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**Students receive a TASTE of HUNGER**

Banquet addresses real-world poverty

**DENISE BLOOM**

Staff Writer

Sophomore Sarai Tormes, 19, doesn’t know what it’s like to be poor. But Friday night she was sitting on a pile of newspapers eating rice with her fingers and suddenly she was.

Other students sat a few feet from Tormes, feasting on a four-course meal complete with chocolate cake.

Tormes is one of many UCF students who chose to participate in the Volunteer UCF Hunger Banquet, an annual event that is designed to teach students about world hunger and poverty. Each year the event is held close to the Thanksgiving holiday when most Americans are feasting on and wasting food excessively.

During the banquet, students were able to experience different social classes by being placed within them. Students were randomly assigned to the lower, middle and upper classes and served dinner within their economic boundaries.

The majority of students, those who represented the lower class, ate plain white rice and drank brown water, while a few who represented the upper class were served chicken, rice, salad and bread.

Colored-coded nametags categorized the students into different socio-economic classes that represented a real sample of the world’s class divisions — and that evening 15 percent of UCF students enjoyed the privileges of the upper class, 80 percent were middle class and 55 percent represented the lower class.

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**PLEASE SEE Local on 4**

**Higher athletic fee to improve sports teams**

**SARAH DOWNES**

Staff Writer

The athletic fee will jump by $1.19 per credit hour beginning next fall after the UCF Board of Trustees unanimously approved the increase Thursday.

The athletic department will use the additional funds, about $1 million a year, to bolster itself and raise its profile. With the money, UCF will recruit athletes and coaches and offer more athletic scholarships. The money will also provide more tutors for athletes, purchase new equipment and build advanced athletics facilities.

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A fastin~ experience

KRISTA ZULIIZ STAFF WRITER

This month isn't typical for UPC students like Harme Kureishi. For almost a month he has spent the hours from sun- rise to sunset fasting, praying and giving thanks to Allah. He doesn't eat, drink, or even chew gum from dawn until dusk. He won't have sex, smoke or even play video games.

Kureishi has spent the month observing Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar and one of the holiest Muslim celebrations of the year through intense prayer and reflection. He prays five times a day for several hours in the evenings. He visits the Islamic Society of Central Florida most nights when it's time for Muslims to break their fast at sunset.

In many ways, Kureishi, a devout Muslim, already differs from most college students. The norms that pervade American youth culture — drinking, pre-marital sex, profligacy and even dating, things Muslims are supposed to avoid during the month of Ramadan — have never been a part of Kureishi's life.

But in many ways, he is like the typical college student. He goes to school during the day studies and hangs out with friends. He works out and says bodybuilding is his favorite hobby. He wears stylish cargo khakis and sleek black sweaters like the one he's wearing today.

It's not always easy, but I have my Islamic beliefs, he said.

And even though the holiday repre- sents a drastic departure from American culture — the culture that Kureishi grew up with as an American-born Muslim — feeling left out isn't difficult.

For the 21-year-old senior, his reli- gion isn't about restrictions and punish- ment, he said. It's about practicing self-control times more than a Mexican, Japanese, Christian or African American.

Saying the word "fasting" detoxifies the body. It consumers in the world, a world that sometimes has too much. It's about loving others, he said. It's a chance to become more of the way we North Americans live. Give it a rest.

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No sale: Activists fight shopping rush

GABRIEL ARNOLD STAFF WRITER

As the latest trendy GAP com- mercial fades to black, the image of a chubby girl giving a peace sign haunts the mind. A voice is heard saying: "The average American consumes five times more than a Mexican, 10 times more than a Chinese person and 30 times more than a person from India. We are the most voracious consumers in the world, a world that could not function in the way we North Americans live. Give it a rest."

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Student senate passes a resolution backing Sudia

BEN BAIRD STAFF WRITER

At the request of SGA senator Tyler Van Vreese, the student senate passed a resolution Thursday in support of legal studies associate professor Diane Sudia.

The resolution states the student body's belief that Sudia is a valued asset to the university and her contributions to both legal and legal studies and that her termination would deal a severe blow to the quality of the university and the department.

The measure passed without a dissenting vote.

The SGA resolution, a formal state- ment of a united student body carries no actual power.

Wearing a "Save Diane" t-shirt, Van Vreese called upon his fellow senators to support Sudia in her fight against the administration.

[The resolution] can be used as a springboard for other student body enti- ties such as the executive branch to take action," Van Vreese said.

One group, the UCF Trial Team, has already taken action. The team placed first in an invitational mock trial competi- tion that included several Ivy League schools just a few weeks ago under the coaching of Sudia.

The members of the trial team have formed an official organization on cam- pus called UCF Trial Team. The organ- ization currently consists solely of trial team members but plans to enlarge once more members are interested.

UCF Keep Diane Vice President Nick Sediele has already begun an awareness campaign in the form of "T- shirts in support of Sudia. The "Keep Diane," shirts sold out the first shipment of 69 the day they arrived, and Sediele expects a new shipment of 100 at the beginning of this week.

"I think this will help a lot," Sediele said. "Basically, we just need the faculty to see that the students do care about her; the students pay to attend the school and with that comes the responsi- bility to make our opinions heard.

