidwayo County, Calif.). In a study, 43 percent of doctors said they would have no problem being one to a death-row inmate by lethal injection (Chicago). Angered by his country's soccer loss in the Asian Cup games, Saddam Hussein's son, Uday, imprisoned the team's three most disappointing players and had them whipped on the soles of their feet (Baghdad, Iraq). The mother of a girl's high school softball player sued a teammate's father because his daughter hit her foul ball into a parking lot, damaging the roof of the woman's convertible (Bristol Township, Pa.)
Dear Sextpert,

I just moved down here to Orlando and have been in the position of meeting a lot of beautiful young women. I'm an attractive guy, 6'2" 195 pounds, blonde hair and blue eyes. I've had my fair share of chances to sleep with women in my 20 years, but I've been waiting for someone I really care about. My question is this: is it a turnoff to tell a woman I'm a virgin? Sometimes it's really frustrating because it seems to put a dead end sticker on my sexual relationships. Just because I'm not having sex doesn't mean I can't have a sexual relationship. Am I killing the intensity in my relationships? Is there a good time to tell a woman I'm a virgin? Sometimes it's really frustrating when is the fact that they are

Dear Waiting,

I respect your decision, as I'm sure most people do. It is not a turnoff. However, the part that may be the most disheartening for the women you're with is the fact that they are being passed over for the one you "really care about." It can only go so far with a woman before you say stop. In most definitions, that is a dead end. As long as you confer with her before things get to steamy (3rd or 4th date sounds good), she won't think you are just being a tease, whereas waiting until the last possible minute would be uncouth.

In some cases, a situation such as yours can increase the intensity of your relationships rather than kill it. When a couple doesn't rely on just intercourse to get their jollies, it forces both partners to resort to more creative measures to spice things up.

Rest assured that as long as you are up front and honest with women you want to get involved with, you will both have a good time together. I hope you find someone you care about so that you can settle down and be happy.
They are seeded second and will get a bye in the first round.

Junior Piper Morgan is third in the conference in hitting percentage with .321. She is also fourth in blocks and ninth in kills. Freshman Lycia Sama is third in the conference with 4.01 kills per game. Freshman Jenny Frank is sixth in the TAAC in assists. Frank and fellow freshman Lindsey Whalen are ranked in digs.

UF was the number one seed in last year’s tournament but lost a heartbreaker in the championship game to FAU.

Jacksonville - The Dolphins went 6-3 in the conference this year, giving them the third seed in the tournament. They had a 16-10 record overall.

Senior middle blockers Tiffany Twaddle and Brooke Jackson led the Dolphins offensive, both rank in the top ten in hitting percentage with .289 and .285. Jackson is also second on the team in kills per game with 3.61. Junior outside hitter Carrie Ango leads the team, and is fourth in the conference in kills per games with 3.88, and also leads in service aces with .58 per game. Amargo and freshman Kelly Ryals both rank in the top three in digs. Junior setter Carrie Bosworth is also a key player on offense. She averages over 11 assists per game, ranking her second in the TAAC.

Last year, JU went into the tournament as the second seed before losing 3-1 to third seeded FAU in their first match. The Dolphins have a number of players, including four seniors, who were part of last year's disappointing finish.

Florida Atlantic - The Owls went 5-4 and placed fourth place in the TAAC this year, but are only 9-19 overall.

Sophomore Grace Heim is the Owl leader on defense. She leads the team in blocks with .75 blocks per game. Senior Lori Lombard and junior Ashley Boddy both rank in the top eight in the TAAC in digs. Lombard is fourth with 3.16 per game. Sophomore Danielle Smith is ranked in conference in assists. FAU won the TAAC tournament last year by upsetting UCF 3-2 in the championship game, and are poised to make another run at it this year. They have 11 returning players from last year, seven of which are sophomores.

TSU was the sixth seed in last year’s tournament as well, and lost 3-1 in the first round to FAU. Stetson had the same conference record as Troy State, but lost to TSU earlier in the year. Samford also came close to making the tournament. They were 3-6 in conference play.

UCF will face the winner of Jacksonville vs. Troy State in the semifinals, while GSU will get the winner of FAU vs. Campbell. UCF defeated both of those teams and should not have a problem with them now. Georgia State also has defeated both teams, but FAU has a lot of players from last year’s team that won two games that they were supposed to lose. Most likely it will be GSU vs. UCF in the championship game. GSU won the regular season meeting, and will be favored in this match up. However UCF, with a number of excellent young players, is much improved and has a shot to pull off the upset.

