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 states, “We stole the golf carts.”

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Holiday toy drive aiding children during the holidays

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UCF students are getting the chance to give back this holiday season. For the past three years, the Student Alumni Association and UCF Police Department have co-sponsored a holiday toy drive to benefit less fortunate children over the holiday season and are sponsoring it once again this year. The toy drive, originally sponsored by the campus police department, will go on until the beginning of holiday break.

“The Student Alumni Association wanted to be able to assist the Police Department in their efforts during the holidays,” said Carla Cordova, Director of student and parent programs for the Alumni Association.

“There were a few elements that the police department didn’t have.”

One of these elements was student participation. The Police Department had a strong pull on the community response for the toy drive and was able to receive large donations but the campus was left out for the most part. The Student Alumni Association was able to combine their efforts with the police to get the campus more involved.

Currently, the Student Alumni Association still handles the campus portion of the drive in effort to involve the students while the Campus Police Department handles all of the promotions and faculty efforts just as they had in the past.

In order to donate toys, each of the toys must be new, unwrapped and placed in one of the donation boxes between Nov. 13 and Dec. 11. There are three locations on campus where students and faculty can drop off their toys. The first location is located in front of the campus police department.

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Madrigal Feaste brings taste of holidays to UCF

DIANA HENNIG
STAFF WRITER

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HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

The Madrigal Singers will be recreating four nights of an Elizabethan English holiday celebration.

“Students should attend this event because it is out of the ordinary. It allows the student to attend a somewhat formal gathering that recreates the anticipation of the holiday season celebrated in Merrie Olde England,” said Dr. David Brunner, Department of Music. “Before the event, a dress rehearsal will be held for middle school students, minus the dinner though.”

Within these four days the show, among other things and music students, will present a celebration including music on period instruments, fanfares on herald trumpets, ornate costumes, diverse

UCF engineering professor honored

Maggie Gunther
STAFF WRITER

Pamela McCauley Bell is a woman at her best, nationally recognized as one of the top 50 women in technology. She also won the National Woman of Color Award for Educational Excellence.

McCauley Bell donates money to BETA center

MAGGIE GUNThER
STAFF WRITER

Pamela McCauley Bell is a woman at her best, nationally recognized as one of the top 50 women in technology. McCauley Bell is a tenured professor of industrial engineering and management systems at UCF. She is among 100 women chosen to receive Satur’s Women at Their Best award.

She received the award Nov. 14 at Saturn of Orlando.

“We are excited to present this prestigious award to such a deserving woman in our community,” said Jimmy Snyder, Executive Manager of Saturn of Orlando.

UCF engineering professor honored

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Rec services offers Kickboxing clinics

DIANA HENNING  
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The weekend of Nov. 18-19, Recreational Services sponsored two clinics held by NDEITA. This is a national organization which teaches classes to certify 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 especially 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 sometimes isn't even needed to get a job as an instructor," said Joanne Piensall, of Recreational Services. However students have to keep these certifications updated through further workshops and TCCs.

"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 Piensall. "Some majors that may find these classes helpful include Physical Education, Exercise Phys., and Education, as well as trainees who would like to teach. Classes are held once every semester." There are also online certification courses for those who want to be an aerobics and fitness instructor. These classes 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 scenario. 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 restaurant, 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 dining experience, me, would have been a bad experience," said Piersall. "Some students get into these certifications by being able to take a class that 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 Smiritis. "Jobs do seem to have an influence on a person's character. In a way they seem to help shape some of a person's irritations, as well knowledge."

"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 Ezrie.

Of course this goes for jobs outside 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 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 on 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 person 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 people will most likely refrain from doing these same things whenever put in the same situation. Which might not have been if they hadn't been employed in these jobs. Whether we like to admit it or not, the knowledge and experience we gain in our after school jobs, add as much to the enrichment of our character as the tradition we grew up with.

McCauley Bell also a motivational speaker

DIANA HENNING  
STAFF WRITER

Leadership and was a Martin Luther King Jr. Visiting Associate Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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 determination carried her through financial difficulty and being a teen mother. McCauley Bell chose BETA center as her charity, which received a $500 donation from Saturn. BETA center assists adolescent parents in the Orlando area, and provides programs for mothers and families during pregnancy.
**Around campus**

Syringe disposal on campus made safe

**JENNIFER PATERSON**

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 needle box 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 students 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.