The reasons for Sudia's termination remain undisclosed.

"The department feels that it is not the students' place to decide who is fired and why," Van Vreese told the SGA senate.

"The reasoning we can infer [for her termination] is that the administration found her teaching practices imprap- propriate," Van Vreese said.

Van Vreese called her teaching style "in your face," and said that her style reflects her experience preaching law.

Students doubt fee will make UCF athletics teams better

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Leaves not only things changing next fall

Morning shift may alleviate some traffic on campus

KATRINA HAMMER

With the implementation of a new block-style schedule set for August of next year, students and faculty members can expect to see less traffic problems on campus.

To make UCF more efficient and help alleviate traffic problems, UCF’s academic leaders have proposed and approved a new schedule that will take effect beginning with the fall 2003 semester. Classes will begin at 7:30 a.m. rather than at 8 a.m., when a majority of the university’s workers arrive on campus.

The half-hour shift in the schedule will bring student commuters to campus earlier and keep them from clogging UCF's roads when a majority of the university's workers arrive on campus.

Vice Provost Ed Neighbor, who helped develop and approve the new schedule, said that time is not the important aspect. "The driver behind this change is greater efficiency in classroom utilization," he said.

This change allows for a more balanced schedule, one that will make use of classes evenly throughout the week. Neighbor said that the need for greater efficiency was inescapable, and something had to be done.

This change could not come at a better time, with UCF receiving negative attention for its lack of utilization of classrooms on Fridays, Neighbor said. "If we schedule Friday classes, students will come to them," Neighbor continued.

Neighbor said UCF would not force colleges to schedule classes after 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, although colleges have the option of scheduling them. Administrators realize that both students and faculty do not want Friday evening classes.

The choice is left to each college when to schedule classes. Scheduled blocks will last roughly three hours, which colleges can use in one of three formats. Classes can be held in one 100-minute segment, two 75-minute segments or three 50-minute segments.

One of the benefits of the new schedule is that each college will have to schedule the entire three-hour block. For instance, "block 1" begins at 7:30 a.m. and continues until 10:20 a.m. The college will have to schedule classes for the entire block, rather than just portions of it. The college can schedule classes in one of the three previously mentioned formats.

Also, students should have no problems

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Local volunteers dispel stereotypes about homeless

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realize even a little helps."

Students had to donate two canned goods to participate in the event, but many felt it was a small price to pay for the experience.

"We might talk a few things for granted," said sophomore Magolden. "But experiences such as this one help point out the things we should be grateful for."

The banquet also showed a documentary and slides to help reinforce its message.

Kelly Carnes, the founder and president of The Ripple Effect, hoped to convince students to fight world poverty and hunger by helping out locally.

"I am here to inspire you to say 'no' to the status quo," Carnes said. "You can make a difference — you just have to start doing it. Although it may not seem like you are impacting the whole globe, you may affect one life and that's huge."

The banquet also tried to dispel stereotypes about the homeless.

Steve Davis, a member of the Homeless Volunteers in Action, shared his story with the students.

"I am not the stereotype," Davis said. "I was a cab driver who lost his job after Sept. 11."

Davis, who is currently homeless, is working with The Ripple Effect and planning to attend Valencia to earn his degree.
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46 percent raise makes Hitt highest-paid president

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Management. “If we were in a vacuum, you would have my unqualified support.”

“Right now we are at war, sending sons and daughters into harm’s way. Unemployment is at 6 percent; and tril­
ions of dollars are being lost just to keep the economy afloat,” he said. “Philosophically, I can’t feel comfortable in today’s world applying this goal. The right thing to do is to be oblivious to the world around us.”

Rosen instead suggested that a deferred raise of $60,000 to be awarded upon Hitt’s retirement may be a more prac­
tical decision.

But trustee Tom Yochum, who was chairman of the com­
ensation committee that researched and recommended the pay raise, said it was needed to make Hitt’s salary more comparable with peer salaries and would help retain the man who has led UCF for the past 10 years.

“There are numbers this university has put up within the last couple of years,” said Yochum. “That is not in the forefront of being chased by other colleges.”

Last summer Yochum com­
misioned a New York-based compensation firm to evaluate Hitt’s salary and performance. SEGAL, a consulting firm com­
pared the compensation levels of such schools as Georgia State University and George Mason University, both of which pay their presidents more than $200,000 a year, and concluded that Hitt’s salary was on par with the market.

“First, we don’t want to pay below the median,” said Yochum. “Second, President Hitt has been at this universi­ty longer than any public university president in Florida’s 11 public universities that spend twice as much as we do, and to universi­

ty is among the lowest-paid presidents in the state again within a few months as retiring presidents are replaced, said trustee Gemmelline Ferris.

“There are five universities in Florida now hiring, and he can go to any one of those and still make more, even with the compensation,” she said. “And even if Hitt were to leave, Yochum said UCF might have to shell out over $200,000 to hire a replacement.

Besides, said Yochum, sev­
eral UCF professors already earn as much as $100,000 more than Hitt did. He did not ident­

if they are professors or their depart­
ment. Board Chairman Dick Nunis agreed that it was impor­tant to keep Hitt at UCF to ensure the continued success of the university for the next three years. “He’s a guy who will pay more than what he’s making to help this university grow,” said Nunis.

