Teaching woes drive schools debate

Honorary degree: Yours for just $4.38 million
Porsche dealer and wife are largest donors to UCF in 20 years

JASON IRSAY
STAFF WRITER

For most students, a doctorate degree requires several years of study and several thousand dollars. For Al and Nancy Burnett of Orlando, honorary doctorates in commercial science could be theirs for $4.38 million.

The UCF Board of Trustees will vote today whether to award Al Burnett — a Porsche Premier Dealer; a distinction bestowed on the top 10 percent of Porsche dealers nationwide — and his wife Nancy, a former English, speech and drama teacher; honorary doctorate degrees in recognition of their financial gifts to UCF and the community.

The Burnett's have contributed more than $4.38 million since the late 1990s, making them the largest donors to UCF in the last 20 years. Their contributions include $1.4 million to construct the Rosen College building that was completed last year and bears their name. In 1980, the Burnetts also gave $1.4 million to build the university president's house — the largest single donation toward construction of the $1.2 million, 8,500-square-foot home. Named in their honor, the Burnett House on campus.

TAILGATING TOUCHDOWN

UCF fans: 39,000
Visitors: 0

KELLY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

This Saturday, UCF will host a huge party. Well, technically-by the UCF Knights are hosting the party. The football team's first home game of the season pits the Knights against Liberty at the Citrus Bowl, with the Knights hoping to come away with their first win of the year.

But for many of UCF's 30,000 students who plan to attend, the outcome is irrelevant. It's the tail-gating that matters.

Indeed, many students combine their play to the parking lots that surround the downtown stadium and never even set foot inside to witness a single down. "They don't play quality teams, so therefore a lack of competition and also a lack of recruiting are the result," said Geoffrey Bonne, a junior criminal justice major. "I never make it into the game."

Nonetheless, Bonne will be stationed outside the stadium with his friends, exercising their right to engage in an annual tail-rural. And for them, tail-gating requires planning as precise as any strategy that might emerge from a coach's playbook.

"You can't be a lightweight. If you plan on lasting all day," said Chris Murphy, a senior political sci-

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Duffy Hery
STAFF WRITER

Six years ago, when Heidi Stockamp earned her teaching degree from UCF, she couldn't wait to enter the classroom and engage young adults in the wonders within the world of art.

She knew it wasn't a lucrative profession. But that wasn't the point.

"You don't really think about the pay with teaching," she said. "You know you're only here to be with the kids."

She went to work not far from the campus, at Oviedo High School in the Seminole County public school district.

And she loved her job. But eventually she began to be bothered by the growing disparity between the hours she spent working and the dollars in her paycheck.

"After a while," she said, "I found that I was making the same as some of the newer teachers in Seminole County [but] less than the brand-new teachers in Orange County."

She's not alone in her dissatisfaction.

Although many of Florida's public school districts are trying to raise teacher pay, starting salaries in the state still rank 28th out of the 50 states, according to the National Education Association.

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Dave would be disappointed
Waste-tube every one of our fans on campus.

ON THE RISE

The out of a soda from one of the campus' many machines makes a drake jump.

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Election Info:
Petition Pick up: Sept. 2 - 9 (9am - 5pm)
SGA Office, SU 214

Declaration of Candidacy:
Sept. 9 - 11 (9am - 5pm)

Active Campaigning begins: Sept. 16

Candidate Forum: Sept. 26
(2pm - 3:30pm) in front of Pegasus Ball Room

Primary Elections: Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 (8am - 5pm)

Run Off Elections: Oct. 7 - 9 (8am - 5pm)

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GRADUATE STUDIES
**Florida teaching salaries ranked 28th in nation**

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Association. Florida's average starting pay of about $43,000 is $10,000 less than the average starting salary in Connecticut, which ranks No. 1.

That flow turns through current political debates in Florida — namely, the governor's race — and underscores the struggle faced by schools to attract and retain elementary- and secondary-school teachers in a variety of disciplines.

Hoping to help address the shortage of math and science teachers in particular, the UCF Board of Trustees today is scheduled to approve a new master's program designed to speed more math and science instructors into kindergarten through eighth-grade classrooms.
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Late nights for Knight owls

KRIISTI N DAVI S
STAFF WRITER

UCF students tired of doing the same repetitive activities on the weekends now have a new option available once a month that might help them to break out of their normal weekend rut.

After several months of planning, the Office of Student Activities (OSA) has developed a new program called Late Knight. Each month they plan to offer a new and unique experience for UCF students completely free of charge.

The first Late Knight will take place after UCF’s first home football game coordinated as a football themed event. The activities will include comedian Craig Carmean, local DJ Mike e.g., karaoke, inflatable games, the movie Water Boy and a midnight breakfast buffet.

The stores and fast food places located in the Student Union will remain open for their normal hours during this event, with the exception of Wackadoo’s, which will remain open later offering student free games of pool.

Although this event is being introduced to UCF, it has been approved by several other universities for some time now. UCF is following in the footsteps of the University of Florida, the University of West Virginia and Penn State that have developed programs similar to Late Knight for their students.

Each Late Knight, following the first one, will run from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. The second and third Late Knight events will be on Oct. 18 and Nov. 15. The location of the events will rotate monthly between the Student Union and the Recreation and Wellness Center.

OSA received a special grant from UCF in order to fund the program, which costs $13,000 for each event. Student Government is providing the food for Late Knight.

Many of the events scheduled for Late Knight were derived from student input. OSA surveyed hundreds of students from registered clubs in order to design an event that would best suit their interests.

There will also be a survey available at the first Late Knight so that those who attend can make suggestions on what kinds of activities they would like to see for the next event.

Although coordinators estimate about 350 students for the first Late Knight event, students are divided on whether or not they are willing to sacrifice their normal weekend plans to attend a campus event.

Senior Ashley Shimer, who just transferred from the University of Florida, said the event doesn’t interest her.

“I’m not big on student activities,” she said. “I’m 24 and free food and karaoke doesn’t really interest me.”

Other students feel this is a great chance to try something different and take advantage of all the free activities offered.

“I have lived in Orlando my whole life and you would think there would be more to do, but there isn’t,” said sophomore Tiffany Crawford. “You can pretty much either drink or stay home in college, so this sounds like a great opportunity. Plus there’s free food.”

OSA Graduate assistant and Late Knight coordinator Hope Wehrle said that this event was not intended to prevent students from going out and drinking.

