Golf cart thieves revealed in Internet conversation

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UCF police have charged four male students from UCF and Valencia Community College for grand theft and a fifth student for conspiracy after police obtained a copy of a condemning Internet conversation between one of the perpetrators and his girlfriend.

UCF police discovered three of the four stolen golf carts belonging to the Athletic Department on a dirt trail near Lake Lee next to Central Florida Boulevard. When questioned by investigators, Edward Slane, an 18-year-old UCF student, claimed that he and his friends, Christopher Cousins, John Mejia, Zachary Renner and David Gilbert found the four carts and one John Deere cart behind the athletic building. Renner, however, injured his foot and was taken back to his apartment by Cousins, who later returned.

The perpetrators then drove the vehicles around the baseball field to a dirt road where three of the carts became stuck in the sand. After bumping into the John Deere cart driven by Slane, the unnamed driver of the fourth vehicle lost control and drove into a nearby retention pond. All of the teenagers then got into the John Deere cart and headed to Cousins’ apartment.

Sergeant Hugh Carpenter’s first solid lead came when he coincidentally recognized John Mejia’s name listed as a victim in a stalking report unrelated to the theft investigation. In it, Mejia had provided a copy of an Internet chat room conversation between himself and his girlfriend or ex-girlfriend as evidence. At one point in the conversation, Mejia allegedly stated, “We stole the golf carts.”

Toy sale for College of Education

On Dec. 9, 10 percent of all purchases at Zany Brains at Waterford Lakes will go to benefit the College of Education. For more information contact (407) 384-323.

UCF engineering professor honored

McCauley Bell donates money to BETA center

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Pamela McCauley Bell is a woman at her best, according to Glamour magazine and Saturn of Orlando. McCauley Bell is a tenured professor of industrial engineering and management systems at UCF. She is among 100 women chosen to receive Saturn’s Women at Their Best award.

She received the award Nov. 14 at Saturn of Orlando. “We are very excited to present this prestigious award to such a deserving woman in our community,” said Jimmy Snyder, Executive Manager of Saturn of Orlando.

McCauley Bell has been nationally recognized as one of the top 50 women in technology. She also won the National Woman of Color Award for Educational Excellence.
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Rec services offers
Kickboxing clinics

DIANA HENNIG
STAFF WRITER

The weekend of Nov. 18 & 19, Recreational Services
sponsored two clinics held by NDEITA. This is
a national organization which teaches classes to
club students in aerobics and kickboxing. The
two clinics were available to anyone who
wished to attend. The aerobics certification
cost $179 plus books with early registration
and the kickboxing clinic cost $99. The books used
were those that NDEITA writes themselves espe­
cially for these classes.

"The students who take these clinics benefit
by being able to say that they were certified by a
national organization and that they have some experience, which some­
times isn't even needed to get a job as an instruc­
tor," said Joanne Piersall, of Recreational Services. However students have
to keep these certifica­
tions updated through
 readily workshops and
CECs.

"I first had the idea
for these certifications
for two reasons. The first
being to help me have
a good supply of certified
instructors on hand to
hire and the second being
to help students get into
the field," said Piersall.
Some major that they
may find these classes helpful
include Physical Education, Exercise Phy,
and Education, as well as
trainers who would like to
be teachers. Classes are
held once every two to
months.

There are also online
certification courses for
those who want to be an
aerobics and fitness
instructor. These classes
are taught by the
International Fitness
Association include step,
kickboxing and training.

Character influenced by career

DIANA HENNING
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever gone out to eat at
a restaurant with a server and they
criticize everything the other server
does and everything that you do? Well, that seems to be a common sce­
tario. In a general study of students, each one seems to have their own lit­tle pet peeves that are created by what type of career they are in at the moment and what kind of jobs
they've held before.

"Currently working as a host,
every time I walk into another restau­
rant, I immediately begin to watch
every move that the host in the other
restaurant makes."

"Last week, I went out to eat, and there were four hosts arguing
over who was going to clean my table, no one smiled and my overall
experience was not a good one sim­ly because of the lack of courtesy
they showed. It just made me think
about how different that customer's
dining experience, me, would have
been if I had been hosting at that
restaurant," said Nicole Smirlis.
Jobs do seem to have an influ­
ence on a person's character. In a
way they seem to help shape some of
a person's irritations, as well knowl­
dge.

"Working as a server for three
years, every time that I go out to eat,
I involuntarily comment on what the
server could have done better and
while I will still tip well, because I
know what it's like, I am also about
three times as critical of my service
as a regular customer," commented
Angie Erzian.
Of course this goes for jobs out­
side of the restaurant business as
well. "Ever since I have worked in
retail, I do so many things different
when I go shopping. I don't leave
clothes in the fitting room anymore,
because I know how much of a pain
it is to have to hang everything back
up after people all day long. Also, I
don't give the salesperson change
anymore, or if I do, I don't lay it on
the table. Because when people do
that to me, I have to pick up each coin
of it's own and it takes forever," said Jessica Roman.

Constantly, all kinds of stories
can be heard from students around campus about what this or that per­
son did at work. Whether it's how
tourists ask for too many directions
at theme parks or how annoying the
little kids are at the day care, the
students complaining about these peo­
pie will most likely refrain from
doing the same thing whenever
they are put in the same situation.
Which might not have been if they hadn't
be employed in these jobs.

Whether we like to admit it or not,
we could not imagine what our life
would be like if we had not been
employed in these jobs. We could
not imagine what it would be like to
not have the knowledge and experience we gained in our after school jobs,
add as much to the enrichment of our char­
acter as the tradition we grew up with.

McCaulley Bell also a motivational speaker

For students who are having difficulty
and being a teen mother.

Outside the academic world she
has written more than 40 technical
publications, owns her own business
and is a motivational speaker. She
speaks of how faith and determina­
tion carried her through financial
difficulty and being a teen mother.

McCaulley Bell chose BETA center
as her charity, which received a
$500 donation from Saturn.
BETA center assists adolescent
parents in the Orlando area, and pro­
vides programs for mothers and
families during pregnancy.
Syringe disposal on campus made safe

**JENNIFER PATRISON**
**STAFF WRITER**

**Do you use a syringe?**

Diabetics and allergy patients who are students, faculty or staff can stop by the Student Health Center and pick up a free needlebox so they have a safe way to dispose of their needles. This prevents accidental needle sticks when trash receptacles are emptied.