Several trustees praised Hitt for his achievements on the local and state level, including his elected position as presi­
dent of the State University President’s Association, an organization designed to unite Florida’s 11 public university presidents.

Despite the near-unani­mous support from trustees, however, Hitt’s raise drew praise from students who expressed their outrage over an expense that some said could otherwise fund a dozen raises for faculty members teaching fundamental classes and assistants to help oversubscribed professors teach over-crowded classrooms or improve or add student computer labs on cam­
pus.

Emily Ruff, co-chairman of the Progressive Council, asked to formally address the board on Thursday before trustees took a final vote. She was denied because Nunis said she submitted her request too late.

“They need to put some public input before the board,” she said. “If Hitt were to leave, we don’t want to pay below the median,” said Yochum. “Second, President Hitt has been at this universi­

As a result of the board’s decision, Hitt’s raise was reduced to $30,000. The total pay raise for Hitt was $212,000. Nunis said it was the best compromise.

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Earlier classes don’t excite many students

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with classes overlapping. The new schedule does not allow classes to overlap, since it is based on a strict block format.

Students may not like the change immediately, but many do not enjoy waking up early to attend class, especially after late nights of working or socializing.

Junior Sabath Kull, 20, commutes to UCF. The new schedule change may make her morning drives even earlier. “If I lived on campus I would take early classes,” she said. “I could have the rest of the day without school.” However, as a commuter, she feels the morning shift asks too much, and she does not want to wake up earlier.

For others, such as sophomore Shaunte Stidford, 19, morning classes are not an option. “In college you’re supposed to choose your classes,” she said. “I wouldn’t choose one that early.”

While students may not enjoy the idea of early classes, professors like creative writing instructor Debbie Weaver do not seem to mind the idea. “If students would be willing to come, then I would be willing to teach,” Weaver said.

Foreign language instructor Alan Kawai agrees with Weaver and would be willing to teach a 7:30 a.m. class. “If you have professionals attending who have a vested interest,” she said. “Those classes usually turn out to be a lot of fun.”

While students may grumble at first, the new schedule may solve many problems that have developed in the past. The old schedule method was inconsistent; therefore, the university had to develop one overall option.

Neighbor said that the new schedule preserves the flexibility of the old schedule, but the new blocks will add structure. “Everyone can do what they want, as long as it’s done in an orderly way,” he continued.

Neighbor said the highly centralized scheduling would bring many benefits for both faculty and students. He added, “Without question, it will be better than what we had before.”

Homemade gifts better for environment, heartfelt

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“I like making stuff for people as gifts anyway,” she said.

The Adbusters website also provides a link for creative alternatives to holiday shopping. Some suggestions include compiling meaningful photos into a collage, giving a valued personal possession to someone or filling a basket with homemade goodies.

However, making the wrapping paper, as well as the gift itself, is a task that can be undertaken by the recipient.

“Though I’m not the only one who feels this way, ‘So much of what we buy goes to waste,’ Dorsch said.

She believes the excess consumption devalues the environment, and she generally tries to keep her holiday purchases to a minimum, as well as avoid purchasing on Friday to support Black Friday.

“All that unnecessary packaging, it’s all a waste. I will at least do my part to help,” Moldoff said.

Adbusters Media Foundation’s BND campaign asks people to recognize the negative impact consumerism has on the environment. They rely on their activists to spread the word on the streets.

Junior Zachary Moldoff, 21, considers himself one of these activists. “People need to cut back on mindless spending,” he said. “I will promote the event locally.”

Adbusters refers to public protest demonstrations as “culture jamming.” Culture jamming often use performance art as a way to raise awareness.

“I might hang up artwork or posters,” Moldoff said. “Sometimes you have to challenge other peoples’. behavior especially when you see something they don’t want to see.”

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Muslim holiday clashes with American culture

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d me morally," he said. "I am doing the bare minimum of what I'm preached to do. I look at all the things I am allowed to do, and tend not to look at the things I can't do."

For Kureshi, doing the things he's allowed to do is a lot. He is vice president of the Muslim Student Association on campus, a member of Volunteer UCF's board of directors, a go-to person for any UCF President's Leadership Council and is studying molecular biology to earn a pre-medical degree.

Kureshi is also a body builder. And while fasting seems contradictory to the lifestyle of a body builder, where large amounts of food and drinks are mixed with exhaustive workout sessions, Kureshi doesn't sweat that, either.

"It's only 12 hours from very early to the morning till about 5 p.m. [that you can't eat or drink]," he said. "Then you can eat as much as you want. Every evening I'll eat a meal, go pray and then work out. It's not a big deal. I eat enough to sustain."

And Kureshi admits without meals to worry about during the day, he finds himself more energetic and productive.

"Honestly, I am more productive in this month than any other months during the day," he said. "I can go to the library and study and not have to worry about getting something to eat."

Mubeen Ahmed, a UCF junior, thinks Americans misinterpret the meaning of Ramadan and the Muslim religion.

A lot of people try to make this religion harsher than it is. People think I am starving myself, being punished," said Ahmed, who has also fasted for nearly a month. "But I tell them it is a test of my faith. Once you actually understand, it all falls into place."