“If someone wants to attend this event as an alternative to drinking, that’s fine with us. But this is an event that is free, that is it,” she said.

Said Graduate David Chernak: “If there weren’t any parties that weekend, I would go. Usually something else comes up to do on the weekend. Late Knight would be my second choice. It’s something different offered and you get to meet people.”

Wehrle doesn’t expect students to necessarily give up a night out in Orlando in order to attend this event.

“I expect people coming in from the clubs just in time for our midnight buffet, to grab some free food after their night on the town,” said Wehrle.

Said freshman Jolene MacLeod: “I usually work on the weekends, but I would have no problem scheduling to have off once a month in order to attend something UCF offers for free.”

Coffee a la mode

BEC~A KULCHAK
STAFF WRITE~

A cup of joe or two scoops of refreshment may be just what students need on their way to early morn­ ing class or on their way home from on a hot after­ noon day.

The OSA information kiosk, which has stood vacant for three years, will be leased out to an ice cream and coffee shop and should be completed by the end of October.

“We’ll have coffee and ice cream and some conven­ ience products, as well as bagels, whatever students want,” said N. Richard Stilworth, director of business services.

Java City Coffee and Freshens Ice Cream will both operate out of the kiosk, which stands next to the Reflecting Pond, and in the path of major traffic as students head to and from class.

“There’s a lot of pedestrian traffic in that particu­ lar spot, people like to sit around the Reflecting Pond and read or study and that will give them the opportu­ nity to get something to drink. We just thought it would be a good use of that kiosk,” Stilworth said.

The added business will not only mean more refreshment for UCF stu­ dents, but more jobs as well.

Auditions Held Weekly

Disney animated Character “look-alikes,” have the opportunity to fulfill the dreams of millions of people who are drawn to the magic and mystique of Disney. We are looking for smiling faces to bring to life heroes and heroines from classic Disney animated films. Strong candidates should resemble the characters in look, height and personality, have a positive attitude and a good speaking voice.

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**Kiosk to reopen at end of October**

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Some students were welcoming the refreshment stand with hungry bellies, while others wished the kiosk booth was used for what it was originally intended. Said freshman Meetal Dembaru: "I think the ice cream stand is a really good idea. I used to hate walking to class I don't have to walk all the way to the Student Union to get a snack."

"Because of the fact that we're growing a school, we need something like the kiosk to direct visitors and guests as to where they're going," he said. "I know my first time coming to the school I was lost. If it was gone when I was going. Somebody wanted ice cream, they either have to go to the Student Union and get it there."
### TITLE VI: THE ELECTION STATUTES

C. Election Board will meet from 1:00 am to 7:00 pm, for the Student Body election.
D. A Feb Election will occur, the week following the end of voting for the Student Senate election.
E. The Senate Secretary will receive all the ballots cast in the Primary Election, including write-in candidates/tickets, for the Senate Secretary’s office for the General Election.

#### Section 605.10 Election

A. Write-in Candidates names must be removed from the circulation in a timely manner, and the Senate Secretary shall be responsible for the following:

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### Section 605.11 Third Party Campaigning

A. The candidate’s ballot is not responsible for unauthorized, political, or personal, or political campaigning by paid personnel.

B. Only registered candidates or their authorized agents may campaign on the school’s premises.

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Economy Shifting To Lower Gear

Economists are increasingly up-beat about the pace of growth for the third quarter, as they are reducing their forecasts for the fourth quarter mainly due to fears consumer spending will slow down.

Adding to concern about the new term projections for the econ­omy, the Conference Board's index of business conditions fell 0.6% in August for the third consecutive month, amid further turmoil in fi­nancial markets. Even before that report, a number of economists had expected economic growth is flagging and are warning that while they are increasing their growth esti­mates for the nearly ended third quarter, they are lowering growth estimates for the fourth quarter this year and for early next year.

The August index is "really showing fading momentum in the economy," says Steven Wood, senior U.S. economist at Salomon Smith Barney. Like others, Sal­omon is revising its quarterly esti­mates of growth in gross domestic product, the broadest measure of the nation's economic output. Sal­omon is likely to raise its third quarter GDP growth estimate to just less than 3%, up from 2.8%, and to lower its fourth quarter estimate to around 2%, from 2.6%. and to lower its fourth quarter estimate to around 2%, from 2.6%.

Such a reversal would be un­precedented among major cellular carriers, which have been adding to their customer base at an average pace of 18% so far this year. The wireless sector has been the strongest area in the generally trou­bled telecommunications industry.

Will the Xbox Crash in Japan?

Shipments of Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox console in Japan are so low that many industry executives say Microsoft's best shot at a rebound may only come in 2003, with the ex­pected launch of the next-generation XBox machine.

Japan is vital to Microsoft's global video-game ambitions. The world's second-biggest video-game market, behind the U.S., Japan also is home to a raft of important game developers and to Microsoft's two main rivals in the field: Nintendo Co., maker of GameCube, and Sony Corp., maker of the top-selling PlayStation.

A defeat in this market, even if temporary, could threaten the fu­ture of the Xbox world-wide. That leaves Microsoft some tough choices. Industry executives say it must do something bold and expen­sive, such as buying a popular game developer, to spark sales and game development for Xbox, in

Caffeinated Growth

Despite competition from Starbucks, independent coffeehouses continue to prosper.

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Sources: Merit Monitor Intelligentsia, Salomon Smith Barney.

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What's News–

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Selling Celluloid

Average advertising cost of studio movies, in millions

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Source: Motion Picture Association of America

Most Coffeehouses Survive

When Starbucks Arrives, And Many Even Benefit

It has been the conventional wisdom to date: Whenever a new Starbucks opens, you can sound the death knell for the lo­cal coffee shop.

Well, it looks like everybody was wrong. The battle between independent coffeehouses and Starbucks may be one of the most hostile—and most misunderstood—rivalries in retailing. Starbucks is prospering, with earnings up 22.4% in the first nine months of the year that ends Sept. 29, and a compound annual growth rate from fiscal 1997 to 2000 of 25.5%. But most independents are do­ing fine—and not just in spite of Starbucks, but perhaps because of it. In Kansas City, Mo., nearly all of the coffeehouses operating before Starbucks arrived in 1996 remain in the market. Since then, other inde­pendents have cut their rates and added their numbers well beyond the 25 stores Starbucks has in the market. Many independents operate within a stone's throw of a Starbucks.

