UCF students ‘Fill the Bowl’

KATHY FORD
STAFF WRITER

With 50,220 people attending UCF’s game against Virginia Tech on Nov. 11, breaking attendance records.

Rayed by the victory over Alabama, the UCF athletic program took advantage of the excitement and went to the administration for the resources to promote the Virginia Tech game.

Upon approval, the marketing department hired a firm that came up with a marketing plan called “Fill the Bowl.”

The plan took on a life of its own, with everyone from staff to student to fan, being enthusiastic about the game, said Tim Leonard, Assistant Athletic Director.

Businesses in downtown Orlando put up banners and had their employees wear “Fill the Bowl” t-shirts to promote the game. The Centroplex provided parking at Church Street Station and shuttles to and from the Citrus Bowl for only a dollar.

Approximately 300 people attended the pep rally on Nov. 8 at the Student Union where Coach Kroczek spoke about the support that the team has received and the band and cheerleaders performed for the crowd.

“People were caught up in the excitement surrounding this final game,” said Phil McDaniel, student director of the Campus Activities Board.

He, Harris, a freshman, attended the pep rally at the Student Union and was excited about attending this game, Harris said at the pep rally. “This should be exciting what with it being Virginia Tech we’re playing.”

Television coverage on ESPN was limited to the Virginia and West Virginia viewing audiences, but despite this, the general feeling among both alumni, students and general fans alike, was that this was a ‘bowl’ game.

“This is our chance to show not only the community but the nation that Orlando isn’t just the place where Disney World is,” Leonard said.

People who have followed this team over the years since it became a division I-A team know that UCF

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.

--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 B 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. 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 students 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’s, students who apply to the journalism program now will be required to present a portfolio of their published works a semester before their graduation. The portfolio may include published stories or photographs of journalistic nature. Journalism faculty

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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 so, 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 counties.

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 undeclared 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.

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The UCF cheerleading team appeared at Nov. B's pep rally to pump up the nearly 300 students who gathered for the event. Also on hand for the rally were the Golden Knight football team, Head Coach Mike Kruze, SGA president Dennis Spenske, 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 rally, Golden Knight fans believe that their team, which has never been to a conference, is headed to a conference.

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Students compete for Mr. UCF title

Winner of contest will receive $2,000

Krisita Zilezi
State Writer

Eight UCF gentlemen will set out to impress judges with interviews, talent, and beach and evening wear. These men will be competing for the title of Mr. UCF on Nov. 16 at the annual Mr. UCF pageant.

A panel of four judges will be responsible for selecting the new Mr. UCF. Lois Engley, Kathy Harris, Laura Waltrip and Michael Wootley will serve as this year’s Mr. UCF judges. Engley and Harris are both faculty members within the College of Health and Public Affairs at UCF. Waltrip serves as the assistant director of student activities at the university. And Wootley is the father of former Mr. UCF director Michelle Woolley. This year Michelle will serve as the pageant’s scriptwriter.

Reining Mr. UCF John Santo and Miss UCF Jana Eaton will host the pageant, which will be based on a superhero theme. The pageant will open with a dance performance choreographed to music from the Batman soundtrack.

The pageant first began in 1989 as a joint venture between a UCF sorority and fraternity known as Big Man on Campus. In 1996, the Campus Activities Board sponsored the event to accompany Miss UCF, which takes place every spring. The purpose of the pageant is to provide a student body representative to represent UCF at different functions within the school as well as the community.

“The winner of Mr. UCF goes on to appear at various school functions, such as Spirit Splash this year,” said Shanna Posey, student director of Mr. UCF.

“The contest is open to any male student who is currently enrolled at UCF,” said Posey.

“This year we have a graduate student competing so it’s not limited to undergraduates,” Posey pointed out.

Twelve students are eligible to participate, however only eight entered the contest this year. Additionally, students must maintain a 2.5 GPA since the Mr. UCF title is considered a leadership position at UCF.

The pageant also serves as a scholarship opportunity for participants. The crowned Mr. UCF will receive $2,000. The first runner up will receive $1,500 and the second runner up receives $1,000. A non-finalist talent performance winner and non-finalist interview winner will both receive $500.

The contestants pay no out-of-pocket costs for competing in the pageant and all their wardrobe and accessories for the event will be provided for them by Mitchell’s formal wear.