"This month is designed to be a purification process," he said. "If you think you can do it for 30 days, you should do it for the whole year."

And like Kureshi, Ahmed doesn't consider those to be restrictions, but rather personal choices.

"He says when he finds the time to become intimate, he will, and he will consult his parents about his decision to date. There are basically no restrictions on us, we're allowed to do what we want, and we make our own decisions and have our own beliefs," Kureshi said.

But both Kureshi and Ahmad admit there are challenges posed by their faith, which has been stereotyped by media as a religion that is restrictive towards women and related to terror. It is difficult to dispel those stereotypes, they say.

"Ted Koppel doesn't get on the news and announce 1 million Muslims lived in peace today," he said.

Likewise, the media facilitates what Kureshi considers a restrictive portrayal of women - in American culture, that is.

"I think American women in those rap videos who are flaunting half-naked are the repressed ones," he said. "They don't say anything, they're just used for their bodies. It's so funny that people say Muslim women are so repressed because they actually want to be covered up."

Both Muslim students say they are strong in faith and firm in their beliefs, more now than ever before, something that happened when they entered college.

"In high school I went through this thing, I knew I was Muslim because my parents raised me that way, but I wanted to really know about the religion before I said this is what I believe in," he said. "I studied other religions in a very objective way and my heart led me to Muslims."

Ahmad admits he had to do personal soul searching before he could completely embrace his Muslim faith.

"I am much more of a practicing Muslim now than I was in high school," he said. "Back then I didn't know why I was doing certain things that my parents taught me. I did a lot of studying on my own to understand my religion."
Scholars make a difference with sibling setup

Rachel Zall • STAFF WRITER

At some point while growing up, students who have a younger brother or sister have wished that their sibling was never born. But for sophomore Jordana Llabos, 20, being a big sister to someone is one of the most valuable qualities she could have.

Llabos and Monika McCormack recently started Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS), an organization to help emotionally deprived children, in their LEAD Scholars class.

Second-year students in LEAD Scholars have the option to do a practicum, instead of taking a class, for a grade. "We originally wanted to work with rape victims, but chose Big Brothers Big Sisters because of the serious issues that face young girls today such as sex, drugs and body image," Llabos said.

The assistant director of LEAD Scholars, Stacy Landrey, is not only overseeing their coursework, but is BBBS’s program adviser as well.

"Jordana and Monika felt that the Big Brothers Big Sisters program was a good choice for this project, and I agree," Landrey said. "As their professor, I have overseen their progress with the program and wanted it to grow from an idea to a dream come true. No grades have been given out yet, for they still have a final paper and presentation to do, but I am very proud of their accomplishments thus far.

"BBBS of UCF currently has about 15 active members, as well as members that participate in the organization through an e-mail service, Llabos said.

"By the end of the semester, we would like to have enough members in BBBS to be able to pair up every child that the [local] chapter of BBBS can give us," said 20-year-old junior Kristen Witten, who is vice president of the new campus organization. "Men are especially high in demand.

The children in this program come from many different situations.

"Some [children] have been abused or neglected, while others are just in family situations where their parents think they could benefit from some one-on-one time from another adult," said Faith Rohler, BBBS program manager.

"We have a lot of single parents with two or more children who work full-time and go to school. There are also parents who both work and just do not have the time they would like to have to be able to spend with their child," she added.

BBBS recently had a bake sale for its first fundraiser, said BBBS’s public relations chairman, 20-year-old Elizabeth Barnack.

"We raised $115 and it was a huge success," Barnack said. "We will be having another one in the spring and also plan on doing a raffle in January where anyone can buy tickets to try to win prizes such as gift certificates to food and clothing places.

BBBS of UCF works with the Central Florida chapter, whose office is off Orange Blossom Trail. Every week, BBBS meets in the LEAD Scholars office since they do not have their own office on campus yet.

The only requirement to become a member of BBBS is to meet all the Golden Rules. Students must also go through an interview process with the Central Florida chapter. The student must consent to a background check as well. A child is then matched with the student to fit each other’s personalities. However, the students are not the only ones who have to go through this process. The little/brother/sister has to go through the same interview process as well.

Although the difficulties of starting a new club are inevitable, Llabos has nothing but confidence in the club’s success.

"This is an important time because many students can’t handle the disorganization of a club getting off the ground and it’s important to try to keep people interested and active," Llabos said. "I have amazing people working with me and I eagerly go outside the club. We all work really well together, and it’s great to see that."

This practicum, a project originally started to receive an "A" for LEAD Scholars, has become a passion now for Llabos.

"I wanted to pursue it further when I saw how people were interested and how far we could grow with this," she said. "Now, two months after starting this organization, I have a little brother/sister setup, it is the most amazing feeling in the world to start a club with two people and watch it grow into US. It makes you really appreciate yourself and realize the things that are possible with a little initiative."

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OUR STANCE:
Wrong time for lavish raise

T he UCF Board of Trustees ignored the sentiments of UCF students and faculty and irresponsibly approved a $93,000 raise for President John Hitt. Yes, UCF has flourished during Hitt’s ten-year presidency, but to reward a single man for the university’s successes makes no sense at all. Hitt will get this raise on top of the free home, transportation and health care he already enjoys; not to mention the additional compensation and country club membership. Hitt already makes $200,100 a year. A man with a high salary and no expenses does not need a raise.

