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**Students vaccinated to fight bio-terrorism**

**Adam Rusche / Staff Writer**

The Bush administration is bracing for a bio-terrorism attack, and a clinic here is recruiting college students to test whether a new smallpox vaccine might provide an effective defense.

Since the start of the semester, the Orlando Clinical Research Center has paid $250 to individuals, including many UCF students, who are willing to be injected with vaccines and submit to a six-week observation period. Federally funded researchers also are working with clinics in Cincinnati and Rochester, N.Y., with the goal of developing a stronger vaccine than the 30-year-old one currently in use.

As a result of that vaccine, smallpox — a once widespread, often fatal viral disease — has largely been eliminated as a health threat. The virus today is known to exist only in laboratories in Atlanta and Moscow. But bio-terrorism experts fear that some nations may have the virus and use it as a biological weapon, according to reports in the New York Times.

Smallpox last posed a health threat in the 1960s, when it killed one out of three people who contracted the virus.

Although an actual smallpox threat may not be likely at this moment, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns that even one case of smallpox could rouse the community.

**Higher standards for student leaders**

**Krystal Zilizi / Staff Writer**

Holding student leaders to a higher standard than ever before, UCF administrators are proposing to boost the 2.5 minimum grade point average requirement, which those leaders must maintain in order to seek and hold onto their positions, to 2.75. The increase would be the second of its kind in the past three years.

Three years ago, the Golden Rule Review Committee raised the GPA requirement from 2.0 to the current 2.5 mandate.

Students then were relatively unaffected by the change, said Patricia MacKown, director for the Office of Student Conduct.

"Only three people appealed that setting," she said. "Maybe more were affected, but they decided not to run [for leadership positions] because maybe they thought they couldn't."

Last June the Golden Rule Review Committee recommended raising the minimum GPA requirement to 2.5. In addition, student leaders must be enrolled each semester in courses totaling at least six credit hours for undergraduates, or five for graduate students.

The proposed change isn't meant to punish those students with lower GPAs, MacKown said. Nor does a higher average indicate a student's leadership capabilities, she said.

The higher GPA requirement is simply a safeguard to ensure that students thrive academically before devoting their time to running campus organizations or participating in student government.

"If a student's academics are on the line, and their GPA is at a 2.0-2.3 level, their actual being here at the university is in jeopardy," she said.

While the new GPA requirement may disqualify many students from seeking leadership roles, as well as students who already hold them, many faculty and students say the higher standard will be a service for students who have trouble balancing academics and activities.

Academics should be a priority for all students, especially student leaders, said Laura Waldrip, director of the Office of Student Activities.

"What we want from our student leaders is that they balance their lives," she said. "Considering a 2.0 is just passing, and a 2.5 is just a C average, we can't in good conscience let students do badly in their classes because of leadership positions. We would be doing a huge disservice to our students."

"They won't get a whole lot out of a UCF degree where they just passed," she said.

Senior Julie Stofford said the higher grade point average requirement wouldn't affect most students.

"I think it's not too bad of a requirement," she said. "I think it keeps us from being slackers."

But not all students at UCF think so. They feel the change is a bigger threat to non-elite students.

"If you're not a top 10 percent student, you're going to have a hard time making it," said Laura Garcia, a senior creative writing major.

If this is the case, Garcia said, UCF might be preventing future leaders from stepping forward.

"I'm a student leader now, and I'm not the kind of leader who's just trying to make the grade," she said. "I think leaders need to have a harder standard and want to succeed."
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NATHANIEL DEPARI • STAFF WRITER

John O'Hara has worked as a communications professor at UCF for 22 years. After the age of 65 he's not ready to retire but he's almost there.

O'Hara teaches two classes, a two-day a week, a lifestyle that works just fine for him, because he says he's not ready for full-time retirement. But he's committed to retiring, and the University of Central Florida will retire, he's accepted a retirement incentive he couldn't refuse.

Like O'Hara, 87 other UCF professors will retire within the next five years through two retirement programs.

O'Hara is retiring through a phased retirement program, a plan which gradually delays retirement on a period of five years by permitting them to work part-time. Phased retirement allows instructors to teach as little as two classes per semester, or four classes one semester and grants a leave of absence the next semester.

"It is perfect for me because I don't have to be thinking about housing or family, and how much to retire cold turkey..."
The phased retirement program available to professors is the deferred retirement option program, a retirement incentive that allows professors to teach full-time classes through the next five years, while earning additional earnings in a deferred trust fund.

Professors are eligible for both incentives if they have been members of the Florida Retirement System for at least six years and are over the age of 62, or have belonged to the Florida Retirement System for at least 30 years.

Mike Meese, professor of Radio, Television and Interpersonal Communication, is a member of the deferred retirement program and will retire in June 2003. He has been a professor for 34 years, 32 of which he taught at UCF.

He said he wasn't pressured into an early retirement plan by the university, but was closely enrolled in the deferred retirement program in order to earn tax delayed interest that he's eligible for as a member of the Florida State Retirement Plan.

"Payment of the accumulated deferred retirement benefits offered a retirement plan I would not otherwise have," Meese said.

Meese said he hasn't made definite plans after retirement.

"I'll continue to do some teaching or administrative work, along with volunteer work and travel."
Testing new vaccine a precautionary method

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A UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA SOCIAL SCIENCE NEWSLETTER

The campus could prompt a nationwide program of voluntary vaccinations. To prepare, federal officials recently agreed to an updated smallpox response plan with guidelines to all state and local health and medical facilities.

"We believe if smallpox occurs we can take care of the situation. Maybe not quickly, but we can take care of it," said Bill Toth, epidemiologist for Orange County.

Several hundred people who responded to newspaper advertisements have signed up to participate in the vaccine trials in the three cities, said a researcher at the Orlando clinic who asked not to be identified. People who volunteer are given a detailed physical exam and a vaccination shot. They also must be available to stop by the clinic a few times during the six-week observation period and keep a diary to record any fevers or other complications that arise.

Drew Dreznitsky, a Valencia Community College student who enrolled in the study, said he was told the worst that might happen to him is that he would develop flu-like symptoms.

Dreznitsky was joined by his girlfriend, Yolan Tanner, a UCF senior, who said she was given 40 pages of information before she signed up. The clinic staff went over every detail of the procedure with her and the other participants.

"We all got injected with different strengths and you don't know which one you were injected with until the end," she said.

Although Dreznitsky and Tanner said they did not have any problems, they said they were not likely to do it again.

"There are better ways to make money than to be a guinea pig," Tanner said.

The Orlando researcher said some students have been targeted to participate because they tend to need the money and they have time during the extended trial to come into the clinic between classes for observation.

Seven staff members of the local clinic also have voluntarily received a smallpox vaccination, which allows them to work freely with the participants, said the researcher. The local clinic was chosen because it previously has worked with the company that is overseeing this study, and also because the director felt it was his duty after the terrorist attacks to help.

Among other trials, the Orlando clinic has participated in a yellow fever vaccine study.

There are better ways to make money than to be a guinea pig.