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**Thousands of toys donated**

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The second is in front of the Student Alumni Association Office (Millican Hall #340). The last donation drop is located in the Student Union near Locos.

When the toy drive is completed, the donations will be gathered and taken to XL106.7 for their Baby DJ Toy Drive. All of the toys essentially are donated to their efforts. Last year, the campus holiday toy drive used more than two vans to deliver all of the donations to the radio station.

The toy drive does not end with the Student Alumni Association or the campus police department. Several organizations also help collect toys for the toy drive, such as Golden Key.

“The different clubs and organizations will host their own event to collect toys and then we just add them to the toys we have already collected,” said Cordba.

With thousands of toys being donated during the holidays many children’s eyes will light up with happiness because of the effort of the students, faculty and staff at UCF.

“It’s a campus wide effort which we hope to continue for many years to come,” said Cordba.

If you have any questions concerning the Holiday Toy drive please contact Carla Cordba at (407) 823-4353 or Officer Kelli Smith at (407) 823-6185.

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Tipping 101:
Time to learn the basics

Adam Shiver
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 — hate 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 money around and your fellow classmates waiting tables or bartending to make money in time to return to school in the fall, consider this aresher 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 tins “to insure prompt service.” The larger the coin, the more noise it made when dropped — and the faster the server 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 is always refilled — give more. Leaving no tip at all should be reserved for only the most egregious examples of rudeness or incompetence. It is 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 knowledgeable, a joker, or do a bar trick for you at a whim. Though they are few and far in between, there are barkeeps that will do everything from spin and toss bottles, glasses and tins to spitting 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.

Here are a few handy tips for tipping — see that it may be you who is someday waiting tables or bartending to pay tuition.

UCF student releases album

Elaine LeBlanc
Staff Writer

Israel Vasquetelle is taking drastic measures. Literally. The 21-year-old Advertising/Public Relations major recently released his electronic/hip-hop album titled “The Drastic Jungle Project.” According to Vasquetelle, the album is electronic-based with hip-hop. "It’s probably the only full fussion of hip-hop and drum’n’slash/jungle. It’s also unique because it features a lot of prominent artists in each world.”

Vasquetelle was born in the Bronx, New York, where he observed early hip-hop influences such as Afrika Bambaataa. He began producing music at 14 under the name Wizone, 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., a record company 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 see us as Corporate America made it something negative, especially MTV and commercial radio. I was disgusted," said Vasquetelle.

The magazine’s circulation includes 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.

While working on the radio, Vasquetelle began writing for publications and was hip-hop editor for Jack the Rapper, a renowned trade magazine for the black radio and music industry. This experience set the stage for Insomniac, the magazine Vasquetelle produces "to promote the quality in hip-hop music.”

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Sinus problems come with season

Dear Health Nut,

My sinuses are driving me absolutely crazy. The change in the weather and what ever is in the air is causing me great distress. My nose is either running or my sinuses are draining 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 of 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 (pun intended) 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.
- Use a nasal decongestant spray such as Afrin. If you choose to do this, make sure you use it for no more than three days because continued use can cause a stuffy nose.
- If you suffer from more than three sinus infections each year, you should visit an eye, nose and throat doctor to determine if you have a deviated septum or nasal polyps, which can cause the repeated infections.

-The Health Nut

Golf carts valued between $6,000-6,500

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last night and went joyriding in the cold."

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James Greenwell, a rep­resentative of the UCF Athletic Department, estimated the value of the golf carts to be between $5,600 and $6,500. He told police that the submerged cart was valued at $2,000 alone and was beyond repair.
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 Khrisy 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 School House 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 Tigrett, 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 and 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, Wassail, 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 Dinning 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.
Giving can mean more than you ever thought

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 holiday’s 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 make you want to cry as well.

Children may be the most caring out 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.

Make this holiday a special one for your friends, family and maybe ever for a complete stranger.