If you need more information, please call Judy Sayers of the Student Health Center at (407) 823-5275.

UCF Professors unearth Mayan Mystery

USA Today recently covered the latest findings of Diane and Arlen Chase, professors of anthropology here at UCF. For the past 16 springs the couple has spent their time excavating Maya secrets in the ancient city of Caracol, Belize. The Chases are attracting attention with their latest findings, which refute earlier beliefs about Maya life.

“We’ve known for sometime that they had something like a middle class, which contradicts the long-held notion that Maya society consisted of elite and commoners,” says Diane Chase.

Education majors use skills to strengthen community program

Junior Achievement, a business based curriculum that helps high school student choose early and make an educated decision about their careers, and UCF teachers-in-training from the College of Education have teamed up to strengthen both programs. UCF students gain classroom and teaching experience, while Junior Achievement gets a legion of enthusiastic instructors to deliver business-related curriculum to high school students.

Art in the Library

Exhibits "William Childress: Works" and "Jeanette Cole: Paradise" are on display through Dec. 8 in the UCF Art Gallery. Call (407) 823-2676 for more information.

Donate for the holidays, save a life

The Central Florida Blood Bank is having a blood drive Wednesday, Nov. 29, in front of the Student Union. Call (407) 999-8485 for more information.

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Tipping 101: Time to learn the basics

Adam Silver
Staff Writer

Whether the last time you dined out was last night or last month, you no doubt had to calculate what to tip the server and bartender who waited on you, right? You DID leave a tip, didn't you?

Servers across the country—whether in greasy spoons or five-star digs—have to see anyone who looks remotely like a college student coming. While some students are great tippers, others haven't a clue. So, with summer college tours around and your fellow classmates waiting tables or bartending to make money in time to return to school in the fall, consider this a refresher course on the subject.

At tip, as defined by Manny Gonzalez of The Original Tipping Page (www.tipping.org), is "a gift or a sum of money tendered for a service performed or anticipated." Tips originated in the early coffeehouses of England, where patrons dropped TIPS in boxes or metal bins "to insure prompt service." The larger the coin, the more noise it made when dropped — and the faster the server was received in return.

Nowadays, tips are generally a way to compliment someone for a job well done. At the same time, many servers say too many customers fail to understand that tips are also a crucial part of their livelihood. The food service industry typically doesn't award servers or bartenders the hourly minimum wage. In fact, on average, wait-staff make only $2.13 an hour, which is just enough to pay taxes. Instead, servers use tips to pay their bills—and depend solely on the generosity of their guests.

The big question at the end of almost every meal out typically is "All right, so what should I leave?" The amount of the tip depends on a few things. First, it's important to base the decision on the total amount of the bill received. The current standard is a tip that is the equivalent of at least 15 percent of the check. Consider that a base from which to either work up or down. For below-average service, give less. For any little extras you appreciate—a warm smile, a water glass that was always filled—give a little more. Leaving no tip at all should be reserved for only the most egregious examples of rudeness or incompetence. It is in bad taste to stiff a server who has performed his or her job—even if it was less than superior service.

If you are lucky, you'll end up with a bartender or server who is not only waiting on you, but entertaining you as well. Numerous servers, and bartenders especially, are Known to tell a joke, or do a bar trick for you at a whim. Though they are few and far in between, there are bartenders that will do everything from spin and toss bottles, glasses and jugs to spinning and swallowing fire. All of this entertainment is meant to make your visit more enjoyable and is certainly worthy of the highest tips awarded—which typically fall between 25 and 30 percent of the total bill. While working on the radio, Vasquetelle was looking for major industry. This experience set the stage for Insomniac, the magazine Vasquetelle produces to promote the quality in hip-hop music.

"Hip-hop is not negative, drug-pushing music. It is supposed to be something creative for inner city kids to use as an outlet. Corporate America made it something negative, especially MTV and commercial radio. I was disgusted," said Vasquetelle.

The magazine's circulation includes most major record labels, radio stations and the general public, who can obtain the magazine at Virgin Megastores nationwide, Tower Records and various regional stores. The web address is www.insomniacmagazine.com.

In addition to the magazine and radio show, Vasquetelle also owns Insomniac Inc., his record label (which also produces the magazine), and has been putting out more compilation albums in recent years. Vasquetelle's sound was hip-hop with a strong metal rock influence.

After visiting Orlando, Vasquetelle "fell in love with the leisureliness of the city" and moved here in 1989 at the age of 19. Soon after settling, he joined forces with UCF grad and his brother John Noone to form the group Drastic Measures, which has released three singles and one extended play album. A recent single, "Taking Drastic Measures," featured Kappadonna of the Wa-Tang Clan. In 1998, Vasquetelle released a full-length compilation titled "Can't Sleep on the Streets," hosted by DJ Tony Touch.

Vasquetelle also began producing a radio show in 1993 called "Drastic Measure." Currently, one of the coolest Sting hip-hop shows in the Orlando area, Vasquetelle is on air Saturdays from 7.9 p.m. on 91.5 FM, the Rollins College radio station.
Sinus problems come with season

Dear Health Nut,

My sinuses are driving me absolutely crazy. The change in the weather and wind is making them swell and cause me great distress. My nose is either running or my sinuses are dripping all the time. In the morning time is the time when it is the absolute worst though. As the day goes on it progressively gets better...until late night rolls around. I have tried the over the counter stuff such as TYLENOL Sinus, as well as I have been to the Health Center on campus. They provided me with an antibiotic, but all that did was make me feel ill. What can I do to stop, or at least ease this? 

Sincerely, Sniffles

Lots are people are struggling with sinus problems this time of year. With the changing of seasons, now is the perfect time to catch that cold you've been trying to fight for weeks. Unfortunately, sinus infections can be a real pain (pardon the pun) because they are so difficult to get rid of even with the help of antibiotics.

Whether your sinus infection was triggered by allergies or by a cold will determine the antibiotics effectiveness. If allergies caused your sinus problems, antibiotics should help kill the bacteria. But, if a cold is the culprit, the bacteria are unrelated because a viral infection always cause colds and viruses do not respond to viral infections. In this case, antibiotics may only help temporarily. You may be able to fight the infection without antibiotics if your immune system is strong.