—YOLAN TANNER

GPA requirements could exclude potential leaders

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student leaders, or the people who want to take on leadership positions.

"Every student leader I know has above a 3.0," said Stephen Waltrip, police activities advisor for the Office of Student Activities.

"All our student leaders are here for an education," he said. "Stephen Waltrip

But Late Knights coordinator Hugo Werlhe said the new grade point average mandate might disqualify competent student leaders from positions they deserve.

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While grade point averages aren't an indicator of what kind of leadership qualities a student has, Aaron Clevenger isn't opposed to the idea of raising the minimum requirement. Clevenger serves as a graduate student advisor for the Office of Student Activities.

"I don't think [a new GPA requirement] will disqualify a lot of students who want to hold leadership positions. Usually the students with a 2.3 GPA are the people who never get involved in anything," he said.

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"All our student leaders are here for an education," he said. There are some students who want to do them all but you can't do every-thing.

"One of the many parts of learning is figuring out the balance [between academics and activities]."
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Elmouyassar said he entered nearly two dozen bites last year, following the highest number of shark attacks in Brevard County, had the second to search Battistella’s car. He thought that Elmouyassar falsely claimed to be a UCF student when UCF police found him in a controlled-access computer lab at 2 a.m. Sept. 27.

Police arrested Elmouyassar, 27, on a felony charge of burglary of an occupied structure after they found him in the Engineering 1 building. While conducting a building check, Officer James Roberts saw Elmouyassar seated in Room 274.

Roberts noted that Elmouyassar did not have books. He thought that was unusual for students working in the lab, so he asked Elmouyassar for identification.

Elmouyassar gave Roberts a Kansas driver’s license and told Roberts he was a student. When Roberts asked for his student identification, Elmouyassar told Roberts he was not a student, but his wife was a student. When Roberts asked what class his wife took, Elmouyassar said his wife was not a student after all.

Since Elmouyassar was not a student and Roberts had to use a key card to enter the lab, Roberts asked Elmouyassar how he entered the building. Elmouyassar said he entered through a door he had propped open with a trash can.

The computer Elmouyassar used showed he had accessed several web sites and was engaged in several online chats.

What do we have here? Antonio Battistella received a felony charge for possession of an altered Florida identification card Sept. 26. Officer James Roberts stopped Battistella, 18, at 7:02 p.m. after he noticed Battistella’s taillights were out.

Roberts smelled a faint odor of alcohol on Battistella’s breath and asked Battistella if he had been drinking. Battistella said he had a couple of beers at a local bar.

Roberts asked for consent to search Battistella’s car. Battistella agreed and Roberts found a Florida identification card with Battistella’s picture and biographical data on it.

After he compared the birth date on the identification card with Battistella’s driver’s license, Roberts found the information did not match.

The identification card had the original information erased and a piece of cellophane tape with altered information was placed over the original card.

That’s not a novelty it’s a felony UCF police charged Nameer Chawla with felony possession of an unauthorized driver’s license Sept. 28.

Officer James Roberts stopped Chawla at 7:02 p.m. for improper tint on his windshield.

When Chawla, 19, gave a broken and incomplete Florida driver’s license to Roberts, Roberts said he would have to seize the license because of the bad condition.

Chawla asked to keep the license because he had no other identification. Chawla pulled other cards from his wallet to search for another identification, but specifically avoided one pocket of his wallet.

Roberts asked for permission to search Chawla’s wallet and he found a novelty driver’s license embossed with “Alabama” on the front.

The Alabama license had Chawla’s picture and name, but the biographical data was different than what appeared on his Florida license.

The fake identification had a nickname for Chawla as his first name and Chawla’s middle name as his last name. The social security number had the last two digits inverted and the date of birth was false.

Police Reserve Cathleen Crane can be reached at ccrane@ucas.ucf.edu

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Students pay for last year's burglaries

REBECCA KULCHAK
STAFF WRITER

Junior Amanda Twixman stepped up to the vending machine, ready to buy her usual snack before class, but the price was too high and she backed off the change for it.

Frustrated with the higher prices of the snack food vending machines, she noticed what a rip-off and cop-out the new prices were and walked away. Another lost customer.

Courtesy of the crimes of burglary Georgia Delisle, the entire student body, faculty and visitors at UCF must pay an extra five cents at the snack machines on campus.

UCF police arrested Delisle June 31 for 15 reported vending machine burglaries committed between November 2001 and January 2002. Two building services employees, Felicito Rodriguez and Cindy Snyder, caught Delisle in the act and reported him to the police.

"Prices on the candy vending machines had to go up, one (reason) is the fact that we've had so many vending machine break-ins in the last year. A lot of machines had to be replaced and repaired and a lot of products were lost," said N. Richard Stilworth, director of building services.

Replacing products and machines made up only part of the cost, said John Pittman, associate director of building services.

"After all of that, the insurance went up, so we had to raise prices to compensate," Pittman said.

"The company lost roughly thousands of dollars and asked to raise the price. They are allowed to do this only once a year, so we obliged," Pittman said.

Pittman said repairs on the machines cost between $500 and $800 in addition to routine repairs and replacements.

UCF students expressed frustration with the price increase.

"I think the raising of the prices of vending machines is more of an inconvenience for students, and will probably deter students from using them," said sophomore Ashley Edle. "I think it's unfortunate that the actions of some students can cause a disturbance for the rest of the school, and it's not really fair for everyone to have to pay for what Delisle did!"

Junior Rick Susman remembered less expensive times.

"When I first came to UCF the prices on vending machines were very low, very economical," said Susman. "It was cool because you could just pull money out of your pocket and get like a Popsicle or something." Susman suggested that the higher prices would hurt the situation.

"Now they're moving up prices just because some guy had the nerve to break in, that's not going to help anything," Susman said. "It's just going to deter people from wanting to buy more food, and it's not going to do anything to accomplish. It's going to make people want to steal more."

"And frankly, it really annoys the life out of me. Why would they want to raise the prices higher and alienate the students?"

At least one student understood that a moderate increase in prices would result from the break-ins.

"I can understand the company's position on it," said junior Mike Summer. He warned that a drastic increase in prices would hurt sales. "I guess in the end, if the prices are too high, it's only going to cost us more when they feel the students don't buy anything because the amount is too much."

For some students the inconvenience of the vending machines has cost all value.

"Because of the increased costs of food on campus I find it necessary to pack my lunch. It's just too expensive," said junior Chris Bivard.

Said Bivard: "I don't think that because that man stole from vending machines it should necessarily raise the price for everyone. At the same time, understandably companies have to make money, but they definitely lost one customer."
Opinions
Thursday, October 10, 2002

Our Stance:
Pipes blows a lot of hot air

UCF invited Daniel Pipes, a narrow-minded hypocrisie, to speak to students, even though Pipes advocates censorship of views that contradict his own.

During his speech, Pipes, a strong proponent of Israel and opponent of militant Islam, criticized universities as troubled places for freedom of speech. He said that he must bring security with him when he speaks on campuses because college campuses are intolerant of outside views, such as his own, and he needs protection.