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-A Student's Guide to Healthy Eating

I've heard all the stories about gaining the "Freshman 15" in college. Before college I ate pretty well and kept healthy playing sports, but it's much harder to keep up the good habits at school. How can I eat healthy on campus?

Lisa T., Boston University.

Hi Lisa,

The #1 question that scratches the backs of a lot of women is the college food. Whether you are freshman or seniors. Although you should eat less meat than the norm. You do not have to be a "lacto-ovo" vegetarian to eat healthy. Try to eat whole grains, and fresh fruits and vegetables. A hamburger doesn't have to be a guilty pleasure. Red meat can be a healthy food. Chicken and fish are also great options.

Try to be aware of your food choices. Even if you don't want to eat healthy, you can still make healthy choices. For example, instead of ordering pizza with all the toppings, order a plain cheese pizza and add some veggies like peppers or onions. Instead of ordering a bag of chips, try some carrots or hummus. Instead of ordering a large salad, try a small salad with some protein like chicken or turkey. Instead of ordering a large sandwich, try a small sandwich with some lean protein like chicken or turkey. Instead of ordering a large dessert, try a small dessert like fruit or ice cream.

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Freshman point guard Molly McGriff (left) and Coach Gail Striegler (right) discuss strategy for the upcoming season.

Newcomers expected to contribute for UCF and pressing on defense. Striegler has been pleased with the increased offensive and defensive pressure in the pre-season, and says the key to being successful in an up-tempo game is to know when to press and when to slow it down.

"The running and gunning is fun for them," Striegler said. "What they need to do is learn that when they don't have the numbers to pull it back out and get into the offense. Sometimes they try to force the game instead of letting the game come to them. That's just learning to be patient and not push it too much."

Returning for UCF this season will be seniors LaToya Graham and LaDonna Larry, juniors Khaliah Guillory and Yvette Ash, and sophomores Erin Page and Diana Hill. Graham and Guillory were the catalysts of last year's team, scoring 12.8 and 10.2 points per game, respectively. They also averaged over six rebounds per game apiece. Once again, says Striegler, Graham and Guillory will be the focal point of the offense.

"K and Toya are two of the best players in the conference without a doubt," said Striegler. "They're very much our go-to players. They were last year, and they both did a good job this summer of working hard and adding some new moves to their game. I think the plus that we have this year is that we have some more outside shooting so not everybody is going to be able to double-team and triple-team them."

The preseason TAAC polls were released two weeks ago, with the coaches predicting UCF to finish fifth in the conference and the media predicting the Golden Knights to finish seventh. Striegler says that while preseason polls don’t hold too much importance, she was pleased to be put in the role of being an underdog.

"I kind of like where we got picked," said Striegler. "I don't think it's good to be at the top because everybody's aiming for you. The middle's a great spot because you can move up and some people might take you for granted. Do I think we have the talent to end up at the top? Yeah, I do. Those preseason polls don't mean that much."

Even after last year's disappointments, Striegler is encouraged about the upcoming season and thinks her team believes they can win the conference.

"I think every time they step out there they think they're going to win," she said. "We are a bunch of winners and we will play hard every single game and give it 110 percent. I think we'll continue to get better throughout the year, especially when they learn to play together and learn to become a little bit more patient all the time."

UCF begins the regular season by hosting the UCF Golden Knights Classic on Nov. 17-18. UCF will play against Wofford College and North Texas in the tournament. Their non-conference schedule is highlighted by a Nov. 21 game at South Florida, a Nov. 28 home game against Florida State and a Dec. 9 game at the University of Florida. The Golden Knights play one conference game before the New Year, and begin the bulk of their TAAC schedule on Jan. 6 against Florida Atlantic.
Shedden Qualifies for NCAA Championships

UCF cross country runner Sonja Shedden became the first runner in Golden Knight history to qualify for the NCAA Cross Country Championships with her fifth-place finish at last week's NCAA Regional, hosted by the University of Alabama.

Shedden, who was named Trans America Athletic Conference Runner-of-the-Year for the second time two weeks ago, paced the UCF women in the 6K with a time of 21:06, shattering the UCF record she set at the Penn State Spiked Shoe Invitational on Sept. 16 by 10 seconds.