Nationwide, independents account for more than half of the in­dustry's growth between 1994 and 2000, when the number of U.S. cof­feehouses doubled to 13,300, includ­ing Starbucks, according to Merit Monitor Intelligentsia, a market­research firm. Moreover, the large majority of independent coffee­ houses started within the past decade have survived, industry ex­perts say. By comparison, close to half of the country's sit-down, auto­matic coffee shops are fighting the tide.

Here's a small Seattle coffee shop: Starbucks, but perhaps because of it.

An estimated 80% of adult Americans will drink coffee by mid-decade, and many will be looking for a replacement for their favorite coffee brands.

Salomon Settles

Stock Hype Case

Salomon Smith Barney agreed to pay $5 million to settle civil charges that former star analyst Jack Grubman and a colleague touting a stock that they privately questioned in emails—strengthen­ing the firm's hand as it pursues a broader case over stock, are fighting the

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Scholarships Paying More for Merit

By JUNE KINNELL

The biggest part of the nation’s $1 trillion in college student aid still goes to low-income kids—but that share is diminishing fast.

There is a growing emphasis on awarding scholarships based on merit, setting off a debate: Who is more deserving, the good student or the needy one?

States devoted about 75% of their financial aid to low-income students—nearly 80% in 1999, but that’s down from 96% a decade earlier, says the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Colleges and universities, which awarded $1 trillion in scholarships in 2003, gave almost half of it to students based on academic merit, sports ability, musical talent—everything but financial need, the aid administrators add.

Even the federal government is making low-cost loans available to more kids, whatever their income. The Clarence and betty Goodwin are trying to motivate high-school students and keep their brightest students from leaving for college in other states. Both state and private institutions are eager to boost the academic profile of their student body.

That’s all great news for middle-class kids, who tend to get higher grades and test scores because they generally attend better schools and come from education-minded families. But the flip side is that a college education is becoming even more remote for young people from low-income families.

“Ultimately, we’re going to crowd out students who would have had a shot at college and a middle-class future,” says Donald R. Heller, an education professor at Pennsylvania State University.

And then there’s the high cost: Oklahoma legislators doubled the appropriation for their merit-aid program from $74 billion to $14.5 trillion in 2001, up from 70,000 from 10 years before, meaning there’s less money for everything else.

Counting the Beans

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The Starbucks offering isn’t any less expensive or more extensive than the independent’s, and the Starbucks chain’s hours often are shorter.

The perception of the Starbucks chain is six years from saturation.

Starting a coffeehouse requires a franchise—$60,000 to $100,000 —of the more than 500,000 needed to start a McDonald’s. Along with the $100,000, it’s the business that has been most alluring to the young entrepreneur. Courtney Bosse, who was 21 when she founded City Market Coffee Co. in Kansas City, six years later bought out her financial partner: her father. “I just paid Dad face 4.5% interest, and I own my own business and love it,” she says.

By Wall Street Journal staff reporters, Kevin Hollinr and Shirley Leung.

What’s News—

In Business and Finance

Odds & Ends

Cable News Network’s parent company, AOL Time Warner Inc., has been in talks in recent months with Walt Disney Co., parent of the ABC television network, about a possible merger of CNN with ABC’s news division, according to a person familiar with the talks. Xerox is facing a criminal inquiry by federal authorities related to the company’s massive misstatement of earnings. In Florida, state legislators have taken legal action to try to shut down more than a dozen companies that the group claims are illegally altering movies by cutting out scenes of sex, violence and profanity.

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Japan. On Friday, rival Nintendo Co. said it sold Microsoft’s 4% stake in Rare Ltd., a British studio that has created video games popular in Japan, such as Donkey Kong Country. Microsoft executives declined to comment.

ADDITIONAL STORES

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IT'S A GRIND stores in Glendale, Calif., prompted the ruling sent El Paso Corp., helped drive California natural gas and electricity prices to record levels during that state’s energy crisis by withholding needed supplies of gas, the top hearing judge at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission concluded.

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OUR STANCE:

UCF unranked, but not unworthy

While UCF never makes Princeton’s top 20 party school list, likewise it never appears in the top tier of U.S. News and World Report’s annual college ranking either. If many students were left disappointed that despite their seven-day drinking binges, their efforts never landed UCF on the party list, students will be even more horrified to learn that their college education ranks bottom of the pile according to the report.

While UCF is not on an Ivy League university, a UCF education can be very valuable if students are willing to put in the effort necessary. A student who attends a top 10 school, and simply completes their courses of study believing that they have received a superior education by virtue of graduation has not necessarily more educated than a student who attends UCF and utilizes internships, joins trade organizations and gains valuable contacts in the process.

The quality of students’ education doesn’t necessarily depend on where their school appears on a college evaluation scale. A student’s education is only as good as the effort the student puts into his or her studies.

If a student’s only criterion for college is job placement, UCF can help him or her achieve that end too. But college is about much more than that. Students should not view college as strictly a job training facility, nor do they study long social excursions. A healthy mix of both can be found here.

But if a UCF student maintains the attitude that he or she should not to study an hard or try as hard because this is UCF rather than Harvard, the student robs himself or herself of the educational opportunities that abound here.

UCF never appears on a college ranking either. That despite their seven-day drinking binges, many students are willing to put in the effort necessary to study and earn their doctorate degrees and respect the hard work of students who have earned degrees from the school.

Our stance is that freedom of speech, as protected by the First Amendment, is a constitutional right. It is an inherent part of the American way of life. The issue is whether the speech made is, or is not, offensive.

We believe that freedom of speech should not compromise standards, professionalism, or display poor writing. The Daily Pig, has already tried to censor our editors in the name of good taste. We believe that the paper should not be responsible for censoring our own editors.

We believe that students should have the right to express their opinions, to challenge the editors, and even to protect bad writing as free speech. Freedom of speech is the backbone of a healthy and free society. It is the key to economic growth and development. It is the key to social progress and change.

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Guys 21 and under, go home

Libby Baird Staff Writer

Everyone wants to be 21, but until that fateful day in October arrives, I'm stuck with just plain 20. Worse, my boyfriend of three years is stuck with it until June. This may seem irrelevant, but consider this. It's Thursday night, I'm dressed to kill and my boyfriend is forced to sit home on the couch. He'd love to join me for a night on the town, but he can't. sucks.

