Future uncertain for Florida's boards of trustees

Most believe Bush will reappoint current trustees to new boards in January

ALEXI HOWK
STAFF WRITER

Two weeks ago Floridians voted for another reorganization of the state's university system, however, with Gov. Jeb Bush still remaining the dominant force in deciding who will run the 11 public universities, some speculate that little will change.

Amendment 11, advocated by Sen. Bob Graham, restores a statewide Board of Governors to oversee the state's university system, while retaining the individual local boards of trustees to administer universities.

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UCF Trial Team wins case at Yale

KATHRYN POODOLSKY STAFF WRITER

The UCF Trial Team took first place at Yale’s annual Invitational Mock Trial competition, defeating other teams, including several by Louise universities.

Student players were the roles of plaintiff attorneys, defendant attorneys and witnesses during the competition, which was held on Nov. 8 and 9 in New Haven, Conn. Yale chose professional judges and lawyers in roles on objections and bar to award points for the teams.

Embattled law student assistant professor Diane Sudia coached the trial team with her husband Robert Remis. Sudia said trial teams passing completion depend on themselves and their ability to think on their feet and act quickly.

“Your team must be well-prepared, because there are so many different angles to a case,” Sudia said. “They will tell you in the middle of the night because they’ve had some revelation about the affidavit.”

Sudia said the trial team has made a name for itself. “If you’re going to start off beating someone, it may as well be the best lawyer,” Sudia said. “UCF is known as the exception.”

Senior Nicole Monahan, who brought home the Outstanding Attorney Award and plans to go on to law school, said the Trial Team serves as preparation for a career in law.

“What we experience on the trial team grows beyond what we prepare for in classes,” attorney did. “Objectives, and winning a point, was the hardest part, but also the most fun because the judge asks questions, and you really have to think on your feet.”

Tryouts for the team, which take place in the spring and include students from every college campus, requires a large amount of training and confidence building. Students receive a mock case in the fall from the American Mock Trial Association and must practice over two months to thoroughly study the case.

“Following its victory at Yale, the trial team prepares for a regional competition in February. The trial team will compete to qualify for the national competition, in which UCF placed third last year.”

Professor met tenure requirements in 2 years

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... after she appealed to him for more than three months.

Nieves, a professor of English, was the first plaintiff attorney to try a case at Yale. Sudia’s initial appeal was rejected, but the case didn’t end even after Sudia made it appear that it was not her desire to see the university and did not want any monetary compensation.

While Nieves wasn’t available for comment on Friday, Sudia told the UCF that Sudia earlier that day she did not feel it was appropriate for him to talk about his professorial duties.

But his attitude eventually shifted and he was clear he wanted to try the case on their side when he tried to fire Remis after six years of employment, when Remis qualified for tenure.

After Remis appealed inconstancy in a report written by her professor, the dean wrote another report supporting Remis. Sudia was then granted his tenure and promotion.

Six days after Sudia filed her discrimination appeal this summer against McCarthy the administration’s decision to dismiss Sudia through petitions and T-shirt protests.

Remis had previously been arrested for distributing T-shirts emblazoned with the slogan “Keep Diane,” and have brought time slots with radio station 9OIZ, to protest the professor’s termination.

“I know for myself that she is one of the best teachers I have ever had,” said former student Jeffrey Perry. 20, “The way she teaches inspires me to want to pursue the legal studies field.”

Remis says despite faculty members’ disapproval of Sudia, she is very well-respected among students and alumni.

“Diane is simply amazing,” Remis said. “She is also the most uplifting, inspirational person I have ever known. She is adored and loved by her students, and an immensely prestigious professor whose classes fill up quickly.”

Throughout the years, alumni have repeatedly gone to the university’s student workers and students.

The United Faculty of Florida, UCF, refused to comment on Sudia’s case. United Faculty of Florida member Richard Cook said the union would do their best to ensure that proper procedures are followed.

Financing aid discussion dominates first SGA forum

Advocates leave students with no new solutions

SHEyla Nieves

STAFF WRITER

The financial aid office took another verbal beating at a forum held by Student Government Association. Nearly 100 students who have yet to receive their checks.

About 200 students attended the Nov. 13 forum and asked questions about their financial aid from a variety of areas.

Wilson said it was unacceptable for students to have to take out short-term loans and get jobs to pay for items that any financial aid would have otherwise taken care of.

“You pay for us,” Wilson told SGA’s advocacy unit. “There are people who have been put out of their apart­ments. We can’t settle for an, I don’t know when you’re money is coming when we go to the financial aid office.”

Advocacy members told the stud­ents that the verification process takes more than one year so the problems should not repeat in the spring semester. They blame this years’ problem on the new Peoplesoft software installed last summer.

Part of the reason why verifying stu­dents’ took longer this semester was because many students turn in required papers at all, said Suzanne Grove, 23, who works in the financial aid office.

“I got verification not too long ago and I work in the office,” Grove said. “I think we’ve been with the faculty. I think we’ve been here for about 10 years.”

Bit students are still waiting for verification, even those who have been waiting for months. The office is also the main source of food at the next forum to lure more students.

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The truth about cheating

Students don’t consider cheating a serious offense

LAURA STEVENS  
STAFF WRITER

Studies show over 75 percent of college students admit to cheating at some point in their academic career.

A study conducted by Donald McCabe, a founder and director of the Center for Academic Integrity, indicates that more than 80 percent of students who cheat on tests, admit to cheating three or more times.

"If you feel so violated when a student does this," Danis said. "Blowers [sic] came from everywhere, the probability of getting caught, for instance, is pretty low," he said. "If we're going to have meetings after class, we'll probably continue to serve the people Bush appoints to the local boards to the local boards constitutional rights under new amendment until we hear something to the contrary," he said.

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On September 26, in a mass communication class, students were told to prevent students from cheating — they just didn't have time to study, the test was unreasonable, or the assignment was stupid, etcetera, "There are many circumstances and situations in which they feel they can justify their cheating — they just didn't have time to study, the test was unreasonable, or the assignment was stupid, etcetera," McCabe said students compare cheating to other things they feel they have to do to survive in our society. "Corporate fraud, politicians lying, parents cheating on their taxes — everyone's doing it," he said. "As a minor issue.

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UCF students cheated and escaped without repercussions.

"The class was told to formalize the First Amendment every class for four weeks. The professor, Don Merritt, told students it was the only way to test the student. The test was only available to students who had written the First Amendment on their desk and then tried to erase it. The students showed it to Merritt and the teaching assistant. "I'm pretty sure I know what it was," Merritt said.