According to Dr. Philip Perlman, an eye, nose and throat specialist there are some things you can do to ease the discomfort and help your body heals itself:

- Use a vaporizer or inhale steam from a teakettle or a hot shower.
- Put a warm compress over your face to ease the pain.
- Make sure you drink plenty of fluids (preferably water) to break up the mucus.
- Take an antihistamine to help relieve sneezing and the other symptoms of a cold.
- Don't give in to the temptation to skip see a doctor. A good doctor can help you know if you have a deviated septum or nasal polyps, which can cause the repeated infections.

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IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

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House of Blues folk art display largest in country

UCF writes folk art book in connection with House of Blues

DIANA HENNING STAFF WRITER

"The House of Blues has the largest Folk Art Display in the nation, and most people wonder what the Blues and folk art have in common," said Kristy Roache, Director of International House of Blues Foundation.

"Their connection lies in the fact that both forms of expression are rich in the spirit of improvisation. However, no one seems to give credit to the abundance of folk art displayed because most only hear about the concerts and music that we offer, so we formed the idea for this festival as a way for the community to get to know not only the idea behind the folk art but also the artists that created the work," said Roache.

Nov. 11 - 12 marked the second annual Folk Art Festival at the House of Blues, Downtown Disney. The first festival was held last year, also in November.

This year the festival was part of the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Masters of Downtown Disney and featured a number of artists from not only the South, but states as far away as California and Michigan. Artists such as Missionary Mary Proctor, Danny the Bucketman and Ab the Flagman all arrived eager to explain the thought that went into creating their works. The community was able to purchase the art that they viewed, establishing a direct connection between the artists and the buyers.

The festival also involved some new elements not present last year, such as hands on art activities and art tours offered throughout the day. The artists titled Mr. Imagination taught children how to do sandstone carving.

The Blues SchoolHouse Program took part in this interactive program, established by the Foundation. This program further tries to help children learn about the blues through an interactive music group which basically tells the story of the blues," said Roache. This Foundation promotes cultural visions in education through teacher workshops and scholarships.

The actual House of Blues at Downtown Disney was founded in September 1997, as an addition to the original one in Cambridge founded by Isaac Pigreco, the same person who created Hard Rock Cafe.

"The House of Blues tries to create a profitable, principled, global organization to celebrate diversity and spiritual harmony through love, peace, truth and nonviolence," said Roache.

UCF itself was involved with the House of Blues last year through a class on Folk Art given by Dr. Kristin Congdon. This graduate class was based on studying the folk art exhibitions in based in the Orlando Community. "I gave the class an option of what they wanted to do throughout the course and they decided to write a book," commented Congdon.

The product was a book called Affirmations: Artists Speak. "Folk Art is rooted in a cultural, traditional style. It is locally based," said Congdon.

The book features interviews with 15 artists and is now distributed and printed by the Florida Folklore Society.

Meal to include variety of historic foods

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Christmas melodies, Renaissance dancing, jesters and a carol sing.

The evening will include a feast of roast prime beef, Wensleydale bread, assorted fruit and cheeses, potatoes riche, glazed carrots and mushrooms, Yorkshire Pudding muffins, English plum pudding, wine and coffee.

This theatrical dinner event will be held in the University Dining Room of the UCF Student Resource Center. Doors open at 7 p.m. and festivities begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $40 per person and reservations must be made in advance. For ticket information call (407) 823-5687.
Joshua Murdock  
STAFF WRITER

Yes, it is that time again when the bells start ringing and the donations start pouring into charitable organizations. When the holidays come along, people's hearts seem to get ten times as big. Bigger than any other time of the year. The holiday season brings out the giving side of society, instead of the mean old Grinch.

The happiness brought to others by the little things we do to make the holidays a better time, may mean more than we ever thought. Happiness comes from a variety of sources, including the collections of canned foods for those that might not have it, to the donation of children's gift toys put a smile on Tiny Tim's face. I have personally seen this effort bring more than just a thank you.

I remember one holiday season when a group of us collected food, toys and a tree for a family that would have had none of these holiday goodies. What an experience that was! Remember back to when you were little and you went out to the Christmas tree and saw that bike you wanted all year long? The smile on your face that morning was no match for the joy seen in the kids' eyes that night we delivered all the presents and food to them.

Even more joyful were the parents of the children. They had tears of joy running down their faces. All this happiness and joy you make want to cry as well.

Children may be the most caring of everyone. My mom's fifth grade class was asked to bring in donations of small new gifts for a family in need. A little girl in the class was in a family that had many of their own financial problems, but the little girl brought in her own markers and a toy truck to give to the other family. Even with the few toys she owned, she was willing to give to other less fortunate kids. Truly, this pure heart should inspire us all to be more giving this holiday season.

Yes, most of us are lucky enough to have a good home, a good family and a wonderful holiday meal. But for those that don't, a little extra could mean a lifetime of joyful memories. Giving may take a little effort on your part, but remember how much it will mean to those in need. Clean out those old canned goods or even buy some more and send them to a family in need.

Clean out your closet of all those old clothes and donate them to the Salvation Army or a local church. Try buying an extra toy or two, when you are holiday shopping this month and drop it in the Toys for Tots boxes. These are just a few small steps we can take this holiday season to give to others.

Remember that every little bit that is given can make a happier holiday for those that might be a little less fortunate then everyone else.

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Who will be president after Election 2000?

Becki Panoff  
Staff Writer

Three weeks ago, I went to bed on a warm November night with visions of a new presidency dancing in my head. I thought I would wake up to a new commander-in-chief. As the whole world now knows, I was sorely mistaken.

So amidst all of this political confusion of pregnant chads, recounts and talking heads on TV trying to explain it all to the American public, I've offered several solutions to this nightmare we call Election 2000.

1) Clinton stays for another four years

Most of America agrees the man is doing a good job, why kick him out now? He likes his job so much we're talking heads on state lotto machines to dole out the cards. This might cause problems in our home state of Florida however (Recount anyone? Were the machines calibrated correctly?)?

Another problem with this system, what would happen if a group got together to buy a ticket? Can you really see a group of 10 K-Mart employees from West Virginia running the country?

"Lurleen, git that there Sadhumb Whatchamacallit on the phone."