The board of trustees tried to justify the raise by comparing Hitt to CEO’s of a successful corporation. This logic is inherently flawed, as university presidents’ main responsibility is to educate, not to make money. Money should not be the bottom-line in higher education.

If UCF faces a budget crisis, students’ tuition continues to rise, the university cuts back the services it offers students and professors go without raises, UCF cannot afford to give such a large pay hike to a figurehead. Hitt has numerous assistants and vice presidents who do the work of actually running the university. Meanwhile, Hitt sits in his office, inaccessible to the students whom he serves. If UCF can afford to give raises, many university employees deserve them more than Hitt. For example, UCF’s janitorial staff, the people who keep UCF looking beautiful, make pennies compared to President Hitt and do much more work. At an open forum earlier this year, Hitt told students the university cannot afford to pay these workers more, even though they are severely underpaid. The money just is not there, he explained.

Underpaid also describes UCF’s professors, who ask for paltry raises but often receive nothing. Professors represent the frontline in the university’s main mission, educating students. They certainly deserve raises more than Hitt.

In fact, Hitt could fund many more pressing needs around the university. That money could go into the computer budget, so that students do not have to pay for printing services — a measure that UCF will implement because of the supposed budget crisis. The university could use the $83,000 to hire more professors, or at least compensate current professors better. Or UCF could offer more financial aid, especially to students who have had to wait months to receive their money.

The student voice on the board of trustees, Student Body President Marco Peña, raised many of these concerns at Thursday’s meeting. Unfortunately, when the time came to vote, Peña betrayed the students he’s elected to serve by abstaining from voting. Granted, Peña’s dissenting vote would not have prevented the measure from passing, but it was an opportunity to represent UCF students, who do not think that Hitt deserves such a hefty raise.

OUR STANCE:
Energy companies buy right to destroy land

Once again, financial backers have dictated public policy for the Bush administration. According to a recent New York Times article, investment bankers have decided to release pollutants that contaminate the environment into the air and into the water. These industries are based, will suffer the most from these new measures, as the air they breathe will almost certainly become dirtier. Apparently the health of the American people and the sanitariness of the environment matter little to Bush compared to the interests of political donors.

Bush and the Republican Party were the main benefactors of donations from the utility, coal and oil industries during the 2000 and 2002 campaigns. Energy executives and the electric and mining industries donated millions of dollars to Bush and the successful presidential campaign.

In return for their largesse, Bush appointed donors to his transition team, which helped determine energy and environmental policy for the Bush administration. It is no surprise that the Bush administration has adopted policies beneficial to these industries.

As some students are left to wonder where their financial aid checks are...

...and others ponder recent fee increases.

...one can’t help but wonder where, oh where, does my money go?

Hitt deserves top pay

I feel that President Hitt deserves his raise—$93,000 given for Hitt’s, published Nov. 11. If someone took a picture of the school the first day I came here four years ago and compared it to the school one year, one would be shocked.

Look at what has he done for the school. Look at the construction of Classroom 1 Health and Physical Education 1 and 2, imposes Health, Engineering 2, the athletics center and two parking garages, with Rosen 2 and Education 2 on the way.

The student population has risen in quality and quantity in the last few years. Student housing has increased dramatically with the addition of this community, Student Housing and the purchase of Knight’s Landing and College Park.

The amount of financial aid has doubled since my first day. If we are in the NAC, for football, the biggest thing since Donnie Clauson. The campus maintains an amazing safety record. Hitt’s job seems great responsibility. Hitt is responsible for every aspect of everything that goes on: on-campus, off-campus. It is responsible for the safety and well-being of all 50,000 students. If Hitt’s job was easy, everyone would be able to do it. And I don’t think any one of us would complain about getting that raise. I understand that financial aid has been crazy. I also have the President’s support with PID 800 and PID 95. Everybody here has nightmares with registration. Is President Hitt’s good quality sustainable his life mission by far?

—AARON KERN

Calling students to protest financial aid delays

My fellow UCF students, it is the week of Thanksgiving in the fall 2002 semester and some people, including myself, have not received the financial aid that rightfully belongs to us. This is due to a lack of proper progress in the implementation of the PeopleSoft software throughout campuses. PeopleSoft has been in financial aid every week of this semester to inquire on the status of my aid and have always been told, “You should be getting your money today but we cannot give you a definite date.” Well, I have reached the end of my rope.

I propose that on Tuesday at 12:15 p.m., the students affected by financial aid and the people that complain with them take part in a non-violent demonstration inside and outside Millican Hall. Staging a sit that reflects your thoughts on the financial aid situation. The more people there are, the faster and louder our voice as students will be heard.

—ALEX KASDA

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"When they discover the center of the universe, a lot of people will be disappointed to discover they are not it."
—SEBASTIAN HALL
**Fries with your lawsuit?**

**MENTAL DOODLES**

*Christopher Arnold Cash Writer*

If you really are what you eat, can you say what you become because of who you are? Apparently, some lawyers in New York think so. To quote one recently filed a class-action suit against McDonald's, Burger King, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and Wendy's because — wait for it, wait for it — their food is making them fat. Daniel? I found it too. Going to these lawyers' logic, I am now able to see the marvels of television and computers because my vision is so terrible! If so, look out Bill Gates — I'm gunning for you.