The pageant will be held in the Pegasus Grand Ballroom at 8 p.m. on Nov. 18. Audience members can see Mr. UCF contestants compete in the beach and formal wear, as well as the talent performance in the evening. Judges will interview the contestants in the morning in private sessions based on the information the contestants submitted in their personal bios.

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 satisfy 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

Zoe 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 campaign is over while Win Adams, a Democrat, received only 16 percent of the vote.

"I'm very proud of me because I ran, very proud of me because I ran," Proctor said.

Proctor plans to stay with the Libertarian party and be very involved at a local level. She admits that they are informally grooming her for the possibility of another campaign, something on a smaller scale.

"I'm not sure that I want to devote my entire life to a political career," said Proctor. "I think that I would like to teach and I definitely want to have a family someday."

Proctor does not feel that the Libertarian party are just people who helped with the campaigns, but that they are extended family.

"When you run for political office, you lose all privacy," said Proctor. "I was very definitely aware of the lack of privacy I had, even though I was at a lower level of politics."

Proctor "does not feel that the campaign is over while Win Adams, a Democrat, received only 16 percent of the vote."

College Jobs
CAB director a full-time job

CHRISTIE ZIZO
STAFF WRITER

They may or may not be paid, but being a Campus Activities Board Committee director is certainly a full-time job.

For sophomores John Dillon and Kim Browne, working in CAB takes up most of their time. Dillon is the CAB Cinema Committee director, and Browne is the assistant director for the CAB Video Productions Committee.

Dillon said he wanted the Cinema directorship because of the "fun and great movie experiences I had last year as a CAB member."

Dillon coordinates Network Entertainment Theatre advanced screening events, which includes dealing with company sponsors as well as planning and coordinating the night of the movie. He also shows older films and coordinates other special events, such as the Short Attention Span film festival.

"What I like most about my job is all the 'mail I receive,'" Dillon said. "The free posters and stuff, and the fact that I get to help show people what I love to see - films."

"In my opinion, being the cinema director is the only position I would want to hold right now," Dillon said. "It combines my love of movies with my experience in exhibiting films to make for a great leadership experience."

"The hardest part of my job is turning people away once they reach capacity in the theater. Those who don't get in usually tell me how to do my job," Browne said.

Browne's duties include assisting the committee's director in coordinating events and handling small details that make events run smoothly, such as checking camera equipment. "When equipment doesn't work right it holds up production," she said.

Equipment breaking down is one of the worst experiences for Browne. Last year at Mr. UCF there was a camera-sync problem and one of the projectors overheated. The committee's Media 100 editor is also down, which makes it harder to complete productions.

Still, Browne enjoys her job. CAB is a great place to work, especially as a director," she said. "You get a lot of real world experience and you have the opportunity to learn a lot."

"I work with a great committee," Browne said. "They're all friends and I do something I enjoy, video productions."

For more information on the Campus Activities Board, visit the CAB office on the second floor of the Student Union.

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Election continues to make history

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

Earlier than most had expected, Florida was thought to have gone to Gore. Supporters of Gore were ecstatic about being late as 10 days after ballots were counted. Law allows that no one could have foreseen how important Florida's electoral votes would actually be.

Pulls 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 in to 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 23,000 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 at 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) 423-3641.

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 "Glimpse from Kaua'i." This is David Mamet's Pulitzer Prize winning comic drama about small time real estate salesmen trying to out do one another. The skeleton, a cop, 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 (407) 823-0144.

Sexual Harassment - what's that all about?

Nov. 20, starting at 7:30 p.m. Laurie Kemper, Psy.D., of the Counseling and Testing Center and Mary Gianakis, Victims Advocate, will be hosting a session on sexual harassment in Student Union Room 218C. This workshop will explore what behavior constitutes 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 Fookes from the Chemistry Department at UCF. For more information contact Dr. Schols Venam at (407) 823-6469 or email jynon@mail.ucf.edu.

Film professor's series picked up by PBS
New UCF film 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 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
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Election shows more than just confusion

Adam Shiver
Self Editor

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 hopefully realize that their vote does in fact count. Every year I hear people 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 must vote. Let's not let just one person that 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.