Insipid Thoughts: Bob’s Barricades expands market into outer space

Adam Shiver 
STAFF WRITER

After over 20 years of being broken up, the Beatles have done it again. They have released another album that has the potential to go, if it hasn’t already, platinum. That is a true sign that proves the Beatles to be the greatest band of all time.

Who is Bob, and why does it seem he has the monopoly on barricades? Have you noticed, as a mix in traffic, that the many barricades lining the streets of Orlando all read Bob’s Barricades? You never see Jeff’s Barricades or Susan’s Barricades, only Bob’s. This Bob must be one rich fellow. What I wouldn’t give to meet Bob.

What exactly is a pregnant chad? I thought only girls could be pregnant…

go to show what I know.

What is up with the sinks in the bathrooms of the Math and Physics building? Every time I wash my hands in there I feel like I am in a locker room something. Those sinks are hideous. And for heaven’s sake, get some dividers between those urinals.

UCF along with UF have been given the chance to team up with NASA. I can see it now, fly by the new space station announcing the first outer space haircut. Those invited will definitely need a partner to hold their hair during the alcohol abuse in space experiments.

Why is it that when you take the time to study for a class over an extended period of time, you seem to do worse than when you cram the day of the test for two hours? Professors are constantly telling us that cramming is just not going to do it. I don’t know that I have learned the material through cramming, but I do know that my grade more than doubled through cramming for my last exam.

Why is it that besides maybe a turkey sandwich every once in a while, American only tend to cook up this tasty bird on that splendid holiday we call Thanksgiving?

Quote of the week: “Life is what happens to you while you’re busy making other plans.” - John Lennon

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Last week we were curious to know if you think smoking on campus should be allowed. After a week-long survey online this is what you all had to say.

Yes (smoking should be allowed on campus) - 28%

No (smoking should not be allowed on campus) - 32%

Yes, it should be allowed, but in designated areas only - 39%

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Who will be president after Election 2000?

Becky 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 Saddam Whishname 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 shit...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 a 74-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

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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 simplest 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 though Bush may win the Electoral College and lose the popular vote, the Gore camp 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. If in fact Bush wins the Electoral College and Gore wins the national popular vote, how can we attempt to influence another country to become a democracy if we can't show them that we have one ourselves? If the popular vote loses the presidency, how can we determine the outcome of the presidential election, how can we tell another country that the vote of their people should? It is unclear how serious a problem this could become in future foreign policy, but if certainly will present a few roadblocks in diplomacy.

The Electoral College is out of date. The election process is now more inclusive, and the American public is much more informed and responsible now in regards to voting than it was during colonial times. The United States has always attempted to be a world leader in democracy, and this year's election could set our country back in that department. Let's make sure the vote of the people counts and do away with the Electoral College.
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 super- heroes living among us, they would not go up against the dastardly forces of world terrorism by dueling it out in soft Crayola-colored spandex. Wonder Woman would have to contest more than with the paparazzi than with the likes of men whose aliases most resemble the names of endangered zoo animals. If there were super- heroes 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 imagina- tion of a person being more human than human has to come from somewhere. Whether they are our own 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 Shaymalan 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 Dunne (Bruce Willis) is that special kind of a guy. As a university stadium security guard, he doesn’t wear capes. But others will be left to ponder who are writing about this film and have decided not divulge anything further—it is better if you see it with the least amount of knowledge before hand. As far as story goes, Shaymalan has concocted a tightly woven little mystery as to the relationships between David Dunne and the other people in his life, his wife Megan (Robin Wright-Penn), his little boy Jeremy (Spencer Treat Clark) and Elijah after the train wreck. Physically, David is a Supreme Being, but emotionally he is a wreck. He is unharmed except in the head. Willis, in the same mode of acting as he was the first time he hooked up with Night plays his role somber and destitute. Which is a welcomed mix, but with a character such as David, who is so frigid, it is hard to find empathy or understand. Sam Jackson’s character is much more textured (not to give anything away but the film opens and closes with him), and he is gladly accepted when the focus is turned on him during some points. Shaymalan uses Hitchcock’s Psycho technique by luring you into the story with one character and then completely switching you over to another without any prior notification. It was ballsy for him to try it and even more surprising that it came off so well.