High blood pressure, diabetes, obesity — all this from fast food? I would have never thought it possible.

As was to be expected, some of those places more readily than I should. But at the same time, their product... unhealthy? I am not under any false impressions about the social order of things.

I understand that what they serve is fairly fat, and by food I mean their fries, which they have to eat on "Fear Factor." I also realize that, even through McDonald's, they can create an environment in which they cook their food, it is not a super serum that is going to transform us into the Universe. It's greasy. Just saying the word usually adds a dose of pounds to the average person.

Sometimes I have to wonder whether I've slipped through a sheer in the fabric of space and time and handed myself right into Brian World. Greeting me was never under the impression that a. steady diet of fat fries and French fries would not make you fat. Before Subway came along, it was mostly McDonald's where duret ate its meals. Despite the frivolity of this lawsuit, it is readily and sadly apparent that lawyers will sue if a client are coming.

With that understanding, we are forced to evaluate the larger issues that this lawsuit brings to light... among them being the lack of responsibility of involvement... children's well-being, as well as accountability for personal decisions...

In pursuing this matter, the plaintiffs cite the growing numbers of obese children within the last 20 years. That trend is alarming, certainly. But to sue fast-food restaurant chains in an attempt to rectify it only dose a disservice to those trying to reverse the trend.

While some may contend this lawsuit can open the public's eyes and reveal the distress... behind some of our greatest tragedies, the greatest likelihood is that it will drive people further into denial about the issue of obesity in children.

For a moment, let's just suppose the case went to court... and the restaurants are found at fault... is this a Brian World, after all, right? We would never see The Colonel or The Crown banished to an unemployment line; their businesses are too lucrative and their services too desired. But even if such an extreme measure were to result, guess what?

Those same obese children would most likely continue to be obese. Unfortunately, obesity is the result of a combination of factors... diet, activity, and sometimes, genetics. For the sake of our discussion, however, let's set aside the element of genetics and look at the first two.

Let's imagine a person whose diet consists of absolutely no fast food. Could that person be healthier than someone regularly eating on-drive-through windows and value meals? Sure. But it could just as easily be the same or worse.

Unfortunately, there is just enough garbage in supermarket kiosks for today's children to eat as there is beneath the Golden Arches. And we have not even taken into consideration their levels of activity. I shouldn't have to say this... but after reading about this lawsuit I feel might as well... regular physical activity of any kind is vital for anyone's health, but much more so during the formative years of youth. Parents need to realize that "parents" is not always synonymous with "friend." Don't let children make Burger King their second home. Make them "eat their vegetables" and "clean their plate," as I often heard throughout my youth.

Don't let them watch 12 hours of television planted to a screen... and then order them to eat fast food. At its core, it is not thrown out of court... which it very well should be... this case can only provide the defendants with a monetary award.

The issue of childhood obesity is too serious to be mocked by such redneckness.

Guillermo Dinaytor Arnold can be reached at drewarducman@...
These geezers drive me crazy

STEPHEN HIRST  STAFF WRITER

While driving the short distance from Jefferson Commons to Bubbalous's Bedazzled Barbecue, I spotted an elderly man driving his massive Cadillac on Alafaya. I probably wouldn't have noticed him, except for the fact that he was driving at a suicidally-insane speed of 25 miles per hour. Now I know what you're thinking — this opinion article is going to be another incoherent, hateful rant against old people, how they shouldn't be allowed to drive, how slow and blind they are, how no one over the age of 70 should be issued a driver's license, blah, blah. Well, rest assured, that's not what this is all about.

Instead of becoming frustrated with the driver of the Cadillac hampering my journey, I decided to put myself in his position. I pictured myself at 81 years of age. My basal cell carcinoma is acting up, I've taken my daily dosage of Demerol, and I'm wearing pants up to my armpits. Just another typical day for this senior citizen. I'm realistic — I know I'll be lucky to have nine, maybe 10 years left on the clock. So, I'll be driving to my grandson's little league game at a brisk 25 mph.

Good God, no. It's something that's puzzled me more and more as I stopped to think about it. As you age, there's less and less time left to accomplish what you want to do in life. Each day contains precious hours you could spend writing your memoirs, traveling to foreign countries, or teaching your grandkids how to shoot a rifle.

When you're getting up there in years, can you really afford to take an extra hour on the road, just getting from point A to point B? The clock's ticking, man — step on it. While a college newspaper might not be the ideal place to reach the senior citizen segment of the population, I would like to issue this challenge to geezers (and I mean that in the most non-offensive way possible) everywhere — put the pedal to the metal. Yes, you'll be doing me and everyone else who has been forced to suffer in traffic behind you a favor, but most importantly you'll be doing yourselves a favor.

My childhood next-door neighbor had the right idea. She was a soft spoken, seemingly timid little old lady with a lot of grandkids. But my earliest memories of the woman are of her heedlessly backing out of her driveway like a bat out of hell. She whizzed along the streets of our neighborhood in her tank of an El Dorado Cadillac fast enough to put any of the kids with sports cars to shame. She was the true terror of the neighborhood. And it wasn't because she was senile and incapable of estimating her own speed; she purposely meant to drive that fast. She might have been a senior, but she had things to do, and she wasn't going to let her age become an obstacle to her busy schedule.