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, athleticism and philanthropy during rush, rather than how much they drink. Any fraternity or sorority member will tell you that a Greek organization's main purpose is not about drinking. Any fraternity or sorority member will tell you that a Greek organization's main purpose is not about drinking. Any fraternity or sorority member will tell you that a Greek organization's main purpose is not about drinking. Any fraternity or sorority member will tell you that a Greek organization's main purpose is not about drinking. Any fraternity or sorority member will tell you that a Greek organization's main purpose is not about drinking. Any fraternity or sorority member will tell you that a Greek organization's main purpose is not about drinking. Any fraternity or sorority member will tell you that a Greek organization's main purpose is not about drinking. Any fraternity or sorority member will tell you that a Greek organization's main purpose is not about drinking. Any fraternity or sorority member will tell you that a Greek organization's main purpose is not

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Greek or not Greek: Who really cares?

All right I have had enough. How many more articles and letters to the editor do I have to read about the whole Greeks versus independent debate? Every year it's the same thing. Either a Greek or a non-Greek starts it by writing an article bashing one-another. Then someone writes back and it starts. A war of words over who is cooler Greeks or non-Greeks.

Personally, I think both parties should shut up. While I am a Greek and I may offend a few with my view of the situation it's my view and if you don't like it send me a letter. Anyway back to what I was saying. Both groups should just deal. I always guess what guys we are in college and just like high school a lot of the stuff we do now won't matter after we graduate. By the time we graduate and move into the real world no one will care if you were a Greek or not. Yeah, you may make connections as one, but that's about it.

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In the words of Rodney King, "Why can't we all just get along?"
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, 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 all, 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, while men tend to vote Republican. African-Americans have tended to vote for Democrats in extremely high numbers and whites vote Republicans in a majority of cases.

The evidence is there; look at the exit polls from the Nov. 7 election. To be fair, we'll examine Florida, a state where the total vote counts are nearly identical for Bush (R) and Gore (D).

In Florida, 73 percent of the votes cast by whites, and 15 percent by blacks. Fifty-seven percent of the white voters voted for Bush, while only 40 percent voted for Gore. An astronomical 93 percent of black voters cast their ballots for Gore, leaving only 7 percent to vote for Bush. In terms of gender, 54 percent of Florida's voters were female and 46 percent were male. Fifty-three percent of the women voted for Gore, while only 45 percent voted for Bush.

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Why is there such a gap? Are we really a country in which there are still such vast racial and gender divisions? When Republican President Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves, the black vote became a Republican commodity. Ever since Democratic President Lyndon Johnson passed the 1964 Civil Rights Act with the help of a Democrat-controlled Congress, African-Americans have voted primarily for Democrats, while a majority of whites have voted Republican.

Much of the gender gap can be attributed to the Pro-Choice stance of the Democrats, compelling women to feel that the Democrats respect their individual rights more than the Republican platform does.

There 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.

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 healthcare is acceptable, but it is time to end the politics of exclusion.
A journalist's dream

JAMES NUNEZ

Staff Writer

Nov. 7 came and Americans showed up in droves to cast their votes 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 we composed America to the beginning of history.

Millions of other reporters from national publications like the New York Times to such small towns as the Cape Coral Broward compiled their notes and notes and prepared to create the defining words of this election. Everyone expected a close race, but no one could have predicted what would proceed.

The 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 awkwardly took it back, chaining the difference in popular vote between Gore and Bush.

The journalist's 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."

Bush supporters and opponents alike emitted a sigh of relief, as the election was finally over. Filer editors from all corners of the nation cried the words, "print it!" and dropped their lunches 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. Televisions around the U.S. were shut off, and a majority of the population went to bed, predicting how the next four years of America would look.

Then came probably the most interesting two hours of this election so far. A period that would evoke the three most exciting words in a news paper editor's vocabulary: "Stop the press!

An route to his concession speech, Al Gore recalled Bush to redec his concession. The vote in Florida had been removed from the Bush column and placed back into that of "too close to call."

Hounds of red-eye, an undelayed new paper people were again sent into a state of chaos. Stories had to be re-written, new angles had to be approached and deadlines were bared a few hours away. By that night, nothing had been the same. Bush and Gore virtually split Florida, creating an automatic recount and essentially one of the most interesting two hours in America's recent history.

Christie Zizo

Staff Writer

I am so ticked off. At a staff meeting last week I received the grand honor of writing the commentary on America's choice for president. An honor early journalism's best commentators have been bestowed: the George Will's, the Linda Ellerbees, 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 Stephanopoupos."