Many clubs won't let men in unless they are 21, but 18-year-old girls can prance right through the door. I know I always do.

The first thing my inner-attorney thinks is age discrimination. Are there many differences between 18 and 19-year-old males? How much different can three years make in a person? Sure, some people are bound to turn over a new leaf in time to turn 21, but most guys in our age range act about the same in public.

Are men more attractive after they hit 21? They might think so, but label me skeptical - I highly doubt it. Are 18-year-old males dangerous? Actually, since they can't drink, I'd say they'll probably be less dangerous than older men.

Moreover, what kind of environment does this policy create? It seems to me that clubs that want to have a larger crowd of women than men in clubs. Perhaps they believe that the sheer quantity of young attractive women will win over the men, and will convince them to buy drinks for as many women as they find attractive.

But imagine a bunch of males who can drink and an equal number of 18-year-old females who shouldn't. All of a sudden, underage women are under the influence, and the beginning of what sound like a 60 Minutes special on date rape to me.

Likewise, men can be taken advantage of in this situation just as easily because while some men may buy drinks for women as a courteous gesture or a way to let a woman know he's interested, women tend to accept these free drinks from guys regardless of whether or not they are interested.

Moreover, mingling underage wannabe drinkers with the legal ones creates potential problems for the clubs and bars where underage women accept drinks from men. It creates problems for the man who bought the underage woman a drink - if she is caught by law enforcement and he supplied her the cocktail, then he takes the fall.

My suggestion to Orlando nightclubs is to lower the playing field. It would be more fair to lower the age of entry to 18 for everyone, or as some clubs already do, 18 and up, 21 and up to cross the threshold. My boyfriend and I would both appreciate it.

Snap judgments can ruin others’ lives

Sheyla Nieves Staff Writer

A woman's heightened imagination and bad hearing led to a bruised and bigoted bunch to act more like terrorists than the men who were arrested.

Eunice Stone reported three Arab medical students to authorities after they joked about 9/11 terrorist attacks and teased that they planned to bring something down on the hospital.

Stone interpreted their words as a bomb plot; her interpretation resulted in a 17-hour detainment of the three students. The hospital where the three men were to continue medical training refused to allow the men to do their internships at the hospital and instead sent them to intern at a clinic.

Larissa Community Hospital's decision to switch the students' plans is an example of how much damage prejudiced Americans can inflict on others.

During and after the infamous car searches on American Airlines, idiots flooded the hospital with threats.

A few individuals' ignorance dictated a hospital's policy and portrayed the careers of three people, who, for all we know, have been good citizens.

The hospital - concerned about the safety of its patients and staff as well as the learning environment for Karima Butt, Ayman Gheit and Omar Choudary, who decided to eliminate the students' internships there - isn't the first time this has happened.

But, Gheit and Choudary, who police pulled on September 13, have been stigmatized as terrorists - people who opto at killing innocents.

What sounds more like a terrorist act - threatening a hospital's patients, staff and Muslims at large by abusing cardiological, oncology and emergency medicine? More hours after the students' detainment, information on their background was available and sent by the airlines to the masses. Just about any rational person should conclude that medical students do not fit the profile of a terrorist.

It's amazing how easily people believe what they see and hear on the TV, and later make charges of distortion upon the reports. People should not rush to judgment.

People assumed Stone told the truth. Why would a middle-aged mother lie? Stone told investigators that the students made Arab jokes while watching 9/11. What does a woman from Andover, Massachusetts with a population of about 11,000 know about the Arabic language?

On Larry King Live, Butt just said: "We're of Palestinian descent. We don't even understand or speak Arabic."

Of the three men, only Gheit speaks the language.

Stone's lawyer asserted that his client was not seeking publicity, despite her interviews on CNN, Fox News and others.

Goe Bush's affirmation of Stone as a "credible witness" to the investigation apparently convinced a dozen individuals that the three medical students were terrorists.

We are all humans and imperfect, subject to make mistakes — something Eunice Stone Illustrated.

Judging others before becoming informed cannot mean the entirety of our actions, as demonstrated by those who threatened the medical students and the hospital's patients and staff. If the students joked about September 11, they showed poor taste. They didn't deserve the hell they've been put through.

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A fast solution for bad decisions

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Though U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher predicts an epidemic of obesity will soon overtake tobacco as the leading cause of preventable death, the answer to that epidemic is educating the public, not a battery of lawsuits.

If the government would like fast-food dollars to help the effort, they should pick up the phone and ask, not take them to court. Sponsoring customer-friendly public service announcements can only be good public relations for the fast-food chains.

It just shouldn’t be mandated by irresponsible customers or suit-happy lawyers drooling for deep corporate pockets.

If opponents do succeed in forcing fast food chains to become dieters and nutritionists to the French-fried public, how many other businesses will have to take responsibilities for their customer’s actions?

Department store CEOs better beware. After all, think of the damage you can inflict on yourself through shopping.

Ridiculously high interest rates, overextended credit limits and damaged credit ratings can easily disable any shopper if they don’t exercise a little personal discretion and responsibility.

To say nothing of the damage to your self-esteem if you insist on buying clothes that will fit as soon as you lose five pounds, but you never manage to lose the weight. Or the repetitive stress of buying every variation of black shirt on the market until you would wear half your wardrobe to a funeral.

I guess if we run into trouble, we should just follow the fast-food customer and file suit for monetary damages and mental anguish.

Or perhaps, we can educate ourselves and make responsible decisions we can live with instead.

If we do get carried away and run into a consequence that’s a little hard to swallow, we can look in the mirror and learn from the experience instead of looking for someone else to blame.
PREPARED

The Golden Knights are poised to extinguish the Flames this Saturday at the Citrus Bowl

CHRIS BERNHARDT
STAFF WRITER

Hello Liberty. "We ain't got a victory yet. You'll see a hungry football team coming home for the first time, wanting to prove to people that they're a quality football team," said UCF Coach Mike Kruczek.

The lone Division I-AA school on UCF's schedule represents the perfect opportunity to get everything right for the Golden Knights. And this isn't exactly the cream of the I-AA crop either. The Flames come in 1-2 in their first season as members of the Big South Conference. It's the same squad UCF disposed 83-0 at the Citrus Bowl last season.