What I'm saying doesn't just apply to driving. As I get older and older, you better believe I'll be going faster and faster, or at least as fast as my body will allow. If anything, the present is the time to kick back a little. There isn't any reason to rush things now — not while I'm young. I've got a few more years of life left to live, and I don't want to waste any of the kids' time by doing things here in the present. It's towards the end of the race when I'll really be putting on the gas, trying to cram every last bit of enjoyment I can into the remainder of my life.

So look me up when I'm about 80. I promise you, I won't be one of those duffers sitting in a rocking chair, sipping Metamucil and dispensing my life's wisdom to the children. I'll be the old buzzard who took out the back-seat of my car and replaced it with a task of ninjas, peeling out of the nursing home parking lot while I'm snacking down a can of Red Bull.
**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK**

**UCF starts season 2-0**

**Chris Bernhardt**

The UCF women's basketball team opened its 2002-2003 campaign last weekend with a sweep of the Golden Knights classic at the Veteran's Civic Center.

Against Eastern Illinois on Saturday, UCF made sure to capitalize on a halftime advantage for a 77-47 win. The Golden Knights used a 10-4 run midway through the first period to take a 25-22 edge at the break. But coming out of the half the Panthers made a run, with a three pointer by guard Lauren Delcy at the 15:54 mark pulling them within one point, 38-37.

On the ensuing possession UCF guard Jessica Scala answered that with a three pointer. When Delcy hit a lay-up two minutes later to again pull her team within one point, the Golden Knights used some hot shooting to finish the game on a 34-6 run. They shot 71 percent from three-point land in the second half and 56 percent for the game.

Sophomore center Tahira Allen paced the team with a career-high 16 points in a reserve role. Freshman guard Claudia Johnson scored 15 points on 5-of-7 shooting from beyond the arc, and Scala had 11 points. Paige grabbed 13 rebounds, 10 off the offensive glass.

Fornords Brooke Gossett and Rachel Karve lead the Panthers with 11 and 10 points respectively.

"I'm happy to get the season underway ready to play some people besides ourselves and see what the kids can do in a real game situation," UCF Coach Gail Strieper said.

On Friday night the Golden Knights began with a contest against Monmouth. UCF got off to a quick start, with forward Marvelous Washington scoring 13 points and helping the Golden Knights to a 12-22 halftime lead.

Yet they couldn't pull away in the second half, as Monmouth forward Bashanah French scored 11 of her team's second consecutive Atlantic-Sun Championship.

**Kristy Shonka**

**Staff Writer**

The volleyball team won its second consecutive Atlantic-Sun Championship.

The women's soccer team did it. The men's soccer team did it. When it was the volleyball team's turn Saturday, those Knights did it, too.

The volleyball team became the third UCF team this academic year to win the Atlantic-Sun Championship with a thrilling 3-2 victory over Georgia State. It was the Knights' second consecutive title and 10th overall, better than any other A-Sun school. The win gives UCF the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Championships.

Freshmen Emily Watts and Chaz Aram combined on a block at match point in the fifth game to give UCF the win after a season match, A-Sun Player of the Year Leyre Santaella Sante.

**Photo by KRISTY SHONKA**

**Please see Smith on 18**

**Golden Knights turn up the heat**

**Kristy Shonka**

**Staff Writer**

OXFORD, Ohio — The UCF football team was on a mission Saturday. Obviously that mission involved beating Miami, but more importantly, it involved beating Miami in Ohio in the cold. The Knights wanted to prove they could survive in the cold-weather Mid-American Conference.

Consider mission accomplished as the team, comprised almost entirely of Florida natives, beat the RedHawks 49-31 with the kickoff temperature a brisk 36 degrees.

"All off-season we've been hearing we

**Opposites attack**

**Chris Bernhardt**

Finally they are complete. With its impressive victory over a listless Miami of Ohio last weekend, UCF's Golden Knights played a well-rounded game from beginning to end for the first time all season. Unfortunately, it has come too late.

UCF's season of highs and lows, a season of history and redundancy, will come to a close this Saturday at the Citrus Bowl. From the euphoria of their first season in the Mid-American Conference to the bitterness of yet another slow of close calls to a huge turn-around during the stretch run, the Golden
**Offensive Player of the Week**

**JIMMY FRYZEL**

The senior wide receiver recorded a career-best 78-yard touchdown reception along with a 29-yard score marking the first time he’s had multiple TD catches in a game. He also eclipsed the century mark for the fourth consecutive game. He and fellow wide receiver Doug Gabriel both surpassed 1,000 yards on the season, making them the most prolific receiving tandem in school history.

**Defensive Player of the Week**

**RASHAD JEANTY**

The sophomore defensive end recovered a fumble by Miami quarterback Ben Reddick during the Knights’ 44 when UCF was up only 14-10 with seven minutes to go in the first half. He also recorded a sack for a loss of 5 yards and had six tackles.

**Inside the Numbers**

The combined receiving yards for wide receivers Jimmy Fryzel and Doug Gabriel for this season.