4.) Pick names out of a hat

This can be used on the present candidates or any guy off the street. In fact, this method should be used to alleviate campaign propaganda. I mean political advertising. "Hey you, you with the red shirt... You wanna be in charge of a whole lotta stuff? Just put your name in this here hat, and if we pick you, you get to live in a big house and ride in your own airplane...Sound good?"

5.) Each candidate gets two years instead of four

Only one problem. Who goes first? Easy, flip a coin, heads is Bush, tails Gore...everybody wins.

"Why do we have to use YOUR quarter?"

Any of these alternatives would be better than the waiting, waiting and waiting that we are doing now. And besides that, our other alternative is 97-year-old (and to think he will be 98 next week, doesn't that make you feel even better?) Strom Thurmond, Senate President Pro Tempore. If the line of succession makes it down far enough if this mess is still going on for another month he may be the next man in charge. Seems a lot scarier a prospect than any of the other alternatives.
The time has come for America to graduate from the Electoral College

DAVID MARSTERS
STAFF WRITER

As we enter the third week of Election 2000, it has become increasingly likely that while winning the majority of the popular vote, Vice President Al Gore will not be elected the 43rd President of the United States. How is this, one might ask, that in a democracy such as America, the vote of the people may not actually be the deciding factor in electing the country’s highest official. The answer, which does not quite provide a satisfactory response, is the Electoral College.

During the past few weeks, millions of people in America and across the world have been getting lessons in exactly how our country’s Electoral College works. Essentially, each state has a total number of electoral votes equal to its number of representatives in Congress. Every state in the union has two senators, but population determines how many members a state has in the House of Representatives. Thus, bigger states have more electoral votes. In a presidential election, whoever wins a state’s popular votes wins all of that state’s electoral votes. There are a total of 538 Electoral College votes, and a candidate needs 270 of them to win the presidency. Sound confusing? Well, that is just the simple version of the explanation.

Confusing or not, however, this process leaves the door open for a situation in which one candidate wins the national popular vote, but loses the election because of the Electoral College. Before this year’s election, it had been predicted that Al Gore may win on this technicality, and the Bush campaign cried foul. Now that it looks as if Bush can win on this technicality, and the Bush campaign is complaining about the process. Though both of these are perfect examples of political flip-flops of opinion, the core of these arguments are correct. The Electoral College is out of date, and should be removed from American presidential elections.

The Electoral College was implemented by the Founding Fathers essentially to protect the people from their own votes. In an era where there was no mass media, little campaigning and very little political awareness, the framers of the Constitution did not believe that the public was capable of electing the president. People would vote for candidates from their home states because they were familiar faces, whether or not those candidates were qualified to be president. Electors at the Electoral College would represent the electoral votes awarded to these “Favorite Son” candidates. Knowing they had no chance to win, these candidates would throw their support to legitimate candidates in return for political favors. It was an elitist process that was meant to correct the vote of an uninformed public. It was also a process that was started when only white male landowners had the right to vote.

Things are different nowadays. Because of the mass media, nearly every American voter has the ability to make an informed choice. Voting rights have since been extended to African-Americans and women. The election process is now much more inclusive. Why keep around the Electoral College, something that is obviously quite elitist and exclusive? How can the government look around the country and tell the American people that we’re sorry, but your vote really didn’t count. Whomever the majority of voters choose to be their president should in fact become the president.

There is also another issue at stake here. For much of the 20th century, the objective of U.S. foreign policy has been primarily to influence democracy across the globe. Whether it was the containment of Communism, U.S. actions in Vietnam, the Cold War or Clinton’s attempts to bring democracy to the third world, America has been pushing freedom.

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In the real world, Superman wouldn’t have had perfect hair. Batman would most likely be on a lifetime supply of Saint John’s Wort, and Wonder Woman would have to contest more with the paparazzi than with the likes of men whose aliases most resemble the names of endangered zoo animals. If there were superheroes living among us, they would not go up against the dastardly forces of world terrorism by dueling it out in soft Crayola-colored spandex. Through highly fantasized art, comic books are pieces of fiction that help visualize of what a heighten version of our own world and universe could be like. But the imagination of a person being more human than human has to come from somewhere. Whether they are friend or foe, most characters found in the pages of funny books can be traced back—store or less—and identified as being related to actual individuals only to be exemplified as larger than life creatures. In Unbreakable, his follow up to his profitable little ghost movie of last year, writer/director M. Night Shyamalan chooses to cut out the flash and comes up with a superhero tale minus the pastels, balloon speak, and secret identities. For him, real men don’t wear capes.

Just as if he were to walk towards your vicinity, you wouldn’t think that David Dunn (Bruce Willis) is that special kind of a guy. As a university stadium security guard, he doesn’t wear capes. David is confused, bewildered as to why he was the only living survivor of the crash. His [=] for the plot synopsis. Like most

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It is a rare occurrence that one is able to encounter a true revision of music itself, a style so nostalgic yet innovative that it is impossible to categorize. The Drastic Jungle, compiled by executive producer IZ-Real, is just this: a refreshing antidote to the big names in hip-hop of our time. In fact, it's not quite what we think of when we think "hip-hop." Instead, it conveys the sort of message that hip-hop was originally based upon. As IZ-Real states in his album, the hip-hop of the eighties was "driven by emotion and not finances." Watch out Cash Money Millionaires! This album is not about the bling-bling, platinum rings or backing that thing up. Instead, it's more about the music and originality.

For those of you familiar with poetry, you are familiar with the poets of the Nuyorican Cafe. This is what the music on this album reminds us of. There are simple, almost poetic lyrics touched with strong beats and carefully mixed music. The result is a musical experience like no other. Joey quotable and DJ Jeffee open the compilation masterfully with a track called "Butterscotch Titan," an amazing song with the continual phrase of "love, peace, and happiness." Fun sounds combined with intelligent lyrics make this a strong opening. An amazing song is track seven, named "Pep Talk" performed by Bahamadia. The rate at which the artist raps his lyrics can be only compared to Busta Rhymes.

I assume it is "Big Tyme," a song created by the minds of Ekco and Silva Sir-Fa, that combines the true sound of what IZ Real calls Jungle/Doom n Bass/Abstract Beat. The song has a "jungle-like" feel to it, which involves mixing drums that sound like congas with a synthesized beat. In fact, about half of these songs have this feel to them. They combine the old-school lyrics of what you used to find in the early eighteen children of hip-hop to a higher level of musicality. You are even able to hear the actual instruments in the back ground, as though you were listening to the tracks at a local cafe.