"Because he did not catch the students cheating, he could not send them before a review board. "I was very angry," Merritt said. "I don't think we're that hard. This one [question] I announced on the very first day of class.

If a person cheats, he or she should be able to explain what they are doing and why they are doing it.

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Academic honesty unclear to students

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Some students take the honor code seriously and work to uphold it, he said. "While I don’t think we will ever stop all cheating, many students seem to feel compelled to cheat to remain competitive," McCabe said.

"If they feel others are not cheating, there is a reasonable chance they will not either." Sophomore Elena Sabo, 20, has witnessed several students cheating.

"The last time I took a physical science test, there was a guy sitting behind me who had the same version who kept kicking my chair so that I would move my arm. I wouldn’t move because I thought it was very rude." Junior Renee Beaudette, 21, has a similar experience in her class.

"Last spring in my American history class there were a bunch of football players that all happened to get amazing grades." She said the football players would sit near the back on test days and pass the answers around.

"It’s the easy way out," she said.

Nancy Stanlick, assistant professor of philosophy, said students who cheat actually deceive and cheat themselves. "Cheating is very closely related to lying — an attempt to deceive," Stanlick said.

"If you are doing something that is not within the rules, you are cheating," Stanlick said.

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Andrea Milam

STAFF WRITER

UCF will offer a unique new degree in sports and fitness offered entirely at the Lake Sunner branch campus starting next semester.

The program is developed around an AS, 2+2 articulation, meaning most students will complete an associate degree in sports and fitness at Lake Sunner Community College (LSCC), followed by a Bachelor of Science degree from UCF.

While the program will officially start next semester, some students have already started working on their AS at Lake Sunner to continue to the B.S.

The program is unique in that it complements existing lecture classes with hands-on training offered by partners including Central Florida YMCA, Orlando Regional Sports and Health, and Disney Wide World of Sports.

"We are very excited to see UCF and LCC develop a strong sports and fitness program in Clermont," said Mike Milley, director of sports events at Disney Sports Attractions. "We are specifically excited because you are just down the road from Walt Disney World Resort where we believe could be both short and long-term opportunities for students."

Students will complete 18 hours of practicum with these partners, in addition to six hours of student teaching, six hours of visual observation and 12 hours of hands-on internship. Grant coordinator Mike Kehoe, who helped develop the degree, believes that these internships will be the key for students to land jobs after graduation.

"We kind of looked at, 'What's going to get you hired' when we were looking at developing the program," he said. "The students are meeting the people and networking with the people that'll end up being the ones in the field who will be able to hire them or recommend them to someone else in the field."

Another unique aspect of the program is the option to specialize in fitness, coaching or business management. Students must complete a 12-hour specialization within their four-year curriculum and earn a certification in that specialization.

"With professional certification, it's kind of a give away," Kehoe said. "Now you're involved, you've met the people, you have the degree and you're experienced."

There are plans to add tracks in aquatic, adaptive fitness and golf course management within the next two to three years. According to Debby Mitchell, project director for Tech Impact, golf will likely be the next track added to the curriculum.

The sports and fitness degree will be the first undergraduate degree in the state of Florida that is offered entirely off-campus. UCF opened a building on the Lake Sunner campus in spring and classes started there this summer.

There are plans for many new facilities, including a three-hole training golf course and a field house. Currently under construction is a hotel containing an Olympic track and an entire floor where the barometric pressure can be controlled, allowing for high-altitude training.

"There's just so much exposure to different things that students will get that they probably couldn't get anywhere else," Mitchell said.

While some students may find the commute to Clermont inconvenient, the classes have purposely been scheduled right after each other so students can drive to the campus, go to their classes, and drive home rather than driving out there two or more times a day.

"Clermont has decided that they want to be a sports and fitness center," Mitchell said. "They want to be a destination site for other types of activities, whether they are competitions or training."

In addition to providing experience, the partnerships with sports organizations will offer some prominent guest lecturers.

"We will be able to hire, as adjuncts or as guest lecturers, some really highly visible experts," Mitchell said. "It opens the door to meet and listen to people who students would never have the opportunity to have contact with."

Currently, the focus is on informing students about this new degree. Flyers are being distributed containing information about the program.

"We feel like there's probably a lot of students that have an interest in sports and fitness types of activities, but they just don't know that the degree exists," Mitchell said.

Students interested in learning more about the sports and fitness degree can contact Mitchell at 407-823-2815 or Kehoe at 407-823-6598.

"The idea right now is getting the word out," Kehoe said. "We know it's going to spread like wildfire when people find out about it."
Hitt's raise is not appropriate in a time of budget cuts

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"[Hitt] deserves a raise, but rather it's a faculty responsibility given the budget cuts that occurred last year," Welch said.

"The issue is not whether [Hitt] deserves a raise, but rather it's a faculty responsibility given the budget cuts that occurred last year," Welch said.

Hitt's last raise, granted by the Board of Regents in October 2000, was significant­ly less, a 1.6 percent pay increase, or about $3,000.

But a private consultant, who worked with UCF trustee Tom Voylem, recom­mended a $8,000 pay raise for Hitt, claiming he was underpaid compared to other university president's across the nation.

Michael Mullens, chairman of UCF's Faculty Senate, said the amount and timing of the raise concerns him as well.

"If that is what the Governor says, Hitt is an outstanding man, but you have to question the wisdom when they're asking for so much," Harford Chase, UCF's chapter president for National University of Flor­ida and anthropology professor, said Hitt deserves a raise because he has attracted a better quality of students and has efficiently managed the university's growing student population.

Under Hitt's leadership, UCF will outpace the University of Florida within 10 years, Chase said, who has worked at UCF since 1984.

"We want to keep good people here, and we have to give them the compensation," Mullens said.

But Mullens argues that compensating faculty and administration officials is just as important as compensating Hitt.

"Instead of adjourning a large sum to Hitt in a planned approach to increase pay levels for administrative staff, faculty and Hitt should have been considered, Mullens said.

Hitt's 10 years at UCF merit a salary increase, but an incremental raise may be a better approach, considering the university's and state's financial resources, Kirlew said.

Chase said that Hitt's salary increase will positively affect faculty pay because the Florida Legislature, which decides salary increases for state employees, may examine salaries and determine if faculty members are underpaid.

"Now that [Hitt's] been taken care of, we're looking forward to similar increases," Chase said.

Chase said that if the faculty union has local bargaining, it would push for faculty raises.

"The level is at 46 percent — that's where we're starting," Chase said.

Students were less concerned about remaining competitive with other universities and more troubled by pressing problems that UCF has yet to solve — such as financial aid and class shortages.