In response to the negative perceptions that people have of him and his views, Pipes seeks to silence people. If Pipes would have his way, there would be no dissenting views on American foreign policy as it applies to Israel.

Pipes' use of the campus is to promote only one view of the Arab-Israeli conflict, when clearly there are two sides to this issue, as is the case with most issues.

Pipes'CHANTS pressure professors to blindly support Israel by posting the names of dissenting professors on his website. Pipes encourages students to report their professors if they promote pro-Arab theories.

Pipes made one valid point during his speech, and it was the only thing the crowd applauded. Pipes said professors should not thrust their views upon students, and should not evaluate students based on whether or not students agree with them. He is absolutely right in this respect, yet that does not mean that professors cannot espouse controversial views, no matter how unpopular.

Silencing such professors would indeed make universities "troubled places" for freedom of speech, yet this seems to be Pipes' goal. He claims to promote freedom of speech, yet he does not want free speech on college campuses.

As they are now, universities remain one of the last bastions of free speech. They are places where students learn from and gain exposure to divergent views on various topics. Diverse campus groups and professors allow students to form their own opinions and think for themselves.

Hopefully UCF will invite a speaker who contra­dird Pipes' views on campus. UCF needs to demonstrate to students that it believes in freedom of speech by presenting more than one view.

Our Stance:
For SGA, the time is now

With SGA elections this week, students had the opportunity to determine who will have the responsibility for distributing their money. As a new senate takes shape, the elected senators have several issues at UCF that they must address.

The plus-minus grading system is unpopular because it hurts students' grades. Student government needs to work with the faculty senate to reach a consensus on one consistent grading system. Knowing most students prefer a plus-only system, the senate should try to make that system a reality.

The senate should confront the administration about the faculty situation. Tenured faculty members feel pressure from the administration to retire, leaving students with more and more adjunct professors.

While adjuncts are certainly capable of teaching students well, UCF needs more tenured professors. UCF should invest more in tenured faculty. Students pay too much to attend this university to learn from anyone less than experienced professors.

The finace involving financial aid this semester ranks as one of the biggest student gripes. The senate should do all it can to ensure that similar situations do not arise in the future. In the meantime, SGA should pressure financial aid to speed up the distribution process. Students have waited too long already.

Traffic has become a nightmare at UCF this semester. While SGA may not have too much power to effect change in this arena, it should pressure the administration to address the traffic problem. Perhaps UCF could widen the lanes, or possibly add more lanes in certain locations. Perhaps the university should limit the number of parking passes it sells, to reduce the number of cars on campus. Whatever solution the administration decides upon, they should do something soon.

Hopefully this year's senate will consider more non-Greek, public student groups when it distributes student activity funds that all students provide. Greeks and non-Greeks alike. Remember that the Greeks make up a small percentage of UCF students and many more inclusive groups deserve some of the $32,000 they received.

Finally, the senators must remember that they have been elected to serve the students. The student senate should represent students and put an end to the petty gripes and backstabbing that have seeped into its ranks. Senators should work for the students, not pass on the costs.

Assumptions allow the best in life to pass you by." —John Sals

Letters to the Editor
Views expressed here are not necessarily those of the Editor.

Mr. Myers not sporting his own jam jars

After reading Joey Myers' column "Making noises at people with glasses" published Oct. 7, 2002, I can't help but question, or how hypocritical is it of me to encourage people to wear their glasses? I do listen to him, but the sut­pi of his campaign went by without much mention by the media. He's a strong supporter of free speech, and it was the thing the crowd responded to most during his speech.

Perhaps Mr. Myers would get a little more "jam" if he stuck to his guns rather than copying others. He must express himself in his own words.

—VICTOR DRUSSELL

Rules of the game sexist, inadequate

Do you thank Central Florida Scarecrow for yet another accurate story? When I speak to you now, you would not hold your head or hands dripping off my wrist. As I am referring to your "rules of the game" story by Gary Roark, pub­lished Oct. 7, 2002. A crew of the Sigma Chi fraternity, could have been published, is an adequate use of your forum to tout the concerns of the students. I can't help but notice that he is story generalized to strippers, it only focuses on the female variety.

As there are no male strippers in the Orlando area, this Greek's guide seems extreme. Is this a sexist attempt to gather additional advertising revenue? It is most unfortunate that this column was published. After all, we all have the right to practice our newly-learned rules. Would you perhaps be choosing potential advertisers with a lot of free exposure? Answers, the world may never know.

—ANGELINE CALADIN

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Correction
The article "Speakers will heat debate, Medics say" by Talitha Boppin, published Oct. 7, 2002, misquoted Dean Sajnani. The quote should have read, "I feel that Pipes is a very dynamic and influential person, especially when it comes to Arab American and Middle American issues."
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Depo-Provera Contraceptive Injection? It's hard to tell what your own opinions are, and what you have heard or seen that has influenced you.

Laura Stevens
STAFF WRITER

A 1989 study found that children spend an average of six hours 32 minutes per day with media. By the age of 18 years, the average person reaches age 70, he or she will have spent the equivalent of seven to 10 years watching television. Media has a hold over our views, and the right to express yourself, as conceived by our forefathers, has been destroyed. In this day and age of television, radio and the Internet, it is hard to tell what your own opinions are, and what you have heard or seen that has influenced you. People seldom realize how often their opinion is influenced.

Take an advertisement in a magazine. Flipping through the pages, students may not read advertisements. However, the brain will store this useless piece of information. The student will unconsciously regard the item seen in an advertisement as a better quality item.

Students may not realize that their shopping habits are also controlled by the media. This example is only a small part of the problem created by mass media. As children's exposure to these mediums increases at young ages, young adults may find that large parts of their political view were influenced by the media.

Throughout the ages, political viewpoints have been influenced by parents and other family members. Now, as a dominantly liberal media reports on issues, the young population's views increasingly reflect the media. Look at how the media has focused on the president's daughters. How many students will actually condemn the girls after 75 were arrested at UP's hot football game for the very same crime? However, for two weeks, the Bush girls' arrests were top stories on the news.

Reporters care less and less about upholding the ideal of unbiased stories. It may be easier to inject opinion, but the public does not watch the news for a reporter's view of the story.

As a solution, consider limiting the number of hours spent on the Internet, television and radio. Reading, instead of allowing the information to be spoon fed, can enhance thinking processes and enable formation of opinions.

Pick up a classic, spend time browsing in the library and try reading a newspaper to find the news. At least your brain will have time to think and process the information.

Reporters should also work on remaining unbiased while covering political and controversial issues.

Our forefathers held one ideal destroyed by the media. The right to express your opinions still exists. However, as an individual, do you actually have any opinions you can call your own?

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**CATHLEEN CRANE  STAR WRITER**

For many, shopping has evolved from a necessity to a hobby, and we measure success by the quality and quantity of our things. I’ve learned however, that we don’t own things, things own us.

Don’t get me wrong, I like things. My first major purchase was a stereo from JC Penney. I love music. I loved that stereo. It was a stereo from long ago.