Maybe the problem lies within Shaymalan buying into all of his $230 million dollar grossing, number-nine-on-the all-time-list, look-at-me-Mr. Spielberg hype. It seems as though he doesn’t have the sense to know when to quit and, in some cases, know where to start. For being one of the classiest actress- es in the land of milk and honey, Penn is given the thinnest of supporting roles. Much like Tom Colete, she is reduced to scenery and dialogue fodder. Next is the director’s need to add so many not-humanly-possible characteris- tics to Willis’ role that after a awhile you might begin to wonder why he was the only living survivor of the crash. David is confused, bewildered as to why a stranger would want to inquire such a thing. Price has his own theories: as someone who suffers from Osteogenesis Imperfecta (brittle bone disease), he believes that there has to be a person who is the polar opposite of him, someone who is unbreakable.

That’s it for the plot synopsis. Like most...
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. Joeyquotable 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” and performed by Bahamadia. The vibe 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/Drum 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 eighties’ children of hip-hop to a higher level of musicality. You are even able to hear the actual instruments in the background, 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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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19): You'll have a powerful urge to start your world cruise Monday, leaving the same-old same-old 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 more than 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 ing, though. Talk your sweetheart out of spending the rent on Monday, or you'll never get it all done. Don't take on any new assignments, or you'll get swamped. You'll have more help on Tuesday, but proceed with caution. It will take a day or so to divvy up the chores, and be sure that 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.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Manage your workload on Tuesday, but will go more smoothly on Wednesday. A difference of opinion about money could mar your weekend and your romantic relationship if you're not careful. Love's more important, remember?

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. Your workload increases later and gets downright hectic on Tuesday and Wednesday. 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 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 Sunday, don't try 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. 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 Sunday, but don't take yourselves too seriously. A sense of humor is not just beneficial, but required.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Watch for misunderstandings by being respectful on Monday. That's a good day to mine for gold. Then, put what you find into savings on Tuesday. Stick close to home on Sunday. Relax and make plans.

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.

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WE'VE CREATED A MONSTER.

KRAKEN: ORLANDO'S TALLEST, FASTEST, ONLY FLOORLESS ROLLER COASTER.

SeaWorld Orlando's new attraction, KRAKEN, debuts in January 2001. Soaring 200 feet, KRAKEN is Orlando's tallest, fastest rollercoaster with an exciting floorless layout that guarantees heart-pounding, stomach-churning fun! The world's tallest and fastest floorless rollercoaster, KRAKEN fuses adrenaline and fantasy in a thrilling ride experience. Riders are launched from 0 to 80 mph in less than 3 seconds! KRAKEN is Orlando's newest icon and the lynchpin of SeaWorld Orlando's $35 million 'Break Free' project.
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 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 marriage, Drew backed out and left Tom shouting her name at the altar and it was dissolved. 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.
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 unorthodox, but loving discipline method that he described as "in fact Mind is very calm," and "has French-kissed his dog." According to a report in the San Francisco Chronicle, Bao, an 80-pound Lab, had darted out into traffic in November (again), and Maul, intending to teach against that, clamped down on Bao'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 McAlpin revealed to his 350 small-town St. Marys (Ga.) United Methodist parishioners that their church had become the recipient of what is believed to be the largest one-time 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 having attended services in more than 20 years.

In an Ordinary Year,

This Would Be Underworld Election News

— In the Sept. 19 primary in New Ashton, Mass., none of the towns 202 registered voters cast ballots, including the disgraced town clerk, who managed the polls for 14 hours. A Green Party candidate for the Maine legislature failed to vote 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 $1,000 to $25,000). And the money flooded so freely at the GOP convention in August that Pennsylvania Inquiry reporters discovered an accidentally discarded $5,000 bribe. Said a spokesman, "We just haven't got up the nerve to tell the temperature of someone's crotch yet."