"The money they may give to him can be given to students who need financial aid, especially after the [financial aid officer's] resignation," junior Preesy Jairam, 20, said. "There can be $1,000 scholarships for 10 people that need it the most.

"It's because there's a lack of professors," he said.

During senior Ben Gromer's four years at UCF, he said he has dealt with class shortages every year because the university does not employ enough professors.

"I think that money would be better used if it's put in the university and not in [Hitt's] pocket," Gromer, 21, said. "It's not like he's starving."

"The school's got serious growing pains and it just doesn't seem like that's being addressed," he added.

Students also feel that the other perks that Hitt receives in addition to his salary are enough of a compensation.

"[Hitt] lives in a nice house [for free]," Jairam said. "He doesn't pay for a car. What more can the $80,000 buy him?"

Even if Hitt's $80,000 raise is approved by the Board of Trustees this Thursday, he will still retain the same free perks that many other university president's do not enjoy, such as a car, a house on cam­pus, a free country club meme­bership, $21,000 for health care and $24,252 in deferred compensation from the UCF Foundation.

"Hitt is only in charge of about 40,000 students and has four vice presidents," Jairam said. "Why don't we give President Bush a raise? Bush is dealing with life and death situations. I've never seen Mr. Hitt on campus."
**Opinions**

*Monday November 18, 2002*

**OUR STANCE:**

**$93,000 raise for Hitt irresponsible action**

President John Hilt is set to receive a 46 percent raise, following the recommendation of a panel commissioned by the Board of Trustees. Although Hilt has done a good job of overseeing UCF's growth during the past ten years, and perhaps deserves a raise to keep pace with the salaries of other university presidents in the state and across the country, he does not deserve such a hefty raise.

First of all, the nearly $93,000 more that Hilt would receive if the Board of Trustees approves the proposal should go toward more pressing concerns. UCF has a shortage of professors, and does not pay its professors enough money. The departure of professors creates problems for UCF students such as a lack of courses and too many courses taught by adjunct professors and graduate students rather than full-time professors. Just as President Hilt deserves compensation, the faculty deserves, too. UCF should take care of its faculty.

The lack of available courses, a result of too few professors, has caused the number of students to grow exponentially. As the number of students increases, the quality of teaching generally decreases. Professors do the best they can, but they can only do so much. Faculty members should receive better compensation, and UCF should hire more full-time faculty members.

Although Hilt has overseen UCF's growth, he has not done enough to deal with the problems associated with that growth. Parking and traffic remain major problems. Students struggle through every registration period, hoping to get into the classes they need, and each semester the situation gets worse as they have to compete with more students.

If anyone deserves a raise, it is the hard-working janitorial staff that keeps UCF looking beautiful. These men and women work long days and nights, receive very little credit for the work they do, and make less money than janitors at most universities. If UCF has the money to pay President Hilt $80,000 more each year, surely it can afford to pay the janitors more than it does now.

Hilt does not need the pay raise. He already enjoys plenty of perks, such as free housing at the Starburst House, a raise $20,000 in health care insurance and membership at a country club. All these perks are in addition to his salary of $592,100.

At a time when money is in short supply, the Board of Trustees would be wise to vote against this proposed raise. UCF should spend the $93,000 in other areas that would benefit the university more.

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**Letters to the Editor**

*Letters have exploded in recent years due to increasing costs.*

**Students fight to save professor, so why Hitt?**

UCF is wrong to try to fire Diane Sudia. Sudia, a legal studies professor is widely liked and admired by her students. She inspires her students to get involved in the field of legal studies. Sudia has reached the UCF Trial Team to national proportions; but because her teaching style bothers some of her students, she has taken their protests of her termination to the radio airwaves. Diane Sudia's students obviously care about her greatly.

Sudia and Remis, as coaches of the UCF Trial Team, have put UCF's legal studies department on the map. The consistent success of the trial team has raised UCF's status across the nation. As its coaches, Sudia and Remis are assets that UCF can ill-afford to lose. That UCF is actually trying to fire them makes no sense at all.

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**Religion has no business in deciding equal rights.**

I am writing in response to Jeff McLaughlin's letter to the editor, "Many, vigilant and homosexuals should not be tolerated," published Nov. 14. He states that the law should not protect homosexuals because homosexuality is a sin.

This is a stupid argument. Why does the Religious Right, the Christian Coalition and hate groups like Focus on the Family continue to use hate laws and take up their agenda again and again? How they begin to see all this taking shape.

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**Acceptance begins with open-minded individuals.**

Jeff McLaughlin is a very ignorant mind that believes that homosexuality is a sin as he does so in his letter to the editor, "Many, vigilant and homosexuals should not be tolerated," published Nov. 14. Homosexuality is not a choice, it is a part of who we are and therefore we should not condemn or judge homosexuals. Everyone is at fault, it is the same-minded Christians who choose to go against God's law and judge others who do not conform to their beliefs. Falling out of context, stupid or a great thing for something they have no control over much is similar to the root of hate organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan.

The most we can open minds to other cultures, communities and people: the better our world becomes. Mr. McLaughlin and people like him do not believe in acceptance. As we learn to keep our viewpoint other than our own, we learn to keep our viewpoint other than ours.

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**Corrections**

*In the wake of recent elections, Democrats look to new leadership to try and save their party.*

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We encourage our readers to correct incorrect viewpoints.

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*"We can try to avoid making choices by doing nothing, but even that is a decision." —Gloria D. Oliver*
Animal rights are wrong

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tattle tale

I am sick and tired of hearing all those bloody hearts, many-eyes complaining about animal rights. Personally, I think there would be enough, along with their precious, little animals.

Animals do not have any rights. That's right, they don't. Why? Because people like me don't give them any rights. Animals are dumb and meant to be consumed.

The most basic problem is that those people, those wonderful animal lovers, just do not have enough stuff on their own to worry about, so they have to bother me.

They have to bother every noisy baby wearing a fur coat and every guy that enjoys a piece of meat. They have to convince themselves with the size of the pen that houses a pregnant pig, even though that pig will be shown a few months from now.

They need a life. That's right, all those crazy hippies, all those animal rights activists need to be quiet and go have a hamburger. You see, that's half the problem right there. Not enough protein in their diets. This may sound cruel, but I don't care. We are not on an equal ground with the animal kingdom. This isn't a shared world. This is our world, and we dominate it. We are superior.

"That it is mean to eat animals and wear their hides," say the activists, in their whiny, little voices.

So what? So, it's a little mean. It's not like we are eating people and sporting their skins. Maybe that's bad is a bad idea. It would help to filter out the weak.