But no. I fail to stay up until 4:30 in the morning because some Floridians are too stupid to design a ballot that makes sense, while others are too stupid to understand the ballot, the stupid Floridians designed. Because there are some idiots who don't know that when a voter comes up and says for a new ballot you're supposed to give them one! Because some people are too stupid to realize that you can't vote for two different candidates on the same ballot!

I don't think I ever entered so many explanations in my life as I did that night. But oh, well. I can't complain. I voted for Gore, and this buys us time. Who knows, maybe we'll get lucky. This thing could go until December and the House, where the politicians will make the third corrupt bargain in US history. What a wonderful time we live in.

They probably said the same thing in 1824 and in 1876. Then there is the little matter of confusion in Palm Beach County, and I have to admit I don't know where I stand on that. I guess if a judge and Reno reviews the claims and call voter fraud, they deserve their retrim. If Palm Beach County gets a rewrite, though, it's for certain Gore will take Florida. Nader voters will probably not vote at all or vote for Gore. The people who voted for Buchanan by accident will vote for Gore. Is it a fair election? No. At least that's what Republicans will say. Can I disagree?

No. Because as a Democrat I'd say the same thing, and probably will if we don't get a rewrite. You know what? I have a great idea. Let just make me president. It's the least the American people could do. I mean, you've all raised my great editorial. If Kevin (Oct. 28). I was going to talk about the ruff I was going to build and sailing to Cuba on an inauguration Day. If Gore won I was going to talk about the organic scenario ala "When Harry Met Sally...". I let out as the final projected vote was tallied. But stupid people and politics foiled my plans. Again. You people owe me big.
We’re not stupid, honest

Becky Panoff  
STAFF WRITER

“My name is Becky and I’m from Palm Beach County.”

These days, it’s almost like admitting I have an infectious disease when admitting that part of Florida I was raised in. Yes. I’m talking about the recent elections that everyone would just like to forget at this point. Overall, 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 a e-mail from my mother, who is an intelligent woman in her own right, saying that she had bad 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 cater among are illegals the Democrats saying that the butterfly ballot was designed confusingly.

The real villains in this are not the Democrats who were a bit confused, not 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 decended upon South Florida and created the havoc that seems to be going on back home. The people who got in their cars and hopped on 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 revelry.

After all of this, I have decided one thing. I’m writing by observance like I did in the 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 projects that were actually alive when the last time this happened with Ruthford B. Hayes and Samuel Tilden in 1876, just my ballot 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.

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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).

Several nights a week, they have themed specials. Tuesday's from 5 - 10 p.m. they offer Ladies Night where the studio rate is $6 for ladies on pottery less than $25. And Saturday is Date Night where you can "Bring your honey and save money," from 7 - 11 p.m. Date Night offers a studio rate of two for $12 on pottery less than $25. However, these nights are still open to everyone. And for the Holiday season, they are offering more hours and many Christmas pieces such as ornaments and plates.

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 Zeros, 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 venue part of things,” he said. "Folks would come to shows at the venue and buy their record on the Internet or Park Avenue thinking they were supporting d.i.y. 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.
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 good 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, Ellen 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 page 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 duplicators 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
Golf pro 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 relationships 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: “If 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 no to a loved one's unreasonable request on November 15, Saturday. Cleaning up a big mess gets you started. OK, Monday, but keep abilities could curtail your travel on Friday. That's later, and for your favorite people. A friend may be being there to listen helps. Sleep pockets.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You're feeling chatty on Thursday and Friday. As you confront old hurdles as you confront old others, you're likely to be ner-vous on Monday, and feel like you're under a microscope. Just try to ignore that huge eyeball looking at you from above. The snoop should have gone on to 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 them. 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 nagging may prove useful after all! Toss 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.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You can find the best deals 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 money this weekend. Take notes, then decide what works best.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You're likely to be ner-vous on Monday and feel like you're under a microscope. Just try to ignore that huge eyeball looking at you from above. The snoop should have gone on to 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 them. You may even get a backhanded one from a person who's hard to figure out. Just add it to your treasure trove!
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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 of the 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 buried their heads in their blankets 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, he said, 'like every other athlete, these athletes 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 Duke, 62-13, in the 1998 game, but 43 nausious Duke players and assistants got some measure of revenge by inadvertently making 11 FSU players violently ill during and after the game. The virus via their vomit on their own uniforms. The cause was contaminated turkey sandwiches, an inch in diameter to 3/8th 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 girlfriend's Social Security office opened fire, killing a guard (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-handphone company, Access Resource, renewed a settlement with the state attorney general not to engage in fraudulent practices. One provision of the settlement absolutely forbids the company to hire bona fide psychic operators but contains the exception allowing telephone psychics to be hired if they swear in writing that they can read people's minds.