This album is a surprising musical experience. If you miss the days when hip-hop had actual emotion to it, this album is definitely for you. IZ Real obviously knows talent. These artists have something worth hearing to rap about, and we all know this is a rare occurrence in today's music world. Be sure to check out more about the album at www.insomni­acmusic.com.

Find out what IZ-Real is really like in the interview on page 5.
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Aries (March 21-April 19): You'll have a powerful urge to start your world cruise Monday, leaving the same-ol'dead behind. Unfortunately, if you're not a pilot or ship's captain, you could miss a great career opportunity. Take care of business first. Marvelous riches could be yours on Wednesday if you have the skills and do the work. Thursday and Friday you'll have to double your output with an enthusiastic team. Saturday's for sports action, as a participant, not a spectator. Save Sunday for prayer, contemplation and overturning new leaves.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): If you're a trader, be alert on Monday for excellent deals. Travel's appealing on Tuesday, but will go more smoothly if you wait until Wednesday. A confrontation's brewing on Thursday. If you're smart, you'll use it to your advantage. Hold out for what you're worth on Friday, too. Expect an older person to be dictatorial on Saturday. You've put up with this before; you can put up with it again. If you're thinking of giving money on Sunday, make sure you know how it will be spent. You might have to get involved, to make sure the job's done right.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): The other guy's gonna win this one. If you're going out, try a place you've never been. An exotic ambiance sparks romance. Cool it on Saturday, but will go more smoothly if you're not careful. Love's more important, remember?

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Manage your workload on Monday. You'd rather stay home and take care of something more interesting. Don't spend too much on romance or a child on Tuesday; you'd regret it later. A long-distance connection proves quite beneficial on Wednesday. If you're looking for love, interview applicants who have foreign accents. Apply new information and skills to streamline procedures at work. Thursday and Friday you'll more than double your current upset sends you back to the drawing board Friday. Ask for your reward on Friday. Don't wait to cash the check, either. By Saturday conditions for your prosperity aren't as favorable. Conversations with your mate are predicted for Sunday, but don't take yourselves too seriously. A sense of humor is not just beneficial, but required.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): An early date on Monday's best. Your workload increases later and gets downright hectic on Tuesday and Wednesday. You love the challenge, but it interferes with your social life somewhat. A partnership proves stimulating Thursday and Friday. Let the other person argue your case while you supply necessary information. A difference of opinion about money could mar your weekend and your romantic relationship if you're not careful. Love's more important, remember?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Getting to work on time is hard on Monday. You'd rather stay home and take care of something more interesting. Don't spend too much on romance or a child on Tuesday; you'd regret it later. A long-distance connection proves quite beneficial on Wednesday. If you're looking for love, interview applicants who have foreign accents. Apply new information and skills to streamline procedures at work. Thursday and Friday you'll more than double your current upset sends you back to the drawing board Friday. Ask for your reward on Friday. Don't wait to cash the check, either. By Saturday conditions for your prosperity aren't as favorable. Conversations with your mate are predicted for Sunday, but don't take yourselves too seriously. A sense of humor is not just beneficial, but required.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Something you discover on Monday could change everything. Don't just sit there; go digging! Put your personal agenda on hold Tuesday and Wednesday. Do errands for a loved one instead and gain more than material rewards. Thursday's good for getting more help on Tuesday, but proceed with caution. It will take a day or so to divvy up the chores, anyway. That's what works for all. By Wednesday you should be clicking along in an efficient fashion. You'll make up for lost time then. Watch your reserves on Thursday and Friday and plug leaks. Don't take on risks, even if high returns look promising. On Saturday a done deal could fall apart, so take care. Read all the fine print then, and on Sunday, too.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Watch for bargains and valuables on Monday. That's a good day to mine for gold. Then, put what you find into savings on Tuesday. Otherwise, it may slip through your fingers. An older woman's comments could stir you up on Wednesday. Consider the consequences before taking action. Your mate or partner's got the good advice on Thursday, so listen. Avoid a misunderstanding by being respectful on Friday. Things don't go quite as planned at your house on Saturday, so be alert and flexible. Focus on love, not money, Sunday, and you'll wind up with plenty.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You're so creative Monday, you may surprise even yourself. Put your talent to good use on Tuesday and bring in much appreciated extra income. Turn down friends who have expensive tastes on Wednesday. Take on more work instead and have even more in your pockets by Thursday. A temporary upset sends you back to the drawing board Friday. Do more reading on your own time Saturday and find the answer to the riddle. Hide out at home on Sunday for a private conversation. As you understand more, the best path becomes obvious.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Information from private sources could be quite profitable Monday. You can find a bargain you would have missed otherwise. Don't tell too much to a co-worker Tuesday or the boss on Wednesday.
Barrymore leaves Green at the altar

Drew Barrymore and Tom Green were to wed on “Saturday Night Live” on Nov. 18. Green, who was hosting the show, mentioned in the promos that something special might happen during the show. In his opening he said that at the end of the show he and Drew were seriously getting married. Throughout the show, shots of Drew in her wedding gown were shown. At the end of the show, five minutes before the show ended, Drew backed out and left Tom shouting her name at the altar and it was discontinued. Even though Green is known for his crazy stunts, he did have everything ready for the wedding, including a minister and license. Drew decided at the last minute that marrying on TV would be “inappropriate.” Some of the wedding guests who were supposedly left waiting in the green room were Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson, Harvey Weinstein, Sara Gilbert, Cameron Diaz and Gwyneth Paltrow. Paltrow made a guest appearance on the skit “Weekend Update.” Barrymore and Green have both decided that a wedding in summer would be more appropriate. A time and day have yet to be decided.