I'm sure I don't even need to say this, but animals aren't so nice all the time either.

If you run across a shark in the ocean or a wolf in the woods, are they going to run away and not bother you? Are they really more afraid of us than we are of them? So we go back on shaky. Sharks attack. Panthers attack. Where will we draw the line?

Weearing fur is mean. Eating cruel is meat. Clothing down is cruel. Driving a car is mean. Maybe we should all sell our cars and buy bikes. Wait. Not just a bike, a bike made out of 100 percent recycled materials.

Then, we can all move to a commune. On this commune, we cut out tofu and sing Michael Row Your Boat Ashore, while making ears not to say anything obtuse to anyone.

No more smoking, no more drinking, no more pranidial jokes. From now on, only natural fibers. No more Tommy Hilfiger or Gap clothes.

You know, all of those hipster activists are going to fight for anything, maybe they should fight the vegetarians. After all, plants, not animals, are what help sustain human life on this plane.

Plants release oxygen. Cows release methane gas. Guess which one is good for you.

So, maybe the real enemies are those hippie vegetarians (or the Catholic Church). The more plants they eat, the less oxygen we all have.

Let's face it. Animals are here to be consumed. They are food. They live in order to die for us. That's not so bad, you know. If animals weren't so dumb, then maybe I would care. However, I will eat meat until I die. Then, when I'm dead, you can call me a fool, and feel free to eat me.

I also believe we should all sell, all of you. Don't preach to me about your religion, your precious animals. Making special trees, or any thing else. Until you give up all the other bad things (hair spray, hubbub), I don't want to hear it.

Unfortunately, they can be reached at jmyers@ucffuture.com.

Bush's rowdy campaign trail

D U F F Y H E R Y

State Writer

Just this past Wednesday, HBO aired a program called "Journey's with George." I watched as this program followed our current President through his earlier campaign trail. I once read a book similar to this written by Hunter S. Thompson called, Fear and Loathing on the '72 Campaign Trail. George was much creepier.

The show featured our delightful President's road trip as he parted from city to city promoting his presidency by polling shit like a fool, and bowing an orange about the Enron Company jet.

Even the show's creator, Alexandra Pelosi, who was on the "Daily Show" the night before it aired, stated that he humorously avoided every question.

Besides the blatant fact that this documentary only portrays our President as a re­ sponse of John Bartholomew in "Animal House," another notion raised my blood pressure to the same boiling point it reached during the 2000 elections.

I failed to notice, during the three-hour program, one single scene where Bush made an effort to help his campaign.

Instead, we saw a scene of Bush rehearsing answers for campaign questions or driving his campaign train on tough issues.

The most thought-provoking activity George W. did during his campaign was play a late­ night rock game with one of his campaign cronies, all the while crossing wireless jokes.

But I still decided to give George W. the benefit of the doubt, initially — assuming that Bush and his delegates were finding a way to unwind before the drilling debates and spotless.

Unable to convince myself however, I went down to Idaho State and scoured through the dusty documentary section and found The War Room. This was a documentary based on former President Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign.

The War Room reflected a somewhat different scene of the typical campaign trail. In The War Room, a campaign manager explained to reporters what the party's views were, and what they hoped to bring out in the upcoming debates.

In George, when Bush was asked an important question about education, he quickly told the reporter, "Let's find you a husband!"

People may argue that the documentary portrayed our President as a down to earth person just trying to have a good time like the rest of us, but the truth is, I don't believe I want a fun-loving president to run this nation. I believe we should elect a man who works 140 hours a week, and one who had a Ford V8 shuffle up his butt with a nice American flag hanging off the end of it. He should only care about one thing — his job. I want the smartest, dullest and most straightforward person on the planet in that oval office chair. Maybe then I'll get some answers about the failing economy.

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Knights
MORE Golden Than Flashes

It was a night of career highs for both tailback Alex Haynes and kicker Matt Prater Saturday as the Golden Knights rolled over the Golden Flashes of Kent State 32-6.

UCF's offense got off to a slow start and even fell behind Kent State 3-0 until the second quarter, when it finally got going. The Knights tied the game with 3:58 to go in the second quarter with a 44-yard field goal by the freshman Prater.

The Knights didn't stop there. In his first start as a Golden Knight, freshman linebacker Dee Williford recovered a Kent State fumble at the Golden Flashes' 35-yard line to set up a 2-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Ryan Schneider to freshman Darcy Johnson with 27 seconds left in the half. It was the first catch of Johnson's career.

UCF came out of the break ready to go 31ld score on its first drive of the second half. The Knights moved 54 yards in seven plays, ending in an 8-yard touchdown pass from Schneider to senior Doug Gabriel. Prater missed the extra point attempt, but the Knights still led 16-3. Kent State answered right back on its next drive with a 42-yard field goal by kicker Travis Mayle.

Near the end of the third quarter, Kent State tried a trick play on fourth-and-one, a direct snap to running back Antonio King, which the UCF defense swallowed up, giving the offense the ball on Kent State's 38. UCF ended the third quarter with what is now becoming routine: an acrobatic catch by senior Jillian Fryzel for a 34-yard gain.

Fryzel's catch put the Knights on the Kent State 4-yard line, but after a penalty and three failed attempts to put the ball in the endzone, Prater kicked his first of two 25-yard field goals on the

Knights fall in first round of tournament

Kristy Shonka
UFC's women's soccer team has only been shut out three times all year. Unfortunately for the Golden Knights, the third shutout ended their season. Auburn defeated UCF 2-0 Friday in the first round of the 2002 NCAA Women's College Cup in Tallahassee. Auburn's Sara Power and Sandra Cavazos both had goals in the first half, handing UCF just its fifth loss of the season. The loss ended the most successful season in school history. UCF finished with 18 wins to go with those two losses, two wins more than the previous record.

The Knights out shot the Tigers 14-10, but the nation's sixth-ranked offense couldn't find the back of the net. UCF also had a 9-2 advantage on corner kicks.

The loss ended the careers of UCF's nine seniors, eight of whom were recruited by Auburn coach Karen Richter when she coached the Knights. The seniors have a career record of 56-28-2 with three Atlantic Sun Championships. The Knights will have to replace defenders Brooke Agy, Jackie VanLooven and Allison Weber, forwards Nicole Cieslak and Amanda King, midfielder C.C. Guillian, defender/midfielder Sara McDonald and goalkeeper Jessica Kohlman and Carol Lewis.
Offensive Player of the Week

ALEX HAYNES
The sophomore tailback had a career-high 149 yards rushing, he averaged 6.3 yards a carry and scored one touchdown. Haynes reached the century mark for the second time this season. The first time came against Marshall when he rushed for 137 yards.