"Winning Isn't Everything; It's the Only Thing"

— Thomas Lawrey, 56, was indicted in Akron, Ohio, in August on nine counts of roughing up two of his high-achieving, home-schooled daughters when they performed worse in their endeavors than he expected. According to the indictment, when one daughter came in second in the National Spelling Bee, bidding "(appalling)," Lawrey threatened to kill them as had to be physically restrained. The girl told the Akron Beacon Journal that Lawrey would punch them in the head for their failures and that screaming and profanity were common. Lawrey complained to the Associated Press that he was "easier on his kids than my father was (on me)."

Update

— News of the World reported in 1999 on the lawsuit against a newspaper columnist who published Robert Edwards, claiming ownership of 77 acres of lower Manhattan (including the World Trade Center and the New York Stock Exchange). In August 2004, four descendents claimed to have found a copy of a 1778 lease for the land, which had been given to Edwards' sheriff by King George, stating that Edwards' heirs would get the land back in 1877. The value of the land now is conservatively estimated at $730 billion, or $140 million per descendant. Courts in South Wales, New York City and Pittsburgh have opened proceedings.

Least Criminal Criminals

Customs Agent Adventures: Cocaine "junkie" Jose Antonio Campos-Closte was arrested at the Melbourne, Australia, airport, in September after a momentary lapse; as he was filling out the Customs form, he abnormally checked the "yes" box on whether he was carrying illicit substances, and that led to a search. And Robert Allen McWhinney was sentenced in August to five years in prison for attempting to smuggle six pounds of heroin out, strapped to her chest; she was ready to board a plane home from Istanbul but was designated for searching only because one of her body-piercings set off a metal detector.

Also, in the Last Month ...

— The U.S. Supreme Court declined to overturn a California's drug-possession conviction even though one juror admitted he decided guilt by flipping a coin (which the juror defended by noting that he did two out of three times). An Atlantic City man was charged with the assault of a 45-year-old woman who said she was raped by a police officer.

Frontiers of Science

— A U.S. Forest Service researcher announced in August that her team had discovered the largest living thing ever found, a 24-centuries-old fungus, covering 2,200 acres in the Blue Mountains of eastern Oregon; DNA testing confirmed that the underground, stringlike structure was all the same organism. And three weeks later, near Lake Okeechobee, a

University of Florida biologist discovered what he called an "evolutionary relic," a previously unknown, carnivorous, flowering plant that grows entirely underwater but by phytoplankton.
Wait until Thursday to take action, and you'll scoot past the competition. This could work in love, as well as business. Schedule a shopping trip instead of a date on Friday, and Saturday's good for earning a bonus. A conversation on Sunday could lead to a change in your perspective. Be willing to learn, but teach, as well. Don't be convinced of something that just ain't so.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18): A meeting is full of surprises on Monday. Your creativity is much appreciated, as you come up with an idea none of the others considered. You're under pressure Tuesday, from friends, as well as family. Everybody wants your attention, and yet you have big deadlines to meet! Postpone a trip on Wednesday so you can get everything done. Don't plan to go out on Thursday, either. You'll most likely be exhausted by then. Stand up for yourself on Friday, and you'll gain the boss's respect. You've got the one leading the pack on Saturday, with your sparkling wit. Curtail your exuberance on Sunday. Don't spend more than you have, even for a worthy cause.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Be flexible on Monday. The boss may feel like changing everything. Get together with your group on Tuesday and Wednesday to figure out how to do what's required. You may not come up with a plan until Thursday, but that's fine. If you wait that long, you're more likely to succeed. A lot's going on behind closed doors on Friday. Big ideas need work, so don't commit quite yet. If you wait until Saturday, telling truth from fiction will be easier. Don't let yourself be pressured on Sunday. If another's suggestion doesn't feel right, don't do it.

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: Shortages inspire your budget. They could inspire creativity and a new idea none of the others considered. You're under pressure Wednesday so you can get everything done. Don't plan to go out on Thursday, either. You'll most likely be exhausted by then. Stand up for yourself on Friday, and you'll gain the boss's respect. You're the one leading the pack on Saturday, with your sparkling wit. Curtail your exuberance on Sunday. Don't spend more than you have, even for a worthy cause. Nov. 29: You should do well this year -

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 really 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. 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?