Douglas and Zeta-Jones tie the knot

Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones tied the knot at New York’s Plaza Hotel and exchanged rings worth $9,000 each. The wedding itself cost $2 million. The bride wore a $250,000 David Emmanuel dress (the same guy who designed the late Princess Diana’s wedding dress). Douglas’ son from a previous marriage, Cameron, served as the best man. Guests included Steven Spielberg, Oliver Stone, Martin Sheen, Sharon Stone, Anthony Hopkins, Tom Hanks, Whoopi Goldberg, Heather Locklear, Goldie Hawn, Barbara Walters, Christopher Reeve, Sean Combs, Danny DeVito and Rita Pearlman. Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston, Jack Nicholson and Lara Flynn Boyle and Matthew Perry were supposedly left waiting in the green room. The couple sold the rights to their wedding photos to Britain’s OK! magazine for $1 million, which is to be put into a charitable trust in the name of the couple’s son Dylan. However, OK!’s rival publication Hello! also published photos of the wedding. The Douglas’ are taking a break from the honeymoon, aboard a $3 million yacht in the Bahamas, to sue the honeymoon, aboard a $3 million yacht in the Bahamas, to sue the honeymoon, aboard a $3 million yacht in the Bahamas, to sue the honeymoon, aboard a $3 million yacht in the Bahamas, to sue

Madonna can not make up her mind

The Material Girl knows how to control publicity and create some stir around her. She has been doing just that over her engagement to movie director Guy Ritchie. Madonna reportedly told him an interview with Britain’s tabloid The Sun. In that interview, Madonna did say that she and Ritchie are engaged. “Guy has asked me to marry him and I’ve said yes, but we haven’t decided when yet.” She continued by saying that both of them are too busy to get married before Christmas, however they would get married soon. Madonna’s purpose for the interview was to put an end to rumors saying that she and Ritchie were going to get married in Scotland and rumors saying Madonna told Britain’s Capital Radio that she is waiting for Ritchie to ask her for marriage. Her U.S. publicist Liz Rosenberg initially confirmed the engagement, but afterwards spoke to Madonna about the matter and now denies any such thing. “Madonna is not engaged and there is no wedding planned,” She said the interview was taken out of context. Ritchie’s appearance at the MTV Europe Awards last week as a presenter may have helped cause the stir. “We’re here for Best Video, but first I’d like to ‘big up’ the minus for winning so many awards and keeping young Rocco in diapers.”

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LEAD STORIES

- The attorney for alleged San Francisco dog-abuser Steven Maul said in November that Maul only hit the dog in the neck as part of an autotroph, but loving disciples asserted that in fact Maul "is very evil" and "has French-kissed his dog." According to a report in the San Francisco Chronicle, boo, an 80-pound Lah, had darted out into traffic in November (again), and Maul, intending to teach against that, clamped down on Boo's neck in a way he said dogs signal dominance to each other, but did not break the skin. (Researchers have written about bite-training, but the method is currently far out of favor.)

- In October, Rev. Derek McGee-McAlpin revealed to his 350 small-town St. Marys, Ga. United Methodist parishioners that their church had become the recipient of what is said to be the largest church donation in history: $50 million from the estate of the recently deceased man who founded the local telephone company. Actually, the donor, Warren Bailey, was a long-time church supporter but was also known in town for not having attended services in more than 20 years.

In an Ordinary Year, This Would Be Weild Election News

- In the Sept. 15 primary in New Ashford, Mass., none of the town's 202 registered voters cast ballots, including the disguised town clerk, who managed the polls for 14 hours. A Green Party candidate for the Maine legislature said to have voted for himself in the June primary, leaving him with zero votes and forcing him to return his public financing. And Texas Lt. Gov. Rick Perry sent a fund-raising letter in July that not only shook down lobbyists but asked lobbyists to mail their clients as to how much they could be expected to be shaken down for (from $100,000 to $200,000). And the money flowed so freely at the GOP convention in August that Philadelphia Inquirer reporters discovered an accidentally discarded $510,000 check to a congressional restitution fund at the bottom of a utility cart outside the hall.

Great Art

The Golden Tower Project, an installation by Seattle artist at this year's Burning Man festival, consisted of 400 jars of urine from other artists, stacked and electrically illuminated. Lighted "gas" jars, "fainting blue and gold, " warm, kind of biological stained glass," according to Seattle's The Stranger weekly. In 1991, News of the World reported that New York City artist Todd Alden had asked 400 art collectors worldwide to send him samples of their faces so he could offer them for sale in personalized insult cards. Alden, "Sarcology is emerging as an increasingly significant part of artistic inquiry in the 1990s,"

- News of the World has reported on scientists who borrow the jellyfish's "green protein" for medically productive genetic modifications, but Chicago artist Eduardo Kac became embroiled in September by proposing to create embryos with the jellyfish's green-light-producing gene just to make visually appealing organisms, such as a glowing rabbit. (Kac's major work so far is "Genesis," a sentence from the Old Testament, translated into Morse Code, transposed onto DNA, inserted into fluorescent bacteria, and lit up when anyone accesses the piece on Kac's Web site.)

- In a summer contract with the city of Montreal, artist Devora Neumark performed "The Art of Conversation," which consisted of her standing at the entrance to a subway station from noon to 4 p.m. every Tuesday and "conducting spontaneous encounters with interested parties on a variety of topics."
Dear Sexpert,

My girlfriend likes to have rough sex with me. She'll ask me to spank her really hard and pull her hair, I feel uncomfortable doing this. When I am on top she'll grate her nails down my back. She leaves all these marks that sometimes bleed. I just want to make love to her like we used to. Every time I suggest it, she says I'm boring. I think that the "sweet girl" is still in there somewhere. You need to compromise with your girlfriend to get visitation rights to spend time with her more loving half. As I understand it, you don't necessarily dislike this new behavior of hers, you would just like to be soft and cuddly with her occasionally. There is nothing wrong with either of your preferences in the sack, but if both partners aren't happy, it does make you wonder. Where did the sweet girl I started dating two years ago disappear to? How can I get her to calm down and love me like she used to?

-Jim Injured in Orlando, 22, male

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If you're having a birthday this week of Nov. 27: A keen competitor keeps you on your toes and sharpens your wits. You'll thank this person later for helping you get your act together. Nov. 28: You should do well this week. Nov. 29: You're energetic and outgoing, join us! Dec. 1: This year learn to plan and to put in the corrections. And, never to take "no" for an answer.

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Women's basketball falls to 1-2 record

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The Golden Knights held a one-point lead heading into the intermission, after leading by as many as five points during the first half. But South Florida (1-1) outscored UCF (1-2) 43-31 in the second half, led by Ayia Shepard’s second-half 14 points, resulting in yet another win for USF over the Golden Knights. The Bulls now hold a 16-5 advantage in the all-time series.