Defensive Player of the Week

CHRIS PILINKO
The senior linebacker recorded four tackles, including one for a loss. He was one of six players who registered a team-high four tackles. The defense held Kent State to 242.6 rushing yards. The Golden Flashes managed its average of 3,071 yards a game.

Inside the Numbers

149
The number of yards gained on the ground by tailback Alex Haynes, a career high.

3,071
Quarterback Ryan Schneider’s passing yards for the season.

92
The number of plays run by the UCF offense.

14,277
The combined crowds for UCF’s past two games.

527
The number of yards of total offense by UCF.

83
The number of rushing yards by Kent State, which averages 242.6 yards a game.

Inside the Numbers continued

11
The number of points scored by the Knights.

The number of yards of total offense by Kent State.

Around the Locker Room

“It had one hand free and stuck it out and just pinned it.” — WIDE RECEIVER JIMMY FRYZEL

“We’ve still got a fighting chance.” — COACH MIKE KRUCZEK

“I’d like to be a full game team.” — FRYZEL

“It looked sloppy, but a win’s a win.” — JIMMY FRYZEL

“It hurt with our crowd being small. We lost a little adrenaline.” — KRUCZEK ON FRYZEL

“The critical thing is that young man doesn’t drop anything. Not nothing. He’s an unbelievable football player.” — KRUCZEK ON FRYZEL

“I think our defense picked our game up.” — FRYZEL

“The biggest game we’ve ever played, coming up.” — KRUCZEK ON THE GAME

Football Notebook

The game started well for UCF tight end Mario Jackson. He made a sprawling catch falling out of bounds for a 28-yard gain near the end of the first quarter. That took the Golden Knights to the Kent State 28-yard line. But midway through the second quarter his game and career took a turn for the worst. The senior fractured his right fibula midway through the second quarter.

With Jackson out, wide receiver Darcy Johnson saw the first significant action of his career. The redshirt freshman assumed a tight end role and caught the first pass of his career — in the endzone. With 57 seconds left in the first half, quarterback Ryan Schneider

Tight end Jackson goes down for the season

Chris Bernhardt
UCF Writer

The number of times the UCF defense forced Kent State to punt.

Inside the Numbers

149
The number of yards gained on the ground by tailback Alex Haynes, a career high.

7,354
The announced attendance at Saturday’s game against the Golden Flashes.

8
The number of points Kent State scored in the second quarter.

8
The number of times the UCF defense forced Kent State to punt.

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FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Giles paces cross country team

KRISTY SHONKA
STAFF WRITER

Sophomore Amy Giles was the top UCF finisher in the NCAA South Regional for cross country Saturday leading the women's team to a 13th place finish.

Giles finished 50th in the field of 115 runners in the 6K race with a time of 20:47.81. Junior Sara Billman finished 63rd and freshman Astrid Classen followed her in 65th. Freshman Megan Cran (66) and junior Ashley Overy (66) rounded out the Knights' top five.

UCF also sent three men to the meet. Junior Danny Cook came in 71st place to lead the men. Senior Sean McCabe finished 89th and sophomore Ben Mena came in right behind him in 89th.

Tennis adds player

The women's tennis team signed Megan Hunter of Poquoson, Va., to play for UCF in 2002.

Hunter is ranked 15th in the Mid-Atlantic section and 143rd nationally according to the United States Tennis Association. She recently beat the 111th and 127th players in the nation.

She considered Richmond, North Carolina State and Kentucky before choosing UCF.

Miami game on Sunshine

Sunshine Network will telecast the Saturday Mid-American Conference game between Miami and UCF Kick off is set for 1 p.m. and viewers in the Orlando /Daytona Beach/Melbourne and Tampa/St. Petersburg areas will see it live.

Buzz Kill stings the Apostles

QUILE REEVES
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Few fans battle bad weather

hit Johnson from two yards out for UCF's first touchdown of the night. "Mark's just such an inspirational leader," offensive coordinator Robert McFarland said. "It's going to be a tough blow. Darcy Johnson is just going to have to step up a little bit sooner. We feel comfortable with Darcy going in there and getting the job done."

Jackson's injury leaves junior Michael Gaines as the only tight end on UCF's roster. Johnson came to UCF as a tight end, but was switched to wide receiver junior Brian Miller was sidelined in a heart condition and sophomore Matt Landy was dismissed from the team a few weeks ago.

Schneider sets new high in yardage

A week after throwing a career-high five touchdowns and getting named MAC East Division Offensive Player of the Week, Schneider had an uneven game with two touchdowns and two interceptions. But he broke his personal record for passing yards in a season.

His 289 yards against Kent State gave him 5,072 passing yards on the year. That breaks his previous high from last year of 2,285. He's just the fourth UCF quarterback to surpass the 5,000-yard mark. Danville Culpepper did it twice, and Vie Poen and Darin Slack each did it once.

"A lot of people around me are playing well," Schneider said. "The receiving corps is playing well. The offensive line - they give me a lot of time. So a lot of credit should go to the people around me, not me."

Fryzel continues hot streak

For the third straight game, wide receiver Jimmy Fryzel went over 100 receiving yards. He had seven catches for 126 yards in the game. But two receptions stood out most. One came at the end of the third quarter, when Fryzel jumped up against several defenders and made a circus catch on the Kent 5-yard line. There was even a pass interference call on the play, making it even more impressive.

Then in the fourth quarter Fryzel caught a 48-yard bomb falling forward to bring the Golden Knights down to the Kent 27-yard line. Both plays set up UCF field goals.

"Jimmy is the type of guy who plays his butt off every game," Schneider said. "He comes up with big catches when we need them."

Special teams gems

UCF got several big plays out of its special teams Saturday. Place-kicker Matt Frizel tied Javier Boulegue's school record of four field goals in a game. Cornerback Anante Samuel had a career-long punt return of 30 yards in the third quarter. And corner­back Omar Laurence fielded a short kickoff that bounced away from the Golden Flashes in the fourth quarter.

They also got a punt inside the one-yard line by punter Ryan Filen.

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Haynes gets career-high

Running back Alex Haynes got a career-high in rushing, barely. His 149 yards on 23 carries beat his previous best by just 1 yard. He had 148 against Tulane last season.

New scoreboard in place

The Citrus Bowl finally debuted its new scoreboard in the left endzone. Twice the size of its predecessor, it features a scoreboard on the left side and a big television screen on the right side.

"The new scoreboard was awesome," Miller said. "I think a lot of guys were looking at that," McFarland said. "It's getting pretty high tech out there."