Creative Lawsuits, Explained

-- New York University instructor (and accused shoplifter) Eliza Ayes filed a lawsuit in August against Lord & Taylor in New York City, claiming that when security guards found an untagged bra in her handbag, they must have been because they planted it there so that they could accuse her of theft and 'torture' her until she confessed to stealing it. At NYU, Professor Ayes 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). An October fatwa 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 42-year-old man drowned in Lake Erie near Painesville, Ohio, diving in to retrieve his favorite fishing lure. A 34-year-old man drowned in Lake Erie in September, after diving into Joe Pool Lake near Dallas after his bat. Also, in the Last Month...

-- A 35-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 squating with his pants down answering nature's call (Siskiyou County, Calif.). In a study, 43 percent of doctors said they would have no problem being the one to kill a death-row inmate by lethal injection (Chicago). Anger 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 a foul ball into a parking lot, damaging the roof of the woman's convertible (Bristol Township, Pa.).
Dear Sexpert,

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? Should I go out of my way to wait until the last possible minute to tell them? Right now I usually tell them in casual conversation on about the 3rd or 4th date. I'll appreciate any advice.

-Waiting, 20, male

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." I can only hearten for the women aren't ready yet is enough and won't be an ego blow.

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.

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Volleyball has second seed in TAAC Tournament

The Camels went 5-4 in Volleyball team has second seed in TAAC Tournament this year, but are only 9-19 overall. Amargo and freshman Kelly Ryals both rank in the top three in digs. Junior setter Carrie Bosworth is fourth in the conference this year, giving them the edge in hitting percentage with .321. Morgan ranks second on the team in kills per game with .289 and .285. Jackson is second best in the conference in aces with .58 per game. Amargo and Jackson led the Dolphin offense; Jackson is sixth in the conference in assists. Frank and fellow freshman Jenny Frank is sixth in the TAAC overall, and is fourth in the conference in digs. Senior Erick Vanhootegem had 3.16 per game. Junior Abby Jenkins leads in that category with 3.79 digs per game, 0.22 better than anybody else in the TAAC. Sophomore Kara Lewis leads the team in kills with an average of 3.21, ranking her sixth in the conference. She is also ranked in the top five in blocks with .97 a game. Senior settler Pam Higbee is third in the conference in aces.

Sophomore Grace Heim is the Owl leader in offense. 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.

83. 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 Dolphin offense; 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 middle 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, UU 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 finishes.

84. 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.

85. Campbell - The Camels went 5-4 in the conference this year after losing during two conference games. The ended up 17-15 overall, and are the fifth seed in the tournament.
As a team, Campbell ranks first in the TAAC in digs with 1878, averaging over 16 per game. Junior Abby Jenkins leads in that category. She averages 3-79 aces per game, 0.22 better than anybody else in the TAAC. Sophomore Kara Lewis leads the team in kills with an average of 3.21, ranking her sixth in the conference. She is also ranked in the top five in blocks with .97 a game. Senior setter Pam Higbee is third in the conference in aces.
Campbell did not make the conference last year and will want to make a good showing this season.

86. Troy State - The Trojans went 6-3 in the conference this year, giving them the sixth and final seed. They were 20-10 overall, with a 12-4 record on the road.
Senior Emily Larson leads the TAAC in aces, and is fourth in hitting percentage with .307. Junior Erick Vanhootegem had 430 kills this year, averaging 4.22 per game. That is second best in the conference. Defensively TSU is not as strong, with no player ranking in the top five in blocks or digs.

TSU was the sixth seed in last year's tournament as well, and lost 3-1 in the first round to FAU. Stanton 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 Freshman 15 doesn't have to be.

Although you shouldn't spend too much time obsessing about your diet, here are some simple things to remember when you sit down and eat. Don't skip breakfast. Crab a granola bar, a container of yogurt, or a piece of fruit when you're leaving the dining hall. Always grab a piece of fruit or carrots as an alternative.