My first apartment was a necessity bought and stored long ago. My first campaign was a stereo from long ago. I had already assembled a collection of music, housewares, clothes, shoes and books.

This collection seemed to be a living, growing entity because no matter how many boxes of stuff I donated or threw away with much regret, I always had just as much to carry during the next move.

I eventually realized how much time and energy I invested buying things, moving things, replacing things and moving things.

Like a noose tightening around my neck, I realized my objects of comfort and pride owned me. I didn’t own them.

Since that revelation, my purchasing habits have changed.

I actually survived a calendar year without going to a mall. I kick my houseware habit. I donated clothes and other things I no longer wore or needed.

When I get the urge to spend today, I try to keep it productive.

Instead of buying pairs of shoes I don’t need, I’ll put the money toward vacations. I’ve reorganized my closet so everything is in one place.

When I’m tempted to buy something similar to what I already have, even if it is on sale, I remember what I have and keep moving.

Sure, I slip on occasion. If you ever come over for ice cream, I hope you’ll enjoy the hand-shaped, blue ceramic bowls as much as I do.

And photography, riding and vacations generate needs, wants and purchases of their own.

So I fight old habits by asking questions like, “Is this a want or a need?” Do I already own anything like it?”

“If it weren’t 30 percent off, would I still buy it?”

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UCF needs to run the table for chance at MAC Championship or bowl game

Chris Bernhardt
Staff Writer

UCF, of course, faces the UCF Football Single Elimination Tournament. Don’t think there’s playoffs in college football? Think again.

The Golden Knights have eight games remaining on their schedule. Seven of them are against Mid-American Conference teams. With an 0-4 in-conference record and Marshall (5-4) in-conference sitting atop the East Division, UCF likely have to run the table to win the MAC, or even have a shot at another MAC affiliated bowl.

“Every team that we’re facing from this day forward, we’re going to take it as just like we’re in a playoff,” said wide receiver Doug Cadaret.

Round 1: A Trip to Kahamooz to play Western Michigan.

The Broncos aren’t a divisional foe, but they are one of the better teams in the MAC’s West Division.

And don’t be fooled by the 5-4 record, those losses came to Virginia Tech, Michigan and Purdue.

Western Michigan represents an interesting match-up for UCF because on paper the two teams are very similar. Like UCF, Western Michigan has a pass-heavy offense, averaging more than 282 yards per game. That’s not surprising because it plays its home games on turf.

But unlike UCF, the Broncos use two quarterbacks to run the offense. Either Jon Drach or Chad Munson could be under center at any given moment.

Both have been effective, although Munson has seven touchdowns and two interceptions to Drach’s three and four, respectively.

And they clearly aren’t shy about who they throw the ball to. Five players have at least 10 receptions for Western Michigan, including two with over 20. And though they play a three-wide set, it’s tight end Mobolaji Akinribi who leads the team with 22 catches and four touchdowns.

The Broncos can also throw the ball. Downfield. Seven players average at least 18 yards per catch, paced by tallback Phillip Reed who’s getting 20.1 yards a reception. For some perspective, Cadaret leads UCF with a 20.4-yard average and is the only Golden Knight with 20 receptions.

Western Michigan doesn’t run the ball much, but when it does it’s effective. Reed has the majority of the carries this season and averages 4.3 yards per rush. He also has two touchdowns.

Normally UCF could counter with Alex Haynes, getting 4.4 yards per carry and also with two touchdowns. But Haynes is unlikely to play this weekend as he recovers from an ankle sprain suffered against Liberty.

So the Golden Knights will have to rely on backups Dee Brown and Andraul Curry to move the chains. Both natural fullbacks, they were impressive against Liberty with two touchdowns each. But both are sophomores with little experience.

Western Michigan’s strength defensively, like UCF, is against the pass. Up front they’ve put pressure on the quarterback, already recording 17 sacks on the year. Defensive end Jason Bahin represents the Western Michigan version of Elton Patterson.

Insurance

Sophomore Amy Giles is the top runner on the UCF women’s cross country team

Chris Bernhardt
Staff Writer

A break from running isn’t something Amy Giles gets a lot. But at least for the moment she’s standing still, catching her breath after a few laps around the track in the Florida sun. It won’t last too long; it’s only the end of cross-country practice in the middle of the season. And it’s only the first of many seasons for Giles, and not just because she’s a sophomore.

When cross-country season is over, she’ll move on to track and field in the spring. When summer rolls around, she’ll take a crack at the steeplechase in its first season as a conference event.

“Runners have it tough, we don’t stop. We’re always in season,” said Giles. “It’s certainly a lifestyle. It definitely takes up 85 percent of your time.”

It’s a lifestyle she’s lived since high school. She was a basketball player as a sophomore at Winter Springs High School where she met her prep coach, Octavia Clark. The former All-American runner

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HAT TRICK LEADS TO BELMONT BASHING

CHAVI MAGDAONG
STAFF WRITER

After a tough loss to No. 17 Florida State in Tallahassee, the UCF women’s soccer team returned Sunday to the friendly confines of the UCF soccer field, crushing Belmont 9-0 and continuing its dominance against Atlantic Sun opponents.

The Golden Knights have not lost a conference game in 13 matches, dating back to Sept. 14, 2001. Their record improves to 9-3-4 in the A-Sun. Belmont falls 0-10 for the season.

Junior Ansley Gascogne, who transferred from FSC after her freshman year, registered a hat trick and added an assist against the Bruins. Becky Brandt added one of Gascogne’s goals after entering the game 12 seconds earlier.

Montgomery leads the team with 25 points and Cieslak trims her with 10 points.

Belmont player committed a foul and a penalty kick was awarded to UCF Senior Brooke Asby. Asby took the shot for the Golden Knights but could not get the ball past Bruins’ keeper All Young. Asby would redeem herself by helping Allison Flagg net a goal six minutes later.

Starting in her first game this season, goalkeeper Carol Lewis did not have to make a save for UCF but earned her fifth career shutout.

The Golden Knights hit the road once again, but face battle two familiar A-Sun opponents. They meet Mercer in Atlanta on Friday. Then they head west to Alabama to play Troy State on Sunday.

Last season, Cieslak scored with 1:23 left in the first overtime period to give UCF a 2-1 win against Mercer. So far this year the Bears have not produced a win. Mercer is 0-6 in the A-Sun.

Losing seven starters from last year, the Trojans, who lead the conference in scoring in 2001, have a similar conference record to Mercer so far this season. In another overtime win, the UCF-Troy State match ended when Lindsey Maier put the ball behind the Trojan keeper.
Knights not capitalizing

TOM ALEXANDER  STAFF WRITER

With eight games to go in the regular season, the UCF men’s soccer team has a lot to be happy about and a few things to be worried about down the stretch.

Coach Bob Winch and his squad can be happy that they have one of the top three goalkeepers (and reigning conference defensive player of the week!) in the Atlantic Sun Conference in redshirt freshman Ryan Mcintosh, and a consistently dominant back four on defense. They also have plenty of midfielders who can create opportunities to score and a team who not only seems to love playing together, but is also focused completely and totally on winning the conference.