Injury Report

Aside from Jackson, UCF made it out of the game unscathed. Nose guard Larry Brown missed the game after taking a hit in the game. Left guard David Ashkinaz limped off in the third quarter with a leg injury. But McFarland believed the junior would be all right.

Anyone there?

For the second consecutive week, UCF played in front of fewer than 10,000 people. Last weekend 6,923 people saw the Knights beat Buffalo in New York. This week rainy weather led to the smallest crowd to see UCF play at home since 1992 when the team was still Division I-AA. The announced attendance was 7,354.

Stifling defense stops runs game

Evening to put the Knights up 22-6. With just under nine minutes left in the game, UCF widened the gap to 22-6 with a 14-yard touchdown run by tailback Alex Haynes. Haynes had a career-high 149 yards on 23 carries. He also came at the one-yard line by punter Ryan Filen.

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This year's Diva Invasion was a huge success, attracting more than 3,000 students and faculty. The GLBSU collected over $3,000 in donations from guests.

We don't realize that there are a lot of other people who are acceptive of this, because the problem is we [gay students] sort of exist in the community as a bubble. It's rare that a lot of us would step out of that bubble.

—CESAR RAVAS

Lifestyle
Monday November 18, 2002

‘Diva’s invade’
Annual GLBSU show helps raise money and awareness

By KRISTA ZILZI

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The five UCF students who make up the band called Hillside can relate.

Drummer R.J. Romero, a 19-year-old sophomore and lead singer, sophomore Stephen Bebin, 19, started the band their junior year of high school. Since then, it has been through a variety of members and even a name change.

Hillside’s keyboard player, sophomore Rob Hugel, 19, joined after coming to UCF on a music scholarship. Bass player, Mike Dunn, a 19-year-old sophomore, worked closely with the band before replacing Hillside’s old bass player, Matt Kamm, an 18-year-old freshman, joined as Hillside’s lead guitar player after the group saw him play in his former band, Dodger.

For now, Hillside practices in cramped and stuffy storage units. Blankets cover the walls to keep the noise level down and management from complaining.

They can only joke about fame and buying homes for their parents, but none of them expects it to happen overnight.

Yet, Hillside’s focus is entertaining the students at UCF.

"We want to be UCF’s favorite band, especially since all five of us go here," Hugel said.

However, outside of the classroom, they play Hillside’s “moderate boogie rock” sound at various parties and dances.

“We play all American rock’n’roll,” said Dunn.

But Bebin has a different view on the music they play.

"Screw classifications, it's just good music."

The judges at UCF’s battle of the bands could not agree more after they awarded Hillside third place at last year’s event.

Romero said just being a student at UCF helps Hillside attract a large audience, even for their very first show at Wing Shack in October of last year.

"You hear things like 'you were great, see Hillside on 19"
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
7:30 pm EXCEL "Finishing the Semester Smart: Study Skills", SU Egmont Key Rm, 224
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21
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Pegasus Ballroom, SU

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25
12 pm - 2 pm CAB Cultural Arts Jazz Festival,
SU South Patio

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
11 am - 2 pm VUCF Green Ribbon Day,
SU South Patio
9 pm CAB Cinema "The Nightmare Before Christmas," SU Cape Florida Ballroom 316

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November 19: Lion II (Reggae)
November 20: Open Jam (Open Mic)
November 21: Open Jam (Open Mic)
Show's success promotes gay awareness

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community businesses made it the most profitable fundraiser for the GLBSU. Last year, the event yielded only $800 in donations. The donations will finance GLBSU's gay awareness projects throughout the year.

Not only was the show profitable, its success was unmatched. It was one of the most highly attended campus events this semester, drawing more than 1,000 students and faculty members.

"This was five time bigger than last year, and I had so much support from the university and community," said event coordinator Conor Duvall.

And while most students threw money at drag queens like Deja, who spilt fire and shocked students with her prosthetic breasts which were attached to her leather halter top or Marciatti, who dunped with a birdcage, in nothing but a pair of red sequin panties, or UCF student Vixen, who tore away her tank top to show her school spirit revealing the letters UCF taped to her chest, freshman Alesha Harris, 18, instead threw herself, on her knees that is, before Nazhoni who performed a dominatrix act that raised the audience to a standing ovation.

Harris enjoyed her moment in the spotlight when Nazhoni pulled her up on stage as she tried to tip the drag queen. While it wasn't Harris' first drag show, it was her first experience on stage with a drag queen.

"I was trying to tip her, and she pulled me up, so I kind of went along with it," Harris said.

Despite the city and university leaders' reluctance to promote gay rights, Harris believes that UCF's student body is very supportive and accepting of the university's gay community, evidenced by the successful student turnout at the event the past two years.

"We don't realize that there are a lot of other people who are receptive of this," he said, "[because] the problem is we [gay students] sort of exist in the community as a bubble. It's rare that a lot of us would step out of that bubble.

CAB Cultural Arts director Camille Campbell had hoped that prominent leaders like Orlando mayor Glenda Hood and university president John Hitt would attend the event, despite their reluctance to implement anti discrimination policies for gays.

"We had reports that Glenda Hood and President Hitt would come, but for some reason, at the last minute, they said they couldn't," he said. "It would have been nice if President Hitt could come.

"But [mainly we] wanted Greeks, athletes and all students to get together and have a good time watching a drag show," she said. "That's what we were going for.

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Laughter and applause vibrated throughout the theatre at the opening night of UCF's first Shakespeare production in over 10 years. The Merry Wives of Windsor, first performed in 1597 for Queen Elizabeth, The Merry Wives of Windsor still manages to shock and entertain audiences with its flamboyant characters and raw humor. With an ensemble of 22 actors, this episodic comedy pulsates with energy.

Before becoming an associate professor at UCF, Ingram taught at the State University of New York for 14 years. She is also a professional actress and director, who has directed about 30 plays in her career, this being her second at UCF and her largest cast in her career.

"I love teaching and directing, but I am an actress at heart," Ingram said. "So when I direct, I really try to direct from the actors' point of view."

Ingram describes the play as a Shakespearean sitcom full of many strange and unusual characters rushing at you at once. The play is composed of several mini-sources which all come together in the end. With a mixture of modern and Shakespearean English, the production provides the opportunity for any audience, even those unfamiliar with Shakespeare, to appreciate and follow the genius story line and humor it proposes.

Ingram leads a cast of talented actors who have nothing but good things to say about her, praising her talent and incredible directing ability.