The one standout player Liberty does have is running back Veronday Baremore. The Sophomore leads the Big South in rushing by a wide margin with 365 yards. His backup, Eugene Goodman, is putting up some nice numbers himself, averaging 5.5 yards per carry. Overall the Flames are averaging 194.3 rushing yards per game.

But they must come up against a UCF defense giving up only 17.2 points per game. Please See Game on 16

Home fires burning

The UCF football team looks to start its third fresh start of the season Saturday when the Golden Knights play home for the first time this year.

UCF's first start came with the opening game of the season with a chance to knock off nationally ranked Penn State. The second start came last week with its first Mid-American Conference game against Marshall.

Now 0-3, the Knights are looking to win out the rest of the season beginning with Liberty in their first conference game.

The Division I-AA Flames begin the season 0-3 last year and UCF was coming off a big win over UAB. This year the Knights are coming off three tough losses and are ready to get that goose egg out of the win column.

Senior wide receiver Jimmy Fryzel said he hopes motivating the team is not a problem.

"It shouldn't be. We need a win. We ought to come out with all the aggression we had in the past three games, blowing our chances at winning, and take it out on Liberty," he said.

That said, UCF isn't looking past Liberty to its next MAC opponent, Western Michigan.

"That's one thing that we gotta make sure is clear with the team, is that we don't overlook them," said Fryzel. "We are zero and three. Everybody brings up last year, 'oh you beat them 63 to nothing, it's Liberty, they're Division I-AA.' We should win. This is a chance for our team to go out and get our aggression.

The Knights also want to show their home fans that they know how to win.

"We need to make sure that [the fans] come out and see just how we can play," said Fryzel. "They've seen us on TV, that's helped, with the ESPN games, and we've played well in both of those games. We can take about five plays in each of those games that could have changed the outcome. It will be interest-

Knights hit the road for conference games

CHARVI MAGDAONG
STAFF WRITER

UCF women's soccer returns to conference play this week with road games against Georgia State on Thursday and Campbell on Saturday. UCF plays GSU at 4 p.m. then travels to North Carolina for a 6 p.m. meet-

ing. The last time UCF lost to Georgia State was in the 1997 Atlantic Sun Tournament. GSU, then ranked No. 3 in the conference, upset the favored Golden Knights 2-0 in the championship match.

So far this season, the Lady Panthers are 3-3-5, 1-0-1 against conference oppo-

nents. An impact player for GSU will be its goalkeeper. Because of her efforts in the pre-

vious two games, the A-Sun named GSU's freshman goalie Alexa Pasquarelli defensive player of the week. She recorded a shutout against Jacksonville State and helped GSU
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Go Knights!
Golden Knights lose second game of season

The underdogged Samford (6-0-1), both A-Sun teams. Pasquerelli holds a goal against average of 1.50 through eight games.

The only opponent the Golden Knights and Panthers have both played is Air Force, with both teams losing via shutdown. In the inaugural Marriott/Georgia State Invitational Sept. 13, AFA defeated the Lady Panthers 2-0 and out-shot them 17-10.

An offides call in the first half took away GSU's goal and best scoring opportunity, ending the half scoreless. AFA used second-half goals from sophomore Cookies Day and Jennifer Rowland to win the game.

Thirty-six seconds into the second half of the UCF and AFA game, the Falcons scored the only goal of the game. Their goalkeeper Jennifer Monson preserved the victory by making several key saves late in the game.

With 21 minutes left in the second half, UCF had a three-on-zero breakaway. Courtney Balnes dribbled into the box and took a shot that was to the right of Monson, who made the save. Then with four minutes remaining, Amanda King fired a shot from 30 yards out that was headed to the upper corner of the far post.

Monson reacted to the shot and punched the ball over the crossbar.

Despite the loss, UCF out-shot Air Force 15-12. UCF goals-keeper Jessica Kulhman ended the day with six saves. For just the second time this season, UCF lost a game, falling to 6-2 for the year.

In the two game-winners made by the Falcons, both goals came unassisted and resulted from free kicks. After a UCF penalty, Mary Cheek lofted a free kick from 30 yards out on the right wing. Her blast was just inside the upper far post and beat Kulhman. In the GSW game, a situation similar allowed Florida to tally a goal.

In the other conference game slated this week for UCF, the Golden Knights face a foe they have never lost to. Against Campbell, UCF has an all-time record of 0-4. In last year's match, the Golden Knights win 2-1 with game-winner coming from Allison Braghi.
Chris Bernhardt  
STAFF WRITER

It was the second quarter against Marshall last Friday and wide receiver Jimmy Fryzel was lying on the ground. The football lay a few feet away and his head could have been just as far as had he been hit. Where his mind was at that moment remained to be seen.

“They asked me ‘Do you know where you are?’” said Fryzel. “My response was yeah, I just got knocked out by that guy from Marshall.”

As hard as the hit was, Fryzel nearly hung on to the ball as his 6-foot, 195-pound frame slammed against the ground. It’s a testament to UCF’s “other” receiver and his abilities on the football field.

While people around the country continue to talk about fellow starting wideout Doug Gabriel, Fryzel goes about his business making plays like he in 1996.

Fryzel helped Lakeland to a state title as a freshman, though mostly on special teams. He still managed to catch four passes for 73 yards. The following season he worked his way into the wide receiver rotation, making 36 receptions for 606 yards and two touchdowns. He also helped Lakeland to a state title in 1996.

It was not until UCF’s summer football camp that he caught the eye of the Golden Knights coaches. He impressed them enough at camp to get offered a scholarship. And it’s been a decision that’s paid off greatly for the Golden Knights.

He played in nine games as a freshman, though mostly on special teams. He still managed to catch four passes for 73 yards. The following season he worked his way into the wide receiver rotation, making 36 receptions for 606 yards, including his career long of 61. He also found the endzone a career-best three times.

Last year he became a starter and one of quarterback Ryan Schneider’s most reliable targets. He caught 30 passes for 664 yards and two touchdowns.

Now he’s a senior, having watched the program evolve from the immediate post-Daunte Culpepper era to the first game in the Mid-American Conference. “Student involvement I think has been growing, more of the freshman that come in each year asking when the home games are, when’s the start-up,” said Fryzel. “I notice at the game, the (student) section does get bigger each game.”