But the Golden Knights should worry about the two things that could hurt them as they come down the home stretch: their inability to capitalize on the scoring opportunities they create and the pattern this team has fallen into of winning one game and then losing the next. The Golden Knights stand at 4-4-1 right now, and they have been close in every game so far this season. It is the first of those that has perhaps led to the second, according to Winch.

“Up front, it’s not like we’re not creating chances, we’re just not finishing them. I’d be real frustrated if we were not creating any chances. Jacksonville’s a perfect example. The shots were 16-5 and we just couldn’t knock it in," said Winch.

Winch added that reversing that trend is of utmost importance to this team making a successful run at the A-Sun championship. The Golden Knights will call on three or four different players to do this. Freshman Adrian Gesseur (17) had a goal in Saturday’s 2-1 win over FAU. Joe Kuznia / UCF

Juan Pablo Girardot (26) leads UCF with three goals on the season. The team’s record is currently 4-4-1.
A healthy serving of goose eggs

CHARITY MAGDOANG
Tampa Tribune

In the season opener, Quincey's striker Elias Gonclaves learned what UCF Coach Amanda Cowenall said goalkeeper Kristy Kuhlman's greatest strength was, "her shot-stopping ability." With the Golden Knights leading the Bobcats 28-0, a foul in the box by a UCF player gave Quincey a penalty shot. Gonclaves stepped up 12 yards away from Kuhlman and blasted a shot, trying to direct the ball to the right of the goalie. Kuhlman collapsed on the ball and easily stopped it from going under the crossbar, preserving the shutout.

The senior goalkeeper is tied with Amy Perl in UCF's record books with 15 shutouts, good enough for third. Alongside the mark for Perl, who played for UCF from 1994-98, an asterisk indicates she claimed at least one of her shutouts against a club team. So some might say, technically, Kuhlman owns the sole position for the mark.

Kuhlman recorded her first shutout her freshman year with back-to-back wins against Campbell and Georgia State. After a couple of seasons in a reserve role, she finally earned the starting position her junior year. During the 2001 campaign, Kuhlman was a two-time Atlantic Sun Conference defensive player of the week. She earned Atlantic Sun All-Tournament team honors, and was named to the 2001-02 All-Atlantic- Sun Academic Team. Also, she was UCF's most valuable defensive player, registering five shutouts last season.

"She's really grown as a leader in the past two years," Cowenall said. "The team is very confident with her back there. She's able to step up in a game and she has the ability to get the ball." Through the first five games this year, it looked like Kuhlman would meet the mark she set the previous season, but No. 15 Duke ended her streak. The Golden Knights lost to the Blue Devils 3-0, but would return to winning form, losing only twice in the next seven games. Against Georgia State on Sept. 22, an overtime goal lifted UCF to victory and gave Kuhlman her fifth shutout of the season.

So far this season, Kuhlman has allowed opponents to score 11 times, making 50 saves and preserving an 0.80 save percentage.

"Her strength is her explosive extension," said Donna Fisher, assistant coach and goalkeeper coach for the Golden Knights. "She'll take off after anything. Her intensity level has increased from year to year. She's a leader on the field.

Off the field, Kuhlman is majoring in health sciences, hoping to acquire a job in health management. After she graduates, she plans to keep soccer a part of her life. "I'm not ready to give it up," Kuhlman said.

She was born in St. Louis, Mo. and started playing soccer at a young age, following in the footsteps of her older sister. A recent graduate and goalkeeper for Air Force Academy, Kristy Kuhlman saw her younger sister in goal when UCF traveled to Colorado Springs to play its alma mater on Sept. 22. Kristy Kuhlman tried to remain as neutral as possible wearing a long-sleeve UCF shirt and an AIS jacket. The game ended 1-0, in favor of the Falcons.

Kuhlman does not lose, but her objective is clear. "The main concern isn't getting the shutout," Kuhlman said. "It's just a place for Kuhlman to test her fielding and goalkeeping skills. Kuhlman is not ready to give it up.

UCF comes off a bye week and has had plenty of time to prepare. But the Broncos have their own intangible -- it's their homecoming.

"We've been hometowning at many, many places so that doesn't bother us," said UCF Coach Mike Kruczek. "But they'll be ready to play when we step up into that stadium."

UCF needs this game, but they haven't traditionally been a good road team. Western Michigan could be UCF's hard at several weak points. The UCF offensive line has suffered through injuries and had trouble protecting quarterback Ryan Schneider all season. Now they must somehow deal with a very good pass rush. Western Michigan could also take advantage of UCF's suspect coverage units and win the field position battle.

And if Haynes can't come, UCF won't have its biggest edge. The whole season may hinge on whether this backup plays up to the task. If they aren't, the Golden Knights could be one-and-done in their personnel playoff.

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Paloontologist Paul Sereno has encountered some of the weirdest creatures that ever walked the earth. Yet some of the scarcest 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 leis for the monsters.

Road trip will be test for Knights

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with a town-high eight shots.

In the secondary they use five defensive backs, substituting a linebacker for an extra safety. As a result they've picked off six passes, lead by cornerback Tony Carr and safety Jason Feldpausch with two a piece.

"When you watch their defense it's just unbelievable," said UCF offensive coordinator Robert McFarland. "I have some friends at Virginia Tech that I've talked to and they said (Western Michigan) is just a very physical football team.

Yet they are vulnerable, like UCF, against the run. Western Michigan has given up 143 yards on the ground and seven rushing touchdowns.

One clear advantage Western Michigan does have is the return game. Greg Jennings averaged an amazing 28.5 yards per kickoff return while Kendrick Mosby has already returned a touchdown and average 20.6 yards per return.

And expect a lot of penalties. Both teams give up over 60 yards in penalties a game.
A night of hard-core studying can sometimes feel never ending. If you don’t start early enough, your energy will soon depend on how good your coffee is to the last drop.

“I pull all-nighters because I procrastinate, but a benefit to it is that I work best under pressure…”

— JORDANA LARSON Sophomore

EIGHT DOLLAR DINING

Family restaurant will make you ‘Chubby’

KELLY O’CONNOR STAFF WRITER

Chubby’s Family restaurant serves home-style food that tastes so good, it might even replace your mother’s cooking. Decorated as a 50’s diner, the restaurants back-seat atmosphere and friendly staff will make you want to go back in time.

Chubby’s only serves breakfast and lunch. But that’s reason enough to get up out of bed. Picture this: As you walk in, all of the regulars turn their heads to see who has come in to eat. They make you feel welcome and at home. You are greeted by whoever is closest to the door and directed toward a seat at the bar, in a booth or a table. Smoking or non-smoking is available. Owners Dave and Judy Burdick decided to decorate in the 50’s theme after they traveled to South Carolina and came across a similar diner called The Pink Cadillac. It was a great idea. They went all-out.

“It is a fun and nice atmosphere here,” said Dave Burdick. And he tries to make it fun for his seven employees as well as for his customers, many of whom are regulars. But he says there’s always room for more.