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Experienced players bring added bonus to ‘Merry Wives’

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Page as a hyper-control freak whom which she feels she has brought a sense of energy and fun to.

“I wanted to do this play because I have never done Shakespeare before and I felt it would be an exciting challenge,” Mainard said.

One of the most entertaining characters in the production was that of Sir John Falstaff, played by J.J. Russoella. Russoella is an assistant professor at UCF as well as a director. Russoella gives an incredible performance with his impeccable comedic timing and energy. He makes you hate him, while feeling sorry for him. Most of all, he forces you to laugh at him.

Along with the professionals and veterans of UCF theater, this production also invited some new faces on to the UCF stage. Freshman Cody Stone, a performance major, is excited to have the opportunity to be a part of the show. This is his first production at UCF, though he was part of the Orlando Shakespeare Festivals Young Company and has been involved in theater for four years.

“The hardest part was finding my place in the company,” Stone said. “Everyone has connections and ties with each other, so I had to find my own way of helping the show and my fellow performers.”

With its cast of animated characters brought to life by the most talented of UCF’s students and alumni, and lead by the professional direction and acting abilities of Ingram, The Merry Wives of Windsor is a UCF production no one should miss. It will leave you gasping at its audacity and laughing at its wit.

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Things to watch out for when signing a new lease

RENEE BEAUDETTE  STAFF WRITER

First time renters may find that, with so many things to worry about, it's easy to get lost in the details. However, it pays to try to figure out all the details on your own, since these may end up being costly and important.

The first thing a renter should be concerned with is the fine print found in the lease. This multi-gaged document is tricky and important, but take the time to read it.

Find out how many months the lease is for, because that may not be the same time frame that you were planning on living there. Also, research to see if the apartment complex has a break lease agreement, which would allow you to move out after the academic year.

If they don't, and you're not staying for the summer, you will have to find someone else to sub-lease your room.

Jules Garcia, manager of College Station, said, "Many residents think that we have a break lease agreement, which we don't. So they get confused about subleasing."

A problem that may arise in this situation is that it may be difficult to find someone to take over the lease.

"I still haven't found someone to sub-lease yet, and since classes end in a month, I'm really not sure what I'm going to do," Rachel Williamson, a resident of College Station said.

Once you're reading your lease, you may find that there are several things that you still don't understand. Ask someone right away, and try to get all issues cleared up before you actually sign the document. Because once it's signed, it's almost impossible to get out of it.

Some other things that first-time renters need to get cleared up are things like the hours of operation. How late is the office open? What about maintenance?

If you have an emergency maintenance issue at 3 a.m., will someone be available?

"The maintenance here has always been good. Someone comes out to fix the problem the same day and the office gives you a follow-up call to make sure everything is okay," Jexenia Feraco, a resident at University Club said.

Don't expect to see a 24-hour security guard on the premises either, as the policy of most apartment complexes is that guest and residents are responsible for their own security.

One thing that affects many students is the guest issue and towing policies. How long can your guests stay?

While this is mainly an issue if you throw a party, so you don't leave a leg in the bathtub

Beer is for drinking, not for eating your Frosted Flakes with first thing in the morning.

Parties are great but if you have people over and they happen to drink too many fluids, don't put them in your roommate's bed without asking.

Back, to breakfast, if you see an insect sitting beside you at the table, call the exterminator or no matter how thrifty your roommates are with house expenses.

"After taking a shower, do not walk down the hallway nude when you know there are people home. Scratches that; don't walk in the hallway naked at all!"

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If you're planning on attending a major party on Friday night and your roommates are playing Monopoly under the table.

Boyfriends and girl friends are fine but when they empty the refrigerator and play Aliens is out there until the dawn hours, it's time to send them home.

Do not flirt with, touch funny things in your bedroom or give funny drinks to your roommate's significant other or you may be asking for trouble.

A guide to finding a friendly roommate

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Most students would probably agree that roommates are unpredictable. The idea of moving in with strangers is scary enough, but when you encounter problems on a daily basis, it's downright bad. I have my share of stories involving roommate problems and many others do also.

So being the good citizen and policy maker I am, I compiled a list of common polite things you can do to be a good roommate.

- If you come to college with a pet, make sure it is house trained so it doesn't use your roommate's bedroom as the backyard.

- When your roommates go out of town for the weekend and if you throw a party, do not leave a leg in the bathtub.

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Need some cheap furniture?

Nicole Talley / Staff Writer

Moving or redecorating can be expensive. To lower the costs, students can take a look at buying second-hand furniture for their apartments.

Shopping the thrift stores is a great way to find used and vintage treasures. Most stores carry furniture, home decoration items, kitchen items, very old electronics and more. Books and knick-knacks are often available as well.

Different stores in Orlando have a distinctive style. The Community Thrift store in Edgewater carries just about everything. This store usually yields good solid furniture. A refinishing, repainting or cleaning job may be in order as thrift items are usually scratched and a tad dingy.

The House of Hope's thrift store on Orange Ave. is a good place to find bed frames and tables. The store also has auction items available for public viewing. All proceeds go to benefit the Orlando House of Hope, which helps troubled young women.

Cheap Charlie's, downtown on Colonial Drive, has a large selection of paintings, furniture, kitchenware and dishes. This shop has more vintage and antique items as opposed to average second-hand items.

Other stores specialize in used furniture.

Maciel Mike Liquidator of Orlando boasts both antique and used furniture. This higher-end used furniture store also boasts many other types of collectibles.

CORT Furniture Rental Clearance Center of Winter Park carries used furniture from furnishers, showrooms, manufacturers and renting and leasing relocation services. They offer delivery and installation.

Students should beware of rent to own furniture stores that boost things. Like, "no payments until 2004." These companies charge students interest for those months at a high rate, even though they collect no payments. Furniture bought this way can end up costing two and three times as more than the original price.

Grainger sales another way to find great deals on furniture. The Orlando Sentinel features a garage sale section both on its online and print versions. When hitting garage sales, it is a good idea to have a plan of action. Look for sales within a 10 or 20-mile radius of your apartment, whatever is ideal for you. Then make a list of the sales in that range that you would like to visit. Being organized will help students find the best deals.

Most sales start on Thursdays or Fridays as early as 7 am. Professional garage sale shoppers usually strike early, taking the best deals and highest quality items.

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The roommate horror flick “Single White Female” encapsulates every apartment dweller’s nightmare. But fret not; the odds of being murdered by your roommate are still frightfully high. If you’re not living with a friend or even an acquaintance, there are steps you can take to increase the chances of surviving your roomie experience.

Consider the following tips and testers graciously provided by Paul Lyons, owner of the successful Boston-area apartment sharing service, Roommate Works.