So far this year he has nine receptions for 148 yards. He may not have the flash of Gabriel or even young backups Taxavious Capers and Luther Huggins, but there is no doubting his strength. He can bench 400 pounds, squat 475, and power clean 312. Later in the Marshall game he took another big hit and this time held on the ball and charged ahead for a few more yards.

As Gabriel continues to put up huge numbers, defenses are keying in on him more and more. Having a quality receiver like Fryzel on the other side helps keep those defenses a little more honest in their coverage.

“He’s going to take a lot of pressure off me. Everyone knows what Jimmy can do. I’m glad he’s on the other side with me,” said Gabriel.

Fryzel is also climbing through the UCF record book. He’s caught a pass in 24 straight games. That ties him with David Rhodes for sixth on the school’s all-time list. If he records at least one reception in each of the nine remaining games on UCF’s schedule he’ll be second on the list behind only his coach, Sean Burke.

Beckton caught a pass in 42 consecutive games between 1987 and 1990. With 1,403 career-receiving yards, Fryzel needs just 250 yards to crack the school’s all-time top 10.

And while he may not be the superstar on the field, he is in the locker room. He’s the offensive captain and he plans to help keep the 6-3 Golden Knights focused as they get set to play Division I-AA opponent Liberty in their home opener. “That’s one thing I got to make sure that’s clear with the team is we don’t overlook Liberty,” said Fryzel. “We’re off your stuff and they have a good team, they can keep those defenses a little more honest on that streak that we want to win the rest.”

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**UNLV escapes with win**

UNLV narrowly defeated the UCF men’s soccer team 3-2 on Sunday at the UNLV Fila Classic at Peter Johann Memorial Field in Las Vegas.

UNLV’s Boomer Aronace scored the game-winning goal with 8:07 remaining in the match to secure the win 5-2 in favor of the Rebels. UCF Sophomore Eric Vasquez picked up his second assist of the season after setting up Zepplin Habsom for his game-tying goal in the first half of the match.

**Golden Knights freshman Billy Judino scored his first collegiate goal in the second half to tie the game at 2-2. The match would stay that way until Aronace’s kill shot. UCF goalkeeper Ryan Mcintosh then picked up six saves as the Golden Knights fell to 2-3-1 on the season.**

Sunday’s match was only the second time the two teams have faced each other in men’s soccer. UCF won their first meeting 2-0 back in 1989. Habsom’s goal gave him a team-high two goals on the year and tied him with Eric Vasquez for most points on the team with 11 points on six goals and six assists.

One of the bright spots for UCF in this young season has been freshman goalkeeper Ryan Mcintosh, fifth in the Atlantic Sun in saves per game, and third in goals against average.

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**University of Central Florida**

**Thirty-Fourth Student Senate**

**Constitutional Amendment 34-03**

**Body Vice President**

**Chapter 2:** Senate Members

**Article 2:** The Student Senate

**Section 1:** Senate Members

The name or designation of this body shall be the Student Senate of the University of Central Florida. The governmental agency or this organization shall be the University of Central Florida Student Government, hereinafter referred to in this Constitution.

**Section 2:** Jurisdiction

All student votes by their registration in the University of Central Florida shall be members of the Student Senate and shall be subject to this Constitution.

**Section 3:** Jurisdiction

All student enrolled in the University of Central Florida shall be entitled to vote in the special or general elections of the Student Senate.

**Section 4:** Referendum Option

The Student Senate has the right to call a referendum election, provided that a petition signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the Student Senate is submitted as specified by statute.

**Section 5:** Referendum

The Student Senate has the right to call a referendum election, provided that a petition signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the Student Senate is submitted as specified by statute.

**Article 3:** The Executive

**Section 1:** Executive Authority

All executive powers and these powers not specifically granted herein or in other sections of the Student Senate shall be vested in the Student Senate, comprised of the President, Vice President, and Student Senate Parliament. The Student Senate shall be the judicial branch of the Student Government.

**Section 2:** Election of Executive Officers

The President and President Pro Tem shall be elected according to statute, by a majority vote of the Student Senate, and shall serve a one-year term of office following each election.

**Section 3:** Duties and Powers of the President

A. Legislative

**Section 4:** Referendum

The President and President Pro Tem shall be elected according to statute, by a majority vote of the Student Senate, and shall serve a one-year term of office following each election.

**Section 5:** Duties and Powers of the President

A. Authorization and enforcement of laws

**Article 4:** The Legislative

**Section 1:** Legislative Authority

The legislative authority of the Student Senate shall be vested in the Student Senate, hereinafter referred to as the Senate.

**Section 2:** Composition

The Senate shall be comprised of:

A. A number of students who shall be known as Senators.

B. A Senator President who shall be the Senator President.

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**You can see the constitutional amendments on the SGA web site at www.sga.ucf.edu**
The Knights are looking at the Liberty game as a way to get back the season on track. “We all know in our minds we can run the table, but now we’re having to rely on someone else to beat Marshall and that’s what hurts,” said Fryzyl.

In its first session in conference, UCF now gets its first taste of scoreboard watching as the Knights watch MAC teams to knock the Thundering Herd off the top spot. With Friday’s loss to Marshall, the Knights have no control over their conference fate, all they can do now is win their rest of their MAC games.

University of Central Florida
Thirty-Fourth Student Body
Constitutional Amendment 34-04

Section 1: The Student Body

The name of the organization shall be the Student Body of the University of Central Florida, or in abbreviation Student Body or UCF. The constitution of the organization shall be the Student Body of the University of Central Florida, hereafter referred to as Student Government.

Section 2: Inclusion

All students of the University of Central Florida shall be enrolled in the University of Central Florida Student Student Body and shall be a member of the Student Body and shall be subject to these Articles and By-Laws.

Section 3: Student Body Senate

The Student Body Senate shall be voted on and shall be voted upon by a majority of the Student Body.

Section 4: Finance Board

The Finance Board shall consist of the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President, the Student Body Treasurer, and the Student Body Secretary. The Finance Board shall be responsible for the financial management of the Student Body.

Section 5: Judicial Council

The Judicial Council shall consist of the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President, the Student Body Treasurer, and the Student Body Secretary. The Judicial Council shall be responsible for the judicial management of the Student Body.