One would never have to guess if they sell Coca-Cola products here, because Coke paraphernalia covers the place from the walls to the old-fashioned Coke machine.

They have old-fashioned pictures on the walls, along with photographs of some famous 50’s faces such as Loretta Lynn and Elvis. There are funny dice and scarves hanging around the lamps, along with old-time favorites such as Hula-Hoops and jump rope. Records also decorate the walls, and music that we all know the words to, but may not want to admit, is playing on the radio. Those who have a mischievous mind can enjoy stepping on the scale.

The owners don’t mind having a few words with anyone. “How’s the goulash?” Burdick asked one of his “regulars.” The waitresses, too, are very personable and attentive. When asked for refills, they just bring you a whole can of soda. Everything on both the breakfast and lunch menus is under six dollars. The portions are the perfect size to fill you up.

Chubby’s offers pancakes, biscuits, fried ocean and omelets for breakfast. Daily lunch specials - no more than $4.50 - include homemade meatloaf, goulash or a soup-and-salad combination. Burdick says some people don’t like fries, so those will remain a la carte. A sandwich called the “Chubby burger” is a steakburger topped with ham and cheese, is available as well. But I usually end up staying up all night in order to study for tests because I like to leave things to the last minute,” said Paul Wrobel, a sophomore film major. He said he takes a lot of vitamins in order to compensate for his lack of sleep in the hope that he will not get sick. “For me, staying awake all night is more of a loss resort than something I enjoy doing,” he said.

Sophomore-Jordana Larson also blames herself for the bad habit. “I pull all-nighters because I procrastinate, but a benefit to it is that I work best under pressure, even though the back-seat is being stressed out all the time,” she said.

Senior Meghan Hayes said that even when she did stay up late to study, “I still never did well on the tests, so I don’t do that anymore.”

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SUNDAY OCT. 14

Paid in Full tour at Hard Rock Live

Oh boy, hardrocking is coming into the most popular again. The Hard Rock Live has recently converted with Latin artist rocking in the time of the last one. The future never will be played by Nevermind (N.R.E.): and Nas Room. This pop/rock tour shows the date for the Hard Rock Live, tickets range between $25 and $15, and it starts at 9 p.m.

MONDAY OCT. 15

Monday Night at the Pub

If you like Bird 69, New Found Glory, and all the rock bands to come out of the world, you will love Monday Night at the Pub. Each Monday night at 10 a.m., this event will be in support of their eight album called "Living in Stereo." “This is a fantastic night to see a band play a fun show in a relaxed environment, and good times for all,” says Nate Jennings, who is the owner and director of the Orlando Live. This is an 18 and over event from 7 to 10 p.m.

TUESDAY OCT. 16

Hip Hop/Reggae at the Cricketer’s Arms

Hippie/Reggae band Flip Slide will be on hand for our listening pleasure at the Cricketer’s Arms every Tuesday night. Their music is diverse with things from Bob Marley, to the Hard Rock Live and the Metro. Their music is something to look forward to every Tuesday night from 7 to 10 p.m. Save the date for the Orlando Live on my birthday in the Cricketer’s Arms.

WEDNESDAY OCT. 16

Kreative Delicatessen of the Groove’s Arm

There are traditional 100% organic sandwiches, wraps, homemade chocolate or key lime pie. Kreative Delicatessen is located in the Mall, where you can find a full range of the best food. Their hours are from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Orlando Live is the Mokelumne and the Metro. As a special bonus, there is an ice cube, and all is well.

THURSDAY OCT. 17

Open Mic/Stand-up at the Pub

The individual who was formed after performing at other open mic nights, will be open mic/stand-up at the Pub tonight. He has been called a natural performer because he is from Colorado, but his parents taught him how to stand up and sing. He started his career as a young child, but got back-up by a local person. Why, the world can’t end when he gets on stage. The point is that he is a total of 100% organic singer. After the show, George will be an open Mic/Stand-up at the Pub. Take the time to support your local independent artist. Everyone can support the Orlando Live. They take a lot of time to show up and are possible artists. They are all wonderful, and they are on stage every night, and we can’t even imagine the talent that they don’t have. The show starts at 9 and it’s on the 29th floor. The show is 8 and 2 a.m. at 10 p.m.
Partnership offers valuable experience

JULIE MONHEIM
STAFF WRITER

Jason Kong and Matt Barr are two "stereo" types defying the normal high school stereotypes.

Within months, Kong and Barr will apply their hands-on experience and launch their own radio station at Colonial High School with the help of UCF's on-campus radio station WNSC.

WNSC recently received a $25,000 seed grant from the Radio Television News Directors Foundation to help students enrolled in Colonial's High School's Radio and Television program learn more about the industry and gain hands-on experience.

The students were chosen based upon their enthusiasm for broadcasting and their involvement in gifted programs, said Jay Davenport, Director of Digital Media at Colonial High School's magnet program.

"They're really learning a little bit of everything," said Davenport.

Interests at UCF provide the students with ideas for how they can manage their new station by learning everything from music programming to digital editing.

The high schoolers spend six hours a week at UCF editing newscasts and working within WNSC's promotion department to organize events for the station.

"I'm retelling the station's story through almost every aspect of our radio station," said Nick Locicero, general manager of WNSC.

Locicero, who has trained high school students, said he is impressed by their progress.

"I was so amazed at how fast they picked up digital editing. We've got WNSC staff members that can't edit audio like them."

The interns receive high school credit for the time they spend at UCF about six hours a week, and will continue to intern after Colonial's radio station begins running.

"This is great exposure for them," Davenport said. "They're constantly learning in a hands-on environment."

Both of the high school students say they have always been interested in radio but each have developed a different long-term goal.

"I'd like to do talk radio," said Kong. "I've always listened to talk radio shows, especially on 104.1 FM, and I just think discussions about local issues are really interesting."

Barr, however, has his sights set on a career as a music disc jockey.

"I really want to get into the music industry but I can't break into music. I'd consider talk radio," he said.

Both say that talk show host Jim Philips of Real Radio 104.1's "The Phillips Hall" has been a major influence. Both students have appeared on the show and were entertained by the station's 30,000 watt airwaves.

"Going on the show was kind of a turning point," said Kong. "I knew that I definitely wanted to do talk radio after that."

Locicero said that both students have the potential to make it in radio.

"If they've worked so hard for us on every project that I've put them on. They really want to try new things and have a great work ethic."

"They're internats at other radio stations, Kong and Barr help alleviate the workload for staff members while learning new skills as they go.

The students have garnered diverse knowledge of the various aspects of radio production. They have already completed voice-over work and edited two WNSC sports promos that air periodically on the station.

They will help with live remote broadcasts, like WNSC's live coverage of the Mr. UCF pageant this Saturday.

Locicero said that UCF has a lot to gain from these high school students.

"If they end up attending UCF, they will already know the system and will be very valuable to our station," he said.

The program has been an influence on both youths. Although each had their sights set on other universities, the experience at UCF is steering them closer to home.