"You make sacrifices all year, and hopefully they pay off. I'm really excited about NCAA," said Shedden. "I owe a lot to my coach (Marcia Muma-Wentworth) for believing in me. I couldn't have done it without her."

The UCF women finished 11th overall, three spots above current TAAC Champion Georgia State. Senior Brianne Harrison earned a 65th-place representation by coming in 75th with a time of 23:26, Sharlyne Lammers had a finish with a time of 21:06.

"The men's team finished 16th, which was a major step for us. The program is moving from fourth to fifth," said Gillispie. "We need to make sure our programs are solid and competitive at the conference level."

UCF Signs 15 in Inaugural Softball Recruiting Class

UCF softball coach Renee Gillispie announced last week that 15 players have signed national letters of intent to become part of the Golden Knights' inaugural signing class for softball.

"We have a good mix of junior college transfers and freshmen coming in, and we're looking forward to good, strong upper-class leadership," Gillispie said.

"We're going to be solid across the board. Our goal is to be competitive in the Trans America Athletic Conference in our first season."

The signees include several local selections, including Janua Colon (Orlando/University HS), who will come to UCF as a pitcher. Colon had an ERA of 4.89 and a batting average of .388 last season, and received the Coach's Achievement Award. She also played for the ASA Lady Hawks under coach Larry Boyle. The team will boast two players from Lake Mary. Lauren Cooper (Lake Mary/Seminoles CC) and Lindsay Munz (Lake Mary/Seminoles CC) will both transfer from Seminole Community College. Cooper, a second baseman and outfielder, was a first team All-Conference and All-County selection and a second team All-Central Florida selection in 2000. Munz will come in as an outfielder. Both played at Lake Mary High School. UCF also has a major junior college transfer in Teyora Hess (Palm Bay/Lake City CC), who was named to the FCCAA All-Tournament team in 2000 as a second baseman. Hess finished the 2000 season third in the state for runs scored and second in on-base percentage.

The signing class will include significant freshman signees as well. Lindsay Bush (Sarasota/Sarasota HS) will play a big role at catcher for the fledging team. Bush played under Jack Hartman at Sarasota and with Dave Hazzard's ASA Bombers Gold. She was Sarasota's defensive MVP and a member of the 1999 SA State Championship team.

"Lindsay will be a key player in the start of our program. She is our cornerstone," said Gillispie.

Stephanie Best (Fl. Mill, S.C./Ft. Mill HS), one of the nation's top shortstops, will also join the Golden Knights. Best was an All-State and All-Region selection, and was named the Region III Player of the Year in South Carolina. She also played for the ASA Carolina Cardinals under coach Ray Chandler. One of the new class's strongest recruits, Best is a two-time Female Weightlifter of the Year.

The UCF softball program will begin Division I play in 2002, and Gillispie is positive about the program's potential.

"We're very excited to be starting a new program," she said. "We really appreciate the support athletics administrators Steve Sloan and Mary Kaufman have given us."

UCF Rookie Four Wins at 'Hooch Regatta

The UCF women's freshman/rookie four crew grabbed the title at the Head of the 'Hooch last week in Gainesville, GA.

The team of Heidi Coleman, Margie Funk, Katie Fitzgerald, Leslie Parker and coxswain Daria Smith finished with a time of 21 minutes, 16.6 seconds, just 5.7 seconds ahead of second-place Duke University.

The Golden Knights finished in the top 10 of each race they entered. The championship eight of Tiffany Murlik, Megan Fervenecki, Sara Smith, Amy Robinson, Tiffany Coldwell, Jen Swansen, Susan McCullagh, Amanda Ream and coxswain Lauren Grant placed seventh - highest of the varsity squad - with a time of 17:27, while the championship four team came in tenth place.
Record breaking crowd watches UCF play VT

Natasha Berk
Staff Writer

Although there remained many UCF football records not broken on Saturday, one was demolished. The credit for this broken record does not go to the players who played in the game. The fans, 50,229 to be exact, broke this record. This was the largest crowd ever to attend a Golden Knights football game at the Citrus Bowl.

The closest was the 1997 Idaho game in which 41,827 people attended.

The stadium's atmosphere was altered. People who usually found UCF football games a time to socialize actually found themselves watching the game as one student in the crowd was overheard saying, "I've watched an entire half for the first time in the crowd was amazing. Shane Kelcourse, who traveled from Miami to see the game, described the crowd as 'insane.' John Spears, a UCF parent, was primarily attracted to the game because of Virginia Tech’s Top-10 ranking and the chance to see Tech quarterback Michael Vick, a leading Heisman Trophy candidate, although he did not play. About the crowd, he said, "I think there was a good crowd. It was the largest crowd I’ve seen and I’ve been to about three games here. If UCF gets good recruiting in the next three years than I think they will have the support like today.”