Section 6: Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President, the Student Body Treasurer, and the Student Body Secretary. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the executive management of the Student Body.
How students handle hardships

DENISE AUFPANT STAFF WRITER

When Sophomore Michelle Powell gets stressed out she finds comfort in riding her horse.

"With all the stress of my classes, being involved in a sorority, and participating in horse riding competitions during the school year, I find that riding is a good way to de-stress," she said.

A survey conducted by the American College Health Association found that more than 92 percent of students feel overwhelmed because of school, work and extracurricular activities.

Sophomore Brenda Bone said: "I find that exercise is a great way to relieve stress. I take spinning classes at the gym and it helps a lot."

Listening to music is a popular way for students to unwind.

"After a stressful day at class or work, I get into my ear and blast music. It always helps," said Bone.

Some students find that meditation and reflecting are all they need in dealing with stress.

Said sophomore Sherwin Salomon: "I deal with my stress by going into my room and relaxing.

I find this time helps me organize my thoughts, so I can find a solution to the problem." 

Last semester I was so stressed out that I actually got two gray hairs.

Robert L. Harmean, director of the Counseling and Testing Center, said: "We get many students that come in to talk about stress-related issues. We get freshmen that are homesick and feeling overwhelmed with their newfound independence, to seniors that are stressed about graduating college and finding employment in the unsure job market. We are getting a lot of students making appointments this semester. We are booked for the next 10 days."

Academics are not the only cause of stress for students.

"Something that is a major stressor for students are their finances," said Harmean. "We're getting many students who are still waiting for their financial aid."
Menu prices set at franchisees’ discretion

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Wendy’s franchises offer the "Super Value Menu" at the prices they want, said Kimberly Manger, the public relations manager for Wendy’s.

This puts the UCF Wendy’s among the 10 per cent that do not have standardized prices.

The price on campus of the "Super Value Menu" at Wendy’s was raised on Jan. 4, 2002.

"The reason for this is strict landlord reasons," said Robin Begley, the Chief Operations Manager for the Orlando and Tampa Wendy’s locations.

Begley said the other stores on average have an annual rent increase of roughly 2 percent. The UCF franchise had an unexpected increase of 47 percent.

The other restaurants at UCF were not affected by this increase, so their prices stayed the same.

Here is a quick rundown of the competitor’s pricing and deals. Share offers the same prices on campus as well as the one in the Fashion Square Mall. You can be sure to get a cheese slice for $2.50 including tax at both places. On campus, one thing it offers is combo meals because it helps undergrads out. On Fridays, it offers $1.50 pizza slices after 5 p.m. in the Union because business is slower and they try to get rid of the food.

"I hope to try to do this promotion on more days than Friday though," said Kim Gill, a senior at UCF for the Student Union.

Taco Burrito Kitchén offers soup and salad specials on campus, as well as two daily specials that include a drink, whereas campus in Waterford Lakes they do not.

Baja’s smart enough to realize it helps profits if it offers special things at affordable student prices.

The other differences at the establishments involved in that on campus they do not have a kid’s menu or serve beer and wine, but what would be the point? At least what would be the point? At least what would be the point?

After stepping into the Union one can usually notice a line out the door at Subway. Part of the reason most likely is that its prices are the same on and off campus. It offers the same exact items at the same exact prices, unlike Wendy’s. Chik-Fil-A is another restaurant that offers the same prices on and off campus.

Cheryl Spinelli, the retail manager for Chik-Fil-A, said: "We go so far as having a special constant summer roll out each week to set the standard prices of meals and menu items.

Tailgating requires game-day strategy

From Page 3

The prediction from Vick Gill, a senior management information systems major: "It will rain up as one mess of a loud fog.

For the uninitiated, tailgating refers to the practice of pulling up the game with a curbstone of friends, food, coolers and a goodtime attitude that guarantees a victory for your side no matter who wins the game.

This last fact is especially important on a day when the kick off won’t take place until 6 p.m.

For those who rose early and head over to the stadium to claim their turf before the last-minute throngs descend, that can leave a lot of down time. How do they fill it?

"Basically," said Jared Carriere, a senior business major and veteran tailgater, "It consists of walking around a lot, mingling with people and a lot of yelling at innocent bystanders."

The listing doesn’t diminish the need to organize the assault.

For students Carriere, Gill, Munce, and their friends tailgating is a full-contact sport. They refuse to sit on the sidelines and be lowly spectators.

Here’s their playbook:

On game day these boys tell everyone in their circle to meet at their house at about 10:30 a.m. If people are late, the boys simply leave without them. The reason they meet at someone’s house is to eliminate the hassle of having to look for a place, and the fact that as a group they usually reach the game.

One of the most vital rules: Everyone is in charge of finding his own ride home.

The guys say they can’t be expected to hang out with the same people all day; they need to keep their options open and be ready for a pass.

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For all competitions, however the drive to win may require an occasional risk.

Even by chance sometimes groups get a huge football fan, this usually goes down the drain on game day. The only way some guys will wind up inside the stadium is if they followed some women inside, or they need another beer, they said.

And yet they’re also on the sidelines.

Those who drink have to keep it cool, because police and state agents are out in full force with their eyes wide open for underage drinking, as well as those of age who have been drinking too much.

The consequences of getting busted can result in such fines as classes, essays and even an appearance court. And that’s a game-over, no-instant-replay scenario.

The price on campus of the “Super Value Menu” at the Miss Florida USA Pageant in June 2003

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PIZZA
Jeffrey Ashkin Staff Writer

Out of bed at about 7 a.m., put on whatever clothes are available, walk to the marketplace for breakfast and finally sit down for the 9 a.m. class, American History. Looking around the room, it is noted that others did not do seem to find clothes available, were not able to get breakfast and would rather sleep in then bother going to class. Why should they be there? Does it matter if they come? Questions like these appear when other students seem to get by without an attendance record.

Mike Woods, who teaches American History on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, is OK with this.

I would rather students not show up at all to class than to come midway during the lecture and interrupt the others," said Woods. "It is disrespectful to me and to them.

In the same token, he does not appreciate students leaving early from his class before they are dismissed.

"I can understand if they approach me before class begins and say by the door and leave quietly, but other than that it's not good," said Woods. "They shouldn't be lackadaisical about showing up, it's their money wasted. My class goes by the Gordon Rule and it's unlikely someone can pass without ever attending.

Barry Griffield, a math instructor, said students who come to class usually do better.