Some lineup problems troubling her. They had a much bigger girl on her so Ayia was able to create off the dribble. That created some problems for UCF.

The Golden Knights were led once again by freshman forward Adrienne Billings, who scored 18 points on eight of 11 shooting and grabbed nine rebounds, barely missing her second-career double-double.

Guards Nicole Dunson and LaDonna Luray each had eight points for UCF, who only shot

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It feels real good for all of us,” said Shepard who helped her team recover from a 35-point loss at Arizona State just 48 hours earlier. “It was the worst feeling ever losing by 35 points when we know we are a better team than that. We said that we had to redeem ourselves for the loss at Arizona State. We knew if we played hard and executed our plays we could win.”

Shepard scored a total of 22 points and grabbed eight rebounds on the night to lead USF, who also got 13 points and six rebounds Denetrice Stinson. The Bulls had two other players in double figures, with Melissa Tape scoring 11 points and Shannon Layne adding ten.

“She’s a great player,” said USF’s acting head coach Jose Fernandez of Shepard, who also had four steals in the game.

“Down the stretch we were taking the shot clock down to seven, eight seconds and we put the ball in her hands. They had

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some matchup problems guarding her. They had a much bigger girl on her so Ayia was able to create off the dribble. That created some problems for UCF.”

The Golden Knights were led once again by freshman forward Adrienne Billings, who scored 18 points on eight of 11 shooting and grabbed nine rebounds, barely missing her second-career double-double.

Guards Nicole Dunson and LaDonna Luray each had eight points for UCF, who only shot

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Sophomore Divine Blessing has moved back to shooting guard this year after spending much of last season as UCF’s point guard.

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Does Culpepper fit the mold?

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ST. PAUL -- Locally, former UCF quarterback Daunte Culpepper will be compared to Fran Tarkenton. After all, Culpepper is the Vikings’ first true running quarterback since the days Tarkenton scrambled for his life, looking for an open receiver.

Nationally, Culpepper is going to draw comparisons to John Elway. At 6 feet 4, 255 pounds, Culpepper may be the most dangerous running quarterback in NFL history. Thus, they don’t believe his first-game ground success was a fluke.

Culpepper had 73 rushing yards on 13 carries in the Vikings’ season opening 30-27 victory over Chicago. He was powerful but he wasn’t as fast. Also, Elway didn’t like to get hit. I don’t think Culpepper cares about getting hit.

Of Course, both Burns and Wiggin believe Culpepper will be one of the most effective running quarterbacks in NFL history. Thus, they don’t believe his first-game ground success was a fluke.

Culpepper had 73 rushing yards on 13 carries in the Vikings’ season opening 30-27 victory over Chicago. He was much faster. At his size, he could have been one of the most dangerous running quarterbacks in the mid-1980s.

Yet, coaches familiar with both Tarkenton and Elway say there’s no comparison.

“Culpepper is much faster than Tarkenton ever was,” said former Vikings’ coach Jerry Burns, who was the offensive coordinator when Tarkenton was the Vikings’ quarterback.

“Really, Culpepper is the fastest quarterback I’ve seen. There’s been no one with that much speed. At his size, he can really take off and hurt people. Tarkenton ran for a different reason. He ran back and forth to find time for his receivers to get open... Culpepper is much more dangerous.”

While Burns sees Culpepper as a better runner than the king of all Vikings’ running quarterbacks, Paul Wiggin, the Vikings’ director of pro personnel, believes Culpepper is a better runner than Elway was. Wiggin, of course, was Stanford’s head coach while Elway led the Cardinal’s offense.

“The he’s both instinctive runners and both are effective,” Wiggin said, “but Culpepper is more dangerous because of the speed. Elway wasn’t that fast. Culpepper had three touchdowns in the second half, on runs of 17 and 4 yards, as the Vikings erased a second half, on runs of 17 and 4 yards, as the Vikings erased a 20-17 third-quarter deficit.”

It was the first time a Vikings’ quarterback run for three touchowns in a game. Through the Vikings’ 23-15 Thanksgiving victory over Dallas, Culpepper has 366 rushing yards, which is the second highest total by a Minnesota quarterback in a single season. He also has five rushing touchdowns, which leads all NFL QB’s this year.

“He’ll always be a running threat,” Burns said. “He’ll come right at you... He could be the best running quarterback ever because of his size and speed.”

Burns points out that, in addition to Tarkenton, Joe Kapp and Rich Gannon also had some success running the ball as Vikings’ quarterbacks. Kapp, who led the Vikings to Super Bowl III, was more comparable to Culpepper than Tarkenton and Gannon because his ball was a bigger quarterback weighing around 220 pounds. However, he was nowhere near as big or fast as Culpepper.

“Kapp is definitely different,” Burns said. “The Vikings have never seen anything like it before.”
UCF volleyball hosts Thanksgiving tournament

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UCF's freshman tandem of Sante and fellow outside hitter Lindsey Whalen each had 15 kills to lead the Golden Knights. Whalen also had 18 digs on the night, matching her career high and bringing her to 10 double-doubles on the season. Sante had 44 assists and 14 digs, and combined with junior middle blocker and first team All-TAAC member Piper Morgan for seven blocks. Morgan had 11 block assists, a season high for her and the team.

Alma Kovaci, who had 23 kills and 20 digs, led Temple, while Brandi Best had nine kills, eight digs and four blocks for the Owls.

"This is a big win for us," said UCF Head Coach Meg Colado. "Our team was angry about losing the conference championship last week. We ran out of substitutions in the third game, and had [middle blocker] Shelly Driggers playing defense and [setter] Jenny Frank playing middle, so it took a real team contribution."

UCF was not so fortunate in its final game of the season, losing 15-9, 15-8 and 18-16 to Fairfield University (26-6, 9-0 MAAC). The Stags took the first two games easily, but the Golden Knights rebounded in game three to take the lead until Fairfield tied the score at 14-14. Though originally looking like a sure victory for UCF, the game became a grueling contest as neither side could claim the two points needed to win. A kill by Fairfield's Corrine Carlson and a Piper Morgan error eventually gave Fairfield the victory.