Women are particularly in need of calcium during their college years to build bone mass and avoid osteoporosis (weak bones) later in life. If you don't want to drink a glass of milk, remember that yogurt or milk on your cereal counts as well.

Always grab a piece of fruit or carrot sticks when you're leaving the dining hall. Even if you don't want it right away, keep it in your room or backpack for a snack. Keep low-fat snacks like pretzels, granola bars, nuts, or raisins in your room for late night munchies so you won't be as likely to order pizza or hit the candy machine.

Finally there will be plenty of opportunities for late-night snacking between class talks and emergency fast food runs. You don't have to stay away from these things all the time. Just don't let your body and your diet as balanced as possible.

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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

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Striegler has been pleased with seventh 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 Donna 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 and not everybody is going to be 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 its 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 are better? 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 Wolford 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.
GeAna Rivera came in 1· Lammers had a Shedden The men's team finished 16th Harrington earned a 65th-place runner in Golden Knight history was a first team All-Conference Country Championships with second team All-Central Florida for the second time two weeks who was named to the FCCAA current TAAC Champion Georgia came in 75th with a time of coming in first among the I couldn't have done it without and with Dave Hazzard's under Jack Hartman at really excited about her fifth-place finish at last selection Sonja Shedden became the first second baseman and outfielder, November ed by Iowa Championships will Geography at Ames, Iowa, on Monday, became part of the Golden Knights. The NCAA Gillispie announced last week coming in, and we're looking the board. "We're going to be solid across the board.

Mary/Seminole 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. Manz will come in as an outfielder. Both played at Lake Mary High School. UCF also has a major junior college transfer in Tepora 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 fledgling 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 (Pt. Mill, S.C./P.A. 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."

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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, 50,220, 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 overhead saying, "I've watched an entire half for the first time."

The student section, which is primarily located behind the goal posts at the closed end of the field, decorated the stadium seats with black and gold. There were more painted bodies, more cheering, louder jeering, and bigger fights in the stands as testostosterone levels hit ultimate highs. Even the opponents’ fans got into the act at the end of the game, with an ineptuated group of Virginia Tech supporters chanting "TF sacks." Maybe they don’t teach the letter "C" in Blacksburg.

The majority of the students felt the crowd was amazing. Shane Kelewine, 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 awhile until we get the fun support like the other colleges. I honestly think that until we get rivalry we aren't going to get turnouts 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 unlike 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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Saturday’s game against Virginia Tech was senior strong safety Damian Demps’ last game as a Golden Knight, and he made it a memorable one. Demps led the defense with 12 tackles in a game that was dominated by Virginia Tech’s running game. Although UCF lost the game 44-21, Demps and his fellow seniors gave it all they had, and UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek recognized their effort.

“Telling the coaches how I felt about it and having them back us up and support us.” The Golden Knights went on to finish the season strong with a record of 4-1, with their lone loss coming against number eight-ranked Virginia Tech.

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“When I came into the program when it was Division I-A, and it leaves with the legacy as being the first team to pull off that elusive upset victory. Demps has been a valuable part of this senior class since he arrived at UCF as a true freshman in 1997. In his freshman year Demps recorded 28 tackles and one interception. As a sophomore, Demps started all 11 games at safety and led the team in tackles with 92. He also tied with now Seattle Seahawk defensive back Paul Miranda for the lead in interceptions with two. In 1999, Demps earned Football News All-Independent honors after he led the defense in tackles for the second consecutive season, tallying 72 for the year. He also had two interceptions his junior year, and they came in back-to-back games against Purdue’s Drew Brees and Florida’s Doug Johnson.

The 2000 season began with Demps narrowly missing being elected defensive captain to fellow senior Tommy Shavers. When Shavers went down later in the season due to injury, Demps was right there to pick up the leadership role. Kruczek recognized and appreciated his leadership ability.

“He really has become our inspirational leader over there,” said Kruczek. “He’s really matured. The thing I like about Damian, he was always the guy that kind of had that... couldn’t understand the word” mentality. He’s completely changed. He’s respectful, he does what he’s supposed to do, he’s a fantastic leader, and he leads by example. These are the things in my opinion, he wasn’t doing on a consistent basis in years past. I love the guy, I mean, you look at his play this year, he’s come up with huge plays.”