One fan voiced some dissatisfaction in the amount of support UCF received. "I thought there would be a few more people here," said the two-year UCF student. "I’m sort of disappointed with the turnout. There are a lot of loose spaces and I think we could pack in more people here."

When comparing the fans of UCF to the fans at other Division I-A schools like UF and FSU, one student said there is no comparison.

"I don’t think, right now, that there is any comparison due to the stature of the (UCF) program. Until we get to some kind of conference, it’s going to be up to us to support the football team. I honestly think that until we get rivalry we aren’t going to get turnovers like we desire.”

On the same subject, UCF junior Glenn Lyle said, "Once the tradition starts and we start winning some big games at home then the fans will start to come out and the city of Orlando will support us more."

Many students found themselves feeling a sense of pride and accomplishment for UCF.

"I am very proud to be a UCF Knight today, seeing all the fans in the crowd wearing their black and gold," said UCF student Adam DeMarco. "It’s actually nice for once to see the UCF student section filled and it’s hard to find a seat like other games.

UCF junior Sal DeCaria may have captured the overall feeling experienced by the fans at the game. "For the first time ever as a college student at UCF, I felt like I was at a real football game," said DeCaria; "I actually saw people scalping tickets. It was great!"

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school history with 23 consecutive games with a catch, and ranks seventh for receptions in his career with 146. Pretty good for a guy who was recruited as a quarterback out of high school.

"I don't think any of us ever thought Tyson Hinshaw would be this good. I didn't," said Kruczek. "He's going to be missed a lot." 

Going into the season, many people thought that Kenny Clark would be the go-to guy for UCF. Unfortunately, Clark was plagued by injuries most of the year. Saturday's game was the first time he has been entirely healthy since opening day against Georgia Tech, and you could tell. Clark had four catches for 93 yards with a sensational touchdown reception that improved dramatically after a shaky start.

Chris Lorenzi, another NFL prospect, Kurt Bummar and John Benchamp anchored the offensive line, helping open holes for Mack and Dwight Collins, and protecting quarterbacks Vic Penn and Ryan Schneider. Penn, who suffered a separated shoulder earlier this season and was replaced by Schneider, finished his career on the field Saturday, playing the fourth quarter and completing three of four passes for 16 yards.

"When we first came to this program it wasn't well known," said Clark. "Now everybody knows UCF."

The future certainly looks bright for Golden Knight football, and this year's senior class has a lot to do with that.
Virginia Tech 44 - UCF 21

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During the week leading up to UCF's game against Virginia Tech, UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek had one simple message for his team, and he repeated it constantly.

"If you don't stop the run, you are going to lose.

Tech's sophomore tailback Lee Suggs came into this week as one of the nation's top running backs, and unfortunately for UCF, he proved his status on Saturday. In the Golden Knights' 44-21 loss to the Hokies, Suggs carried the ball 30 times for 143 yards and five touchdowns, the most ever scored against UCF by a single player.

"I asked me who I was frightened of all week," said Kruczek, referring to Suggs. "I don't think there was any doubt who the playmaker was on their side. Suggs is going to rip a lot of defenses. That offensive line is big and strong. They come off the football as well as any I've ever seen in college. It was to be expected they were going to be able to run the football a little bit against us."

"He's a great running back," said senior strong safety Damian Dumps, who led UCF with 12 tackles. "He's a hard-nosed running back and he plays well under adversity and stress."

Without Heisman Trophy candidate quarterback Michael Vick (sprained ankle) and top wide receiver Andre Davis (foot bruise), Virginia Tech committed to the run against the Golden Knights, and it worked. In the game the Hokies rushed the ball for 313 yards on 61 carries. Along with Suggs, senior Andre Kendrick also had a good game with 15 carries for 85 yards. UCF was unable to stop the Virginia Tech running game, allowing the Hokies to control the clock and the game.

"We knew what they were going to do running game wise and we knew that if they stayed with it, they were going to wear us out," said Kruczek. "That 22 (Suggs) has eyes in the back of his head sometimes. I had a feeling if they had patience with the running game that they could control the ball. I thought defensively, although they did give up some yards, did a pretty good job. Even with the effort (Suggs) had, you can't give that team the turnovers that we did tonight and expect to win the football game. That's killed us all year in the losses we've had."