"I make a big point to the class about attendance on the first day," said Griffield. "I don't believe in bribing them to come in to class by giving extra credit for it. In class I'll emit what is in the book and to give better descriptions of what is expected.

For most students, it's hard to learn one lesson in math if the previous one was missed. Cramming for a big math test usually doesn't help, so it's counter to the math lab for some of the less frequent flyers to the lecture class.

Some professors don't put up with these problems. Instructor Joanne Swan- son, who teaches chemistry, seems to have a better solution for the easygoing students.

"I have my GTAs (teacher assistants) wait near the doors and when a student shows up late, they write down the person's name from the ID card," said Swanson. "This is the time when students learn how to be professional. If they can't show up on time for a class they can't make it in the real world.

With students fighting to get scholarships, begging to get into certain classes and tweaking their schedules to make sure they don't have classes on Fridays, it seems odd some still don't feel the need to attend. Of course medical emergencies are a factor, but on a weekly basis it seems logical that a student could attend at least an hour of his or her precious time in a class. At 8:50 a.m., Woods looks at the clock, taps his Sharpie marker on the table and class is dismissed. Some students leave feeling good. They learned the lesson and the day is open for clubbing or classes. It all depends on how laid-back they are with their money.
Exercise is the best way to relieve stress, say many students.

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aid money and are worried about how they’ll pay their bills.

Said Bone: “In addition to my five classes, I work 25 hours every week in order to pay all my bills. Juggling both school and work can be stressful, but I have to work.

Procrastinating on assignments always adds to student stress.

Procrastination and all-night study sessions are definitely negative ways to deal with stress,” Harman said.

“You tire your body and mind doing this and cause yourself more stress. The problem is that if doing these actions produces positive actions, for example, studying all-night and then getting a good grade on the exam, you will continue to do them.

“Time management is essential to coping with stress. Developing good study habits and actually using them will help. It is also important to work in some fun time in your schedule. Exercise is a great way to do this,” he said.

“If the body is not provided any relief from stress, it can produce somatic responses such as stomachaches, headaches, headaches and even ulcers,” he added. "Stress also lowers the body’s resistance to germs, which is why many students develop the flu and colds during the semester."

For students who are having trouble coping with the stress in their lives, counseling is available for free at the Counseling Center. Sessions typically last for an hour.

Group therapy is also available to students at the center.

Paleontologist Paul Sereno has encountered some of the weirdest creatures that ever walked the earth. Yet some of the scariest things he’s discovered aren’t likely to become extinct anytime soon. Sad to say, mutual fund management fees will probably outlast us all. That’s why Dr. Sereno was afraid of getting eaten alive. So he turned to a company famous for keeping the costs down. That meant more money for him and less for the morons.

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The compensation was to pay Rennie for the post-trauma stress, including having to endure watching Young while the seizures continued.

Democracy in action

In the June debate between Republican candidates for Alabama secretary of state, Dave Thomas heatedly challenged Dean Young to a fistfight. And immediately after a June Democratic party meeting in Atlantic City, N.J., the head of a challenging faction and the head of the eventually victorious incumbent faction pulled knives on each other. And East Palo Alto, Calif., school board candidate Leland Francois said he would remain on the November ballot despite disclosure that his only legal residence in the district was a vacant lot that housed his van, sleeping bag and portable stove. And disbarred lawyer Mike Schaefer announced he was running simultaneously (and legally) for a county office in Las Vegas, Nev., and the GOP nomination for an Arizona congressional seat.

Megalomaniacs on parade

Turkmenistan's president Saparmurat Niyazov made two decrees five days apart in August. First changing the names of the seven days of the week and the 12 months of the year, e.g., April became "Gurbansoyan-ochine" (the name of Niyazov's mother), and Tuesday became "Young Day." In the second decree, 12-year life cycles were created, beginning with "childhood, "adolescence" (up to age 25), on up to "wise" (age 73 to 85) and "old" (to 97).
Go ‘Ballistic,’ but not for ‘Ecks vs. Sever’

Overabundant action scenes a detriment to film

Craig Brooks
Star Writer

The day is calm. A cool breeze falls over your shoulders. Everything seems right in the world. Then, all of the sudden, your car explodes, sending you flying backward. When you stagger to get up, you see your wife's car burning in flames. Your world is destroyed. You are Jeremiah Eeks, super agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. For eight years, your wife has been dead and then suddenly, the assistant director of the FBI calls you and claims to know the whereabouts of your dead wife. From that point on, you fall into a pit of gunfights, kung-fu fighting and car explosions that come together to form “Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever.”

“Ballistic” certainly has its share of attractive stars. Antonio Banderas (Agent Ecks) is the Latin heartthrob from such lovable movies as Desperado, Original Sin and The Mask of Zorro. For the gentlemen, there is the stunning Lucy Liu (Agent Sever) who is known for her roles in the television show Ally McBeal and her role in the blockbuster Charlie's Angels.

Upon viewing the title of the movie, “Ecks vs. Sever,” one might think that they are battling against one another. In reality, that only occurs for one-third of the movie. During the other two-thirds, they team up to fight the greater evil, which isn’t really known.

The bad guy had no solid roots, no evil organization to be a part of, in fact, he may have even been a part of the American government. Basically, it didn’t make sense when it came down to the bad guy/good guy differences.

Most movies fall into either the category of good or bad. “Ecks vs. Sever” is another story all together. It manages to escape the realm of good or bad and plummet into the “what the hell?” zone.

Upon leaving the theatre, you aren’t sure whether or not you loved it or hated it. Yet, you do know that the action and romance were both semi-enjoyable, however the incongruities leave you empty inside.

There seems to be an overabundance of action in such a short period of time. “Ballistic” spans only 94 minutes and for about 75 of them, the movie is in slow-motion bullet time. Bullet time is a slow-motion form that allows the viewer to watch the bullets fly out of the weapons one by one. It is a wonderful feature used in movies, but used way too heavily in “Ecks vs. Sever.”

On the other hand, the movie does have some great qualities. There is one particularly scene where Lucy Liu dictates several heavily armed men to obtain a package that they were guarding. To do this, she uses explosives, fully automatic weaponry and these real butt-kicking, way too much slow motion and it is a little hard to follow. If that sounds like your bag, it is the best movie ever created. If not, go ahead and go ballistic on something, just not in the theater at “Ecks vs. Sever.”

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