Telltale questions

Before you agree to move in with a stranger or invite one to share your pad, arrange a time to meet. You’ll probably want to ask some, if not all, of the following questions:

• What is your view on neatness in the common areas?

• How do you feel about overnight guests, and would you want to establish some kind of house policy?

• How do you feel about the use of cigarettes, alcohol or “recreational” drugs in the apartment?

• What amount of common area furniture do each of you have? Would you be willing to collaborate on furnishing the apartment?

• Would you be interested in sharing a phone service and/or a cable TV subscription?

• What time do you leave for work?

• How often do you travel out of town?

• What kind of musical tastes do you have?

• [To the person who has the apartment] Does anyone other than yourself have keys to this apartment?

Scam protection

Once you’ve found someone that seems reasonably sane, you’ll still want to take steps to make sure you’re covered in case your new roommate turns out to be less than ideal:

Scam #1: He/she rings up a massive phone bill and leaves you with it.

Protection: If you can’t afford individual phone lines, at least order individual long-distance services with personal access codes.

Scam #2: He/she takes your deposit from ten different roommate applicants and then disappears with the money.

Protection: Don’t give your deposit until you’ve verified the person’s legal right of residence with the landlord.

Scam #3: He/she is living rent-free by charging each of his/her two roommates half of the total rent.

Protection: Always ask to read the contract even if you’re not being put on the lease.

Scam #4: He/she strews your possessions on the street and changes the locks; or he/she disappears without paying the remaining rent.

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DENISE AUFFANT
STAFF WRITER

Now that you've signed the lease and unpacked all your things, the question now is how to decorate your new place. And, decorating apartments on a student budget can be tricky.

Many students use their family's hand-me-downs to furnish their first place.

Thom Manell said: "We got our friends to help us out and got old furniture from people we know."

Garage sales are another good place to find used furniture at extra low prices. The quality of the items might not be perfect, but you can usually get a good bargain.

Check classified listings with the Orlando Sentinel for estate, garage and rummage sales. Also, students can pick a Saturday to spend driving around large Central Florida neighborhoods such as Waterford Lakes, Deer Run or Tuskawilla.

If garage sales aren't your style, you could also check out the local thrift stores such as Goodwill, the Salvation Army. Most slightly damaged, if you like the trendy, upscale look, such as couches, coffee tables and recliners. They also carry kitchenware and bedding needs. The prices there are very reasonable.

If you've got a little money to spare, you can also check out the local furniture outlet stores. Orlando has many of these, including the Rooms To Go Outlet on Hwy. 436 in Altamonte Springs.

The furniture at these stores are usually last season's models or sometimes slightly damaged. If you like the trendy, upscale look, this is the cheapest way to go about it.

Also, many students forget (or don’t even know) about Central Florida has one of the largest flea markets in the state. At Fleet World, located in Sanford off Hwy. 17-92, vendors sell everything from artwork to carpets, cheap plastic dishes to fine ceramics and they even have a video arcade.
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Finding the right moving company

Several options are available when it comes to moving companies

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When moving to a new residence, UCF students should consider hourly rates, service charges and minimum-hour requirement before choosing a local mover or doing the job themselves.

The least expensive method of moving also involves the most work. Students can ask for friends' help in moving their belongings. However, doing this may require several trips between the old residence and the new one.

U-HAUL rentals are affordably priced for local moves at $29.25, plus $0.79/mile and a $100 deposit, refunded upon return of the truck or trailer.

Ryder also charges $29.25, plus $0.55/mile and ~$150 deposit, from which the mileage charge is deducted.

Most local movers charge an hourly rate plus a one-time service fee. Additionally, there is at least a one-hour minimum for the job. The clock starts running when the movers arrive at your residence and finishes when the last piece of furniture has been placed in the new residence.

Several other local movers will quote an exact price over the phone after callers tell them a list of the items to be moved.

Low Budget Movers offers one of the least expensive services among companies researched for this story. This company charges $60 per hour, plus a $60 service charge. Low Budget Movers has a one-hour minimum for all jobs and the last hour is pro-rated.

All About Apartment Moving has a slightly more expensive service. AAAM charges $70 per hour and has a $70 service charge and a two-hour minimum for all jobs.

CJ's Starving Students charges $60 per hour plus an $80 service charge. There is a one-hour minimum on all jobs and the last hour is pro-rated.

Father & Son Moving & Storage provides a three-man crew and charges $87 per hour with no service charge. All jobs have a minimum of three hours.

All My Sons Moving requires a three-hour minimum and charges $80 per hour with no service charge.

A Apartment Moving of Orlando offers service from as low as a $60 deposit and $78 per hour with no minimum fee. The company provides free estimates over the phone.

Keep in mind that these are but a few of the dozens of movers available in this area. To get the best deal, call around. Remember to ask about hourly rates, service charges and minimum-time requirements. Also, obtain boxes yourself and box items to avoid boxing charges.
Splitting living costs between roommates

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Most would agree that the cost of student living can be relatively high. However, there are ways to split expenses other than the normal costs of rent and utilities. Obviously, the amount roommates pay for rent, and what they actually get for that cost, varies among residential communities. If signing a lease in one of the privately owned off-campus facilities such as Boardwalk, The Gatherings, Jefferson Commons, University House or The Village at Science Drive, students can expect to divide their bills including everything except the phone.

But what about the other essentials for living? A little bit of planning ahead and communicating with roommates prior to moving in can conserve on cash flow.

Since most student-designed dwellings offer private bedrooms, one may opt for their own television and stereo. But splitting who brings what for the kitchen and common living area saves not only money, but space.

Students can find great deals online when shopping for quick and easy living space necessities. One person can bring a Hoover upright vacuum cleaner from www.sears.com for $79.99. If a full-size vacuum cleaner is too large or too expensive, click over to amazon.com and order a Dirt Devil HandVac Plus for $29.95.

Moving on to the kitchen, another roommate may want to check out the Kenmore Countertop microwave for $89.99 at eshop.com. Or for the healthy, money-conscious person, the George Foreman grilling machine can be found on www.target.com for only $19.99.

Is there limited space in the main room? Studentmarket.com offers inflatable furniture at discount prices. A chair runs for $34.99 as compared to $59.99 retail. A couch is only $49.99 instead of $69.99 retail.

When living with two or three other people, one should never have to feel burdened to spend a lot of money. Speak to roommates ahead of time and decide who will bring what to the living quarters. Sometimes people even bring their own table and chairs or their own appliances from home, so that’s even better. After all, the best way to save money is to not spend any at all.
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