Leyre Santaella Sante once again led the UCF attack with her 11th double-double of the season, contributing 17 kills and 17 digs, while Morgan added 10 kills and seven blocks.

Fairfield's top performer, Conny Paul, led all players with 25 kills and 11 digs. Joanne Saunders had 13 kills and 10 digs for the Stags, while Carlson had 14 kills and 21 digs. Setter Kelly Sorensen had 55 assists and 11 digs.

UCF finished the season with a 19-12 record, including a 3-1 mark in TAAC play.

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Shedden Finishes 19th in NCAA Championships

UCF cross country runner Sonja Shedden placed 19th out of 252 runners in the NCAA Cross Country Championships, hosted by Iowa State University last week. Shedden, who was named TAAC Runner-of-the-Year for the second time earlier this season, ran the challenging 6-kilometer course in 22:52. Runners had to endure 18-degree weather with a minus-18 wind chill factor.

"We're really proud of Sonja," said UCF coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth. "She put forth a good effort. This was a learning experience she will take into next year."

Shedden was the first Golden Knight in history to qualify for the NCAA Cross Country Championships. She holds the school record in the 5k with a time of 17:12, and in the 6k (21:06).

UCF Softball Inks Three JuCo Transfers

UCF Softball Coach Renee Gillispie announced that Dottie Cupp (Panama City/Gulf Coast CC), Nikki Green (Moreno Valley, Calif/Tallahassee CC) and Kara Kleibl (Winter Haven/Lake Sumter CC) have signed national letters of intent to join UCF.

Cupp, a pitcher/first baseman, was the Panhandle Conference Player of the Year in 2000, as well as a Region 8 and all-state first-team selection and a Louisville Slugger first-team all-American at Gulf Coast Community College. Green, a third baseman/coach, was her high school's MVP, and was an honorable mention All-CIF selection. She also received the scholar-athlete award. Kleibl, a shortstop, had a .391 batting average in 1999, ranking second on the team. She attended Lake Region High School.

The three join 15 other signees in UCF's first class. The team will begin play in 2002.

UCF Track and Field Signs Three Locals

University of Central Florida track and field and cross country coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth announced Wednesday that jumpers Ann Larsen (Orlando/Evans HS) and Diana Chin (Orlando/Oak Ridge HS) and runner Valery Martinez (Orlando/University HS) have signed national letters of intent to join the Golden Knight squad in the fall of 2001.

Larsen has recorded a 5'8" mark in the high jump, and captured the state championship in 2000. She took second place in the 2000 Golden South Classic. Chin took third place in the 2000 state meet in the triple jump, and sixth in the long jump. She has jumped 5'6" and 5'8" in the events, respectively. She was also the 2000 district champion in the 100-meter hurdles, and has run that event in 14.79 seconds. Martinez is a talented runner in both distance and sprints. She took fourth in the state meet in the 800m in 2000, and has recorded a time of 2:14.82 in the event. She has run the mile in 5:19.53 and the three-mile cross country run in 19:17.

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Men's basketball takes seventh place

Golden Knights beat Hawaii Pacific 80-67 in final game

David Marsters  Staff Writer

HONOLULU—While most UCF students headed home for the Thanksgiving holiday, the UCF men's basketball team did some traveling of its own. Over the weekend, the Golden Knights participated in the Hawaii Pacific University Thanksgiving Basketball Classic, taking on Georgetown, Duquesne and host school Hawaii Pacific to open the 2000-2001 season.

UCF opened the tournament against Georgetown, a team that barely missed being ranked in the preseason top 25. The Golden Knights trailed only 31-26 at halftime. After winning the first two games rather easily, a second half run by the Hoyas gave them an insurmountable lead and a 77-65 victory.

UCF however, as the Golden Knights, while Al Miller added 10 points and nine rebounds, while Joey Graham continued to impress with 18 points. Junior guard Jason Thornton hit three three-pointers and scored 11 points for the Golden Knights, while sophomore point guard Al Miller paced the team with six assists.

Next up for UCF was Duquesne, who lost to College of Charleston in the first round of the tournament. The first half of the game saw six ties and seven lead changes, with Duquesne going up 46-36 at halftime. UCF cut the lead to only 56-53 four minutes into the second half, but Duquesne then pulled away with a 13-2 run, led by eight points from Courtney Wallace, and went on to win 90-79.

UCF met up with Hawaii Pacific, the host school. After losing the first two games, the Golden Knights hoped to leave the Golden Knights trailed only 31-26 at halftime. A second half run by the Hoyas gave them an insurmountable lead and a 77-65 victory.

In the final game of the tournament, UCF took on Temple. After losing the first two games, the Golden Knights hoped to leave the France produced a good game. The latest installment of the I-4 rivalry took place last year's meeting was the season opener for both teams, and ended in a 62-60 victory for South Florida. South Florida, although UCF had an opportunity to tie the game in the final seconds. This year, a second half run by South Florida erased a 25-24 UCF halftime lead and gave the Bulls a 67-64 victory.

UCF women's basketball falls to South Florida

David Marsters  Staff Writer

TAMPA, FL — Once again, the intrastate rivalry between UCF and South Florida produced a good game. The latest installment of the 1-4 rivalry took place last week when the UCF women's basketball team traveled to USF to take on the Bulls. Last year's meeting was the season opener for both teams, and ended in a 62-60 victory for South Florida, although UCF had an opportunity to tie the game in the final seconds. This year, a second half run by South Florida erased a 25-24 UCF halftime lead and gave the Bulls a 67-64 victory.

UCF Volleyball splits two games to close out season

David Marsters  Staff Writer

Following the disappointment of losing in the finals of the TAAC Championships, the UCF Volleyball returned home to close out the 2000 season with last weekend's UCF Thanksgiving Tournament at the UCF Arena.

On Friday, the Golden Knights took on Temple University, a team that is ranked third in its region. That ranking did not intimidate UCF however, as the Golden Knights swept the Owls in three games, 15-9, 15-11 and 16-18. After winning the first two games rather easily, UCF faced a tougher challenge from Temple (19-11, 13-1 Atlantic 10 Conference) in the third. The Owls took the early lead and hung onto it until errors allowed the Golden Knights to tie the game at 12-12. The game was then tied at 14 points and again at 16, until a block by freshman outside hitter and All-TAAC per-