Prior to Saturday’s game against Virginia Tech, Demps said that he and his teammates were just trying to focus on the game, and didn’t want to think that this could be their last game together.

“I try not to think about it but it is going to be the last couple of days you’re going to spend with your teammates and especially the people you basically came in with,” said Demps. “We’re going to miss each other but we try not to think about that.”

When UCF started the season with a 3-3 record, Demps got together with the other seniors to figure out how they could get the team back on track.

“We got together as seniors and figured out how can we make this team better?” ” Demps said. “It really wasn’t hard doing it. It was telling your teammates instead of coming to practice and just pushing through it, ‘we have to work to get better an that’s the only way we’re going to win.’ That’s all it was. I called the coaches and told them what we felt about this and having them support us and we felt that was the only way we were going to win.”

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“He’s really come around,” said Kruczek. “I think he has an opportunity to play at the next level, if he gets an opportunity.” Whether or not Demps makes it to the next level in his football career, he will always be a part of UCF history as a member of the team that beat Alabama on their 2000 Homecoming. This memory will remain fresh in the mind of Demps and UCF fans alike forever.
Football seniors ushered in Division I-A era at UCF

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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 Hinsaw would be this good," 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 has a very good shot at playing in the NFL next season.

UCF seniors Tyson Hinsaw (left) and Vic Penn (below) both made huge impacts in their Golden Knight football careers.

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Virginia Tech's 10 catches increased his season total to 88, which ties Shaheen Buriel's 1998 school record. In contrast, Hinshaw's total should be 89, as a bad call robbed him of a catch in the second half. The referee said Hinshaw was out of bounds when he caught the ball, but replays showed the opposite.

Hinshaw finished with 147 career receptions, good enough for seventh place on the UCF career list. His 13 touchdown receptions are tied for fifth best. His 1,084 receiving yards this season is the seventh best total in school history, and his 1,869 career receiving yards are ninth best. Clark's 130 career receptions are ninth in UCF history, and his 16 career touchdown catches are tied for fourth best. His 1,655 career receiving yards are 11th best in school history. Hinshaw's 23 consecutive games with a catch rank sixth on UCF's career list, while Clark's streak of 21 is ninth best.

Penn Finishes Career on the Field
Senior quarterback Vic Penn didn't have the senior season he may have imagined, but he was able to finish his Golden Knight career on the field against Virginia Tech. When backup freshman Ryan Schneider was forced to leave the game with a concussion, Penn replaced him in the fourth quarter and completed three of his four pass attempts for 16 yards. Penn suffered a Grade II separation of his left shoulder against William & Mary on Sept. 23 and was forced to miss four games.

During Penn's absence, Schneider emerged as the team's starter and held on to the starting quarterback job after Penn's return. Despite his senior year misfortune, however, Penn will always be remembered as one of UCF's best quarterbacks and leaders. In his career, Penn completed 329 of 571 passes for 3,857 yards and 21 touchdowns. He also had two sacks, one interception and nine fumbles; 712 rushing attempts; and 61 rushing yards. In the game, he rushed the ball for 313 yards on 61 carries, including one for lost yardage.

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UCF hopes to earn NCAA Tournament berth

J O E M A N Z O
STAFF WRITER

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. The winner of this tournament earns a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

The golden Knights lost to Virginia 44-21 last season. In 2000-2001, however, second-year Head Coach Gail Striegler has added one of the best recruiting classes in school history and is out to extinguish the memories of last season. The golden Knights last season. The incoming freshmen include guards Nichole Hearns and Laentra Phillips, both transfers from junior colleges, and senior center Kristy Colligan, who transferred from Frank Phillips College in Texas. This group will provide a considerable amount of depth for the Golden Knights.

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

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STAFF WRITER

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. The memories of last season will fade, as the team looks forward to getting past its past. 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 Hearns and Laentra Phillips, both transfers from junior colleges, and senior center Kristy Colligan, who transferred from Frank Phillips College in Texas.

Seniors leave mark on UCF football

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Except for this year's seniors, the golden Knights 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 short many times. This year's seniors helped get the program over that hump, 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 1-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 nation in receptions. The thing that most people will remember about this year's seniors is the Gold Knight's 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 Hearns and Laentra Phillips, both transfers from junior colleges, and senior 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.

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