- Injured in Orlando, 22, male

Dear Sexpert,

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 doesn't really matter what type of sex you are having - it won't be enjoyable.

If she has become rougher and more brazen for good or if this is the only way she can reach climax, then you may have grown apart too much to do anything about it. You can stay with her and hope that this is just a phase, but if this really does make you uncomfortable, you should end it if she won't listen to you. Keep in mind that if your sexual encounters escalate to be even more violent that you will look like the one at fault. Your back scratches won't look like much compared to any bruises or bald spots she may end up with.

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Women's basketball falls to 1-2 record

FROM PAGE 28

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 Aiya 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.

Sophomore王朝s

“UCF has moved back to shooting guard this year after spending much of last season as UCF’s point guard,”

Senior guard Erin Paige added six points and six rebounds for the Golden Knights, while junior guard Yvette Ash led the team with three assists. Also, freshman point guard Mally McGriff saw her first action of the season after recovering from an ankle injury. One encouraging number for the Golden Knights was the rebounding margin, where UCF outrebounded USF 47-34, including a 20-12 advantage in offensive rebounds.

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The Golden Knights return to action on Nov. 28, when they will take on yet another in-state rival, the Florida State Seminoles. That game will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the UCF Arena.

“His feels good 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 some matchup problems guarding her. They had a much bigger girl on her so Aiya 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 Lurry each had eight points for UCF, who only shot 36.1 percent (22-of-61) from the floor and committed 22 turnovers. Sophomore forward Erin Paiges added six points and six rebounds for the Golden Knights, while senior guard Yvette Ash led the team with three assists. Also, freshman point guard Mally McGriff saw her first action of the season after recovering from an ankle injury. One encouraging number for the Golden Knights was the rebounding margin, where UCF outrebounded USF 47-34, including a 20-12 advantage in offensive rebounds.

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ST. PAUL — Locally, former
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Culpepper will be compared
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Culpepper is the Vikings' first
true running quarterback since
John Elway. At 6 feet 4, 255
pounds, Culpepper may be the
most dangerous running quar­
terback since a young Elway 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.
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," Burns said.

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
took the ball at will on the
outside, never taking them
right at you ... He
scorched the field with his
speed. Elway wasn't that fast.

Also, Elway didn't like
to lead by example. He was
offensive-minded. Culpepper
is much more dangerous
because of the speed. Elway wasn't that fast.

"Culpepper had 73 rushing
yards on 13 carries in the
Vikings' season opening 30-27
victory over Chicago," Burns
said. "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."

Buffalo Bills coach Dick
Sabers said: "When you talk
about getting hit, I think
Elway will take one more hit
than Culpepper."

Sabers said: "Culpepper is a
better runner than most
quarterbacks. Joe Kapp and Rich
Gannon also had some success running
on all four legs. "

"There's been no one with that
speed. Elway wasn't that fast.

"Wiggin said, "but Culpepper is
more dangerous because of the
speed. Elway wasn't that fast.

Until Culpepper proved him-
selves otherwise, the
Vikings have never seen any-
thing like it before."
UCF volleyball hosts Thanksgiving tournament

Freshman outside hitter Lindsey Whalen finished third on the team in kills this season.

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UCF's freshman tandem of Santé 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. Santé 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 Brandt 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] Jessy 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 15-16 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 Santé once again led the UCF attack with her 11th double-double of the season, contributing 17 kills and 17 digs, while Morgan added 30 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 an 8-1 mark in TAAC play.
From the Sports Desk

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 weekend. 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 Manus-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 the 6k in 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 play softball for 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/catcher, 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 Manus-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 18'7" and 18'5" 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**  
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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 Duquesne and host school Hawaii Pacific to open the 2000-2001 season.

UCF opened the tournament against Georgetown, a team that barely missed making it to the postseason top 25. 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.

Freshman point guard Al Miller led UCF with 13 points apiece. Junior center Evandro Mertz grabbed a team-high seven rebounds for the Golden Knights, while sophomore point guard Al Miller paced the team with six assists.

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 I-4 rivalry took place last week when the UCF women's basketball team traveled to USE 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.