UCF turned the ball over six times in the game, including four interceptions by redshirt freshman quarterback Ryan Schneider. The Golden Knights also lost two fumbles; one by senior wide receiver Tyson Hinshaw on UCF's opening drive, and one by Schneider in the second quarter that Hokie defensive end Nathaniel Tede returned 36 yards for a touchdown.

"You can't give a team like that the ball like we did," said Hinshaw. You can't turn the ball over like we did and give them a chance to put points on the board because they're not the number eight team in the country for nothing. They're a good football team and we just fell a little bit short tonight."

With the loss, UCF finishes its season with a 7-4 record, and will be able to take many positive things from the year. The Golden Knights' 40-38 win over Alabama was the first big upset in school history, and will be remembered forever by UCF fans. This week, the returning players will hit the weight room, beginning their preparation for next season. The Golden Knights will open the year with yet another chance for an upset, playing at national ranked Clemson on Sept.21, 2001. See you there.
UCF hopes to earn NCAA Tournament berth

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After a fairly predictable regular season, it's time for the TAAC Volleyball Tournament. The winner of this tournament earns a spot in the NCAA Tournament, which decides the national championship. Here is a run down of the teams in this year's tournament, which include the TAAC's top six finishers during the regular season.

1. Georgia State - The regular season conference champions went 8-1 in the TAAC this year, with their only loss coming at Jacksonville, and went 26-9 overall. Georgia State is in an experienced team with two seniors and four juniors. They lost to UCF in the second round of last year's tournament in a hard fought, five game match.

2. UCF - The Golden Knights went 5-1 in the TAAC and 17-10 overall. Their only conference loss came against Georgia State.

Women's basketball looks to improve in 2000-2001 season

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The 1999-2000 season was one to forget for the UCF women's basketball team. The Golden Knights fought through an extremely high number of injuries to finish last in the TAAC conference with a 9-20 record. This year, however, second-year Head Coach Gail Striegler has added one of the best recruiting classes in school history and is out extinguish the memories of last season. This year, the UCF roster will feature eight players that did not play for the Golden Knights last season. The incoming freshmen include guards Molly McGriff, Nicole Dunson, Ashley Ballance and Marvelous Washington. Ballance and Washington were member's of last year's squad, but were redshirted. Other newcomers include forward Adrienne Billings, junior guards Nicole Hearms and Lauren Cooks, both transfers from junior colleges, and junior center Kristy Colligan, who transferred from Frank Phillips College in Texas. This group will provide a considerable amount of depth for the Golden Knights, who spent much of last year with only seven healthy players.

"We have a really talented group that have come in," said Striegler. "A lot of them are going to get a lot of playing time. I think that's one of our plusses for this year. We're going to have a lot more depth than we had last year. I would say almost all of the newcomers are going to get a little bit of playing time." With the added depth, UCF will be able to do a lot more running this season, pushing the ball up on offense.

Seniors leave mark on UCF football

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Despite a 44-21 loss to Virginia Tech to end their careers on Saturday, the seniors on this year's Golden Knight football team will be remembered for years to come. They were freshmen when UCF moved from Division 1-AA to 1-A and helped make that transition an easier one.

"The seniors will be sorely missed," said UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek. "They laid the foundation for the success of this program for years to come. They set the standard for the rest of the team." The thing that most people will remember about this year's seniors was the 40-38 win at Alabama. Beating a big time college football program is something UCF teams of the past could not do. For years, UCF teams had come up just short many times. This year's seniors helped get the program over that hurdle, and brought UCF a step closer to greatness. Under the leadership of the seniors, the Golden Knights have compiled a 30-25 record in a Division I-A program. They gave us tremendous effort over the past four or five years," said Kruczek.

Aside from their great accomplishments as a team, many seniors had substantial individual accomplishments as well. Wide receiver Tyson Hinshaw tied a school record with 88 receptions this year, and ranked second in the nation in catches per game. He ranks sixth in the conference in reception yardage. Tight end Ryan Santeanna, who leads the conference in receiving yards, made 27 more catches than any other tight end in the conference. He also tied the conference record with 107 catches for 1,414 yards and 21 touchdowns. Santeanna was the only receiver to surpass the 1,000-yard mark.

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