"I've always wanted to go to FSU," said Barr. "But this internship experience has made me consider UCF."

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Leading economic indicators

- In New York City in August, businessman Herbert Bluck sued celebrity dentist Denise Rich (ex-wife of the Clinton-pardoned Marc Rich) for nonpayment of fees he said he earned by saving her nearly a million dollars annually as a personal financial adviser. Included alleged savings were: $125,000 for nonpayment of fees; $52,000 for nonpayment of fees. Bluck said he earned by giving away her two oldest dogs, as a personal financial adviser. - Included alleged savings were:

Lease competition people

Cheverly, Md., juror Levon Adams, 25, skipped out during deliberations in a September carjacking trial, and when sheriff's deputies brought him back to the court-room the next day, he told the judge that he left because the other jurors were becoming agressive with him. Adams told the judge that he was the only holdout against a guilty verdict and told the jurors that no matter how much evidence there was against the defendant, he could not convict him because Adams was not present at the scene of the crime and thus did not actually see the defendant do it.

Weird workplace

According to the Beijing Morning Post, the government in Chengdu, China, shut down a food-processing plant in August after discovering that workers routinely pulled the bones out of chicken feet with their teeth. Workers first boiled the feet in water, then made three slits in the feet with a knife, pried open the skin with their fingers, and removed the bones with their teeth. The fastest workers could go through a foot every five seconds.

Crossword

ACROSS
6. Maine's
10. Thompson of
14. Jumped
15. Pongo
19. Cigarette
20. Lt. Whitney's
23. Baja California
24. Singer Brewer
28. Sun worship
29. Turns into
30. Money
32. Dalmatians
39. Animal's den
40. Eagles Roof
41. Tomato varieties
44. Toy trains
45. Single copy
46. However, but short
49. Going out with
50. Silver-couga
55. Confronting periods
57. Flowing
59. Please go.
60. Animal's den
61. Owner's equipment
62. Blunt-nosed leech
63. Perry's editor
64. First names in opera
65. Molecular building block
66. French characters
67. Paczak

DOWN
1. 9800
2. 31 Nolens
3. 32 Speckle
4. 34 Pinnacle
5. 36 Sandy's author
6. 39 Pay out
7. 40 Being out of
task
8. 41 Lion's period
9. 42 Spanish
10. 43 Church belfry
11. 44 Lacy
12. 45 Nebraska's
13. 46 Windy bird
14. 47 Eriser
15. 48 Lazy
16. 49 Hesitates out of

detox
17. 50 Unintelligible
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dows
19. 52 Certain serving
20. 53 Church bench
21. 54 Heavy
22. 55 Church bell
23. 56 Rowboat
24. 57 Attys.' org.
25. 58 Snaking
26. 59 Bay
27. 60 Beach house
28. 61 Worker's
29. 62 Hubert's
30. 63 Perry's creator
31. 64 Fremont's
32. 65 Breeder
33. 66 Mach toppers
34. 67 Ad
35. 68 Lime
36. 69 Mark
37. 70 Rhymes
38. 71 Each
39. 72 Alchemical
40. 73 Christmas
41. 74 Baseball
42. 75 Attys.
43. 76 Cheese
44. 77 Sausage
45. 78 Easter egg
46. 79 Math's forte
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50. 83 Heaves
51. 84 Taffy
52. 85 Single
53. 86 Silver-tongued
54. 87 Ruthless
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there were always other reasons to remain awake, she said. 

"My first three years of college, I was awake more than I slept. The first two years it was due to having fun, but the third and fourth year it was broken up between studying and partying. I stayed up all night because I never wanted to miss out on the fun."

Students who are determined to maintain late-night hours have routinely relied on a variety of aids, from caffeine pills such as No-Doz and Jet Alert to coffee, soda and Red Bull energy drinks.

But such stimulants may do more than merely jolt a person awake. Caffeine, for example, affects the central nervous system. The Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Research Foundation in Toronto stated that if caffeine is consumed in liquid form, it hits all tissues of the body within five minutes and can increase heart rate, blood pressure and urination. In certain doses, caffeine also may produce headaches and jitters.

"Students who engage in late-night socializing or studying also may experience transient insomnia because the body cannot stay in sync with the dramatic shifts in schedule," said Dr. David Earnest, an associate professor at the College of Medicine at Texas A&M University. Lack of sleep also can affect a person's mental performance, he added.

Sickness comes more quickly to those who forego sleep if they are also in poor physical condition, said Barnes, the therapist. And while a "power nap" of 20 to 60 minutes can help make up the difference, a loss of sleep has obvious short-term effects — fatigue, stress and depression — as well as long-term effects that can contribute to strokes, heart attacks and high blood pressure.

But that doesn't stop students from doing it.

"When I end up staying awake all night, I do not go into it thinking that is what is going to happen. I just go with the flow," said Kathleen Martinez, a sophomore psychology major who finds that when she stays up, it's because she is having fun with friends.

"I still am able to get up and do what I have to do the next day such as work and go to school," she said. "When I stayed up for my record all-nighter of being awake for 33 hours, I had partied all night, went to work, and then packed up all my stuff in order to move the next day."

Besides, it's one thing to stay up all night; it's another to sleep all day. That, she said, would be a total waste.
Jobs Data Give Mixed Signals

The Labor Department reported that total employment outside agriculture declined by 13,000 jobs in September from August, the first drop since April. But the unemployment rate dropped to 5.9%, its lowest level since February, from 5.7%.

The report's different trends arise from the fact that the payroll figure comes from a survey of employers and the unemployment rate from a survey of households. Overall, there was enough positive news in the report to suggest the economy is still growing, though not vigorously. Payroll growth in August was revised up to 167,600 from 139,000, and in September, the average work week expanded to 3.4 hours from 3.1. Companies often increase the hours of existing employees as a prelude to new hiring.

Most economists consider the employer survey more reliable, and expect the jobless rate to rise again soon. But others think the difference is too small that the job market must be better than it appears, perhaps because of more vigorous job creation by small firms, which aren't measured as comprehensively as large firms. "At turnarounds, you don't want to watch both," says J.P. Morgan economist John Lonsenschlaeger. I think history books will show the tide is shifting.

Detroit's 0% Deals Hit Used-Car Prices

There's a little-noted downside to the 1950s of financing incentives that Detroit is using to keep car sales humming: The enticing deals are triggering a glut in the value of cars they minute they drive off the lot.

Millions of Americans are snapping up new cars, which is increasing the glut of used cars on the market and driving their values down. In addition, the incentives effectively slash the prices on new cars, which are a key factor in determining used-car values. One case in point is the 2000 Ford Taurus SE, which had a sticker price of $19,440 but now is worth about $6,300.

For shoppers, it's a very good time to buy most kinds of used cars. Many of the best used-car deals are on larger SUVs and smaller cars because they have been so heavily discounted. The deals aren't as good on popular imports that have rolled little, if at all, on discounts to lure customers. A typical two-year-old, six-cylinder 2000 Honda Accord EX sells at trade-in for 39% less than its $24,480 sticker price—$49 better than the 1999 model bought as a trade-in two years ago.

United, US Airways Spar Over Flights

United Airlines and US Airways said they will begin offering reciprocal benefits to members of both carriers' frequent-flier programs starting Nov. 1.

Delta Airlines is seeking government approval for a frequent-flier relationship with Northwest Airlines and Continental Airlines, two carriers that already have such a pact. If regulators let Delta join in, it is likely that Delta would never an existing frequent-flier tie-in it has with United.

Jury in California Burns Philip Morris

The gargantuan $2.6 billion punitive-damage award against Philip Morris Cos. by a Los Angeles jury marks the latest in a string of $12.5 billion in the cigarette maker's new courtroom strategy to overcome California jurors' outrage at the company's past conduct.

The award to 64-year-old Betty Bolteck, a smoker dying of lung cancer, was the largest to an individual in U.S. history, and the fourth defeat in a row for Philip Morris in California, despite years of intense effort by the company to find a successful defense for cases tried in the state. In this case, the

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Some Repeats Can't Wait

Cable TV's hit "Monk" on cable TV's USA Network on Friday night, you can watch it on ABC the following Thursday. That may work for you.

And the show's producers are delighted, because they get more money and "Monk" gets wider exposure.

But the practice, called "repurposing," by the TV industry, doesn't sit well with cable and satellite operators. Their job is to attract and retain subscribers by providing programming that viewers can't find elsewhere. So they wonder why they're paying an average fee of more than $49 cents a subscriber for Vivendi Universal's USA, if the channel's best show is available free from a broadband competitor less than a week later.

"If you could get 'The Sopranos,' the Monday after it aired on HBO, why would you get HBO?" asks David Thomson, senior vice-president of programming for satellite operator DirectTV.

"We pay subscriber fees, and we want to increase the benefit of paying the subscriber fee," said Bob Wil- son, vice president of programming at Comcast Cable Inc.

Recurrent is only going to get bigger this season. It will generally go from broadcast TV to cable, but the lack of original programming still grates on cable and satellite operators. Vivacom Inc.'s MTJ just struck a deal with AOL Time Warner Inc.'s Warner Bros. TV for recycling rights to "Frasier," the new underpinnings police drama that airs on Fox. And USA Network has recycling rights to not only the two "Law & Order" spinoffs on NBC, but also the new CBS drama "Rob- ertson's "Homicide Division" and ABC's new version of "Dreamer," which is sched- uled to premiere in January.

Last season, another recycling scenario that made cable operators uncomfortable played out when Walt Disney Co.'s ABC struck its big-budget drama "Alias" on its sister Family Channel. Yes, the show is about a family of spies, but its heavy emphasis on violence, sex and light leather outfits hardly seemed appropriate for a network that still runs Pat Robertson's "700 Club.

Also last season, News Corp.'s FX struck a deal to carry the serial dramas "24" a few days after it ran on sister broadcast network Fox. The deal helped the studio that produces "24" bring in more than $15,000 for each episode, and the cable runs didn't seem to hurt the broadcast run. But the ratings were so low that FX couldn't justify another season of recycling "24." All Please turn to Next Page.
Popularly of a Pill Is Tested

By Anne Marie Churukian

When psychiatricians and college health services have been surprised by an unusual number of requests for a new birth-control pill, called Yasmin, that patients believe will help them lose—or at least not gain—weight.

But there is little solid evidence that Yasmin has much effect on weight. And a report in a recent British medical journal pointing to worrisome health problems in some who took the pill has led at least one college health service not to stock it.

Yasmin has been on the market since June 2001 and by this summer ranked eighth in the $2.5 billion oral-contraceptive market. Unlike other birth-control pills, it contains a kind of progestin called drospirenone, which chemically resembles a diuretic, a substance that antagonizes water retention. Many women believe birth-control pills cause bloating and weight gain.

The FDA, which approved the pill as an oral contraceptive last year, prohibits it being marketed for any other use. While not overtly advertising Yasmin's weight-loss effects, Berlex, Laboratories, the pill's maker, has resorted the issue and refers to it obliquely in ads and on its Web site. That seems to have been enough to catch the interest of consumers, some doctors and nurses—and activate the formidable female grapevine.

But it remains unclear whether there are long-term weight benefits to Yasmin compared with other birth-control pills. Another study, conducted in Europe, showed that women on Yasmin initially lost about a pound compared with women on another oral contraceptive.

By the end of the two-year study, the Yasmin takers came back to their original weight. Some researchers say the study was flawed because nearly one-third of subjects didn't complete it. Still, the study includes the data in its materials for doctors.

Meanwhile, some medical journals have raised red flags. A June issue of Medical Letter on Drugs and Therapeutics, a nonprofit newsletter, concluded that whether Yasmin leads to less weight gain than with other oral contraceptives is still unclear.

And a British Medical Journal article said that Dutch doctors reported cases of blood clots, including two deaths, among women taking Yasmin. Berlex says women on any birth-control pill have an increased risk for blood clots.

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least not at that price. Now, the cable channel is trying to negotiate a new, lower price to carry the show.

In the case of "Monk," it was lucky to find any parent, the show, about an obsessive-compulsive detective who gets hit from dirty shoes and then inherited histories, was developed by Disney's Touchstone Television for sister network ABC about four years ago. But no one could agree on a cast, and there was debate about whether the show should be a serious drama or a spoof.

Eventually, a USA programming executive who had worked at ABC showed the script to the brass at her new employer, and the cable channel cut a deal with Touchstone to make the show. As part of the deal, USA's studio Universal Television Productions gave "Monk," but Touchstone got a stake in the show and ABC got the right to recycle episodes.

No one had thought ABC would pursue the show, but after "Monk" premiered in June it quickly became a critical and commercial hit. ABC, meanwhile, was struggling.

Recently, "Monk," which has averaged 4.1 million viewers on USA, has been averaging 8.3 million viewers on ABC. ABC originally planned to run "Monk" only during the summer, but when its ill-fated show "Dinotopia" was deemed not ready for prime time, "Monk" got a Thursday night slot for the fall. ABC may even make a bet to back its first-run rights with USA.

David Kinsinger, president of Universal TV, says that the additional money ABC pays for its run of "Monk" allows Universal to produce more expensive, network-quality show for USA. "It is not cheap, and it is very helpful to get some additional revenue to produce the show," Mr. Kinsinger says.

But that doesn't console the executive who had worked at ABC and whose company didn't try to defend its chance to bid for the show, but after "Monk" became a commercial hit. ABC, who got a Thursday night slot, now has a hot show that allows the network to sell advertisers on the Pacific Ocean.

Former WorldCom Inc. accounting executive Buford Yates Jr. pleaded guilty to helping carry out the company's massive accounting fraud, with his lawyer saying that illegal accounting entries had been "approved at the highest levels of WorldCom management." It was unclear whether he had implicated former WorldCom Chief Executive Bernard J. Ebbers or other senior managers. Mr. Ebbers has denied wrongdoing.

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