**2,103**

The length of freshman cornerback Omar Laurence’s first career interception return.

**57**

Alex Haynes’ rushing yards, eclipsing his career mark for the second consecutive week.

**156**

The number of yards Haynes needs for 1,000 rushing yards this season.

**8.4**

The number of yards UCF averaged per offensive play.

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**Football Notebook**

**Jimmy Fryzel show continues**

**Chris Bernhardt**

Staff Writer

Doug Gabriel isn’t the only wide receiver who should garner some attention by NFL scouts. Fellow senior Jimmy Fryzel continued his roll against Miami, working towards putting an exclamation point on his solid four-year UCF career.

For the fourth straight game, Fryzel went over 100 yards receiving. He achieved that before halftime, mostly thanks to a career-long 76-yard touchdown catch for UCF’s first score in the first quarter. Fryzel added a 20-yard scoring catch in the second quarter. It was the first time in his career he has registered more than one touchdown catch in a game.

He went over 1,000 yards for the season when he reached behind himself for a catch in the third quarter. And he had a 54-yard reception falling backwards with a defender draped all over him in the fourth quarter.

He finished the game with six receptions for 174 yards and two touchdowns. If he surpasses the 100-yard barrier in his last collegiate game, Fryzel will have finished with 2,030 yards this season.

**MAC Scoreboard**

- UCF 48
- Miami 31
- Toledo 33
- Northern Illinois 30
- Buffalo 21
- Ball State 21
- Western Michigan 35
- Central Michigan 17
- Akron 10
- Kent State 10
- Marshall 24
- Ohio 21
- Eastern Michigan 21
- Bowling Green 63

**Inside the Numbers**

72.7

UCF’s 3rd down completion percentage.

76

Jimmy Fryzel’s first quarter touchdown catch yardage.

107

The number of rushing yards UCF’s defense held Miami to.

7,962

The announced attendance UCF played in front of fewer than 10,000 people for the third consecutive week.

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**Around the Locker Room**

“I don’t try to take out the linemen, that’s Schneider’s job.”

—Wide Receiver Doug Gabriel

“I feel good to get this win and it feels good to be inside right now.”

—Wide Receiver Jimmy Fryzel

“They’re, in my opinion, the two best receivers in the MAC.”

—Wide receivers coach Ryan Schneider

“I love Ohio. It’s a little too cold, but I love Ohio.”

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“It’s one of those myths that Florida teams can’t play in the cold weather.”

—Wide receivers coach Ryan Schneider

“They need to turn that on super blow.”

—Wide receivers coach Ryan Schneider

“Cold.”

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High-flying UCF should stop grounded Ohio

FROM PAGE 13

Knights' season has turned into a roller coaster any local theme park would be proud of. Since going over Muntz put the Knights at 6-5 and ensures no worse than a 6-6 season. It also made them 5-2 in conference, guaranteeing a successful inaugural season in the MAC. Now after filling their stomachs with Thanksgiving turkey, the Golden Knights will play in front of the home crowd one last time in an attempt to make this winning season and salvage a somewhat disappointing year. Appropriately, they'll take on another MAC team that can sympathize.

New teams have come through the extremes of the Ohio Bobcats. This is a team that lost 72-21 to Bowling Green earlier in the season. Then three weeks later won 50-0 at Kent State without completing a single pass. They began the season 1-8, but they played Bowling Green, Florida, Pittsburgh and Connecticut during that stretch. Still, they managed a humbling 31-10 loss in their home opener to the Division I-AA Northeastern Huskies.

But somewhere along the line Ohio turned its season around. It won three of its next four games, all in-conference, to give itself a slimmer of hope in the East Division. That dream got off to a sluggish start in a 24-21 loss at Marshall last weekend, leaving the Bobcats at 4-7 overall and with a respectable 4-3 within the MAC.

The similarities end there. Because this game features one of the greatest offensive mismatches imaginable. Going into last weekend, UCF had the sixth best passing offense in the nation and the 59th best rushing offense. Conversely, Ohio has the country's seventh best rushing offense, and the 175th best passing offense. For those keeping score, only 117 teams play F-A football. That means the Bobcats have literally the worst passing attack in the nation.

Part of that comes from the fact they run an option offense. Quarterbacks Fred Ray and Donnell Jackson have thrown for a combined 720 yards. They've run for a combined 400 yards. By comparison, Ryan Schneider has thrown for 3,448 yards for the Golden Knights. He has negative 69 rushing yards. Ohio's two signal callers have 11 touchdowns on the ground this season, in just four in the air. Schneider has 27 scoring tosses this season and six rushing touchdowns in three years at UCF.

But while Schneider might wake up after the ever dream of playing in the Bobcats offense, Golden Knights running back Alex Haynes might not want to wake up at all. Certainly the sophomore is no slouch, gashing 897 yards and seven touchdowns on the ground in a pass-happy offense. But his Ohio counterpart, Chad Driskel, has benefited greatly from his team's preference to run. He has 1,042 net yards running and 115 more catching. All together he has 11 touchdowns, 10 of them rushing.

What more statistically disparate? The Bobcats leading receiver, Stafford Owens, has 14 receptions for 220 yards. But he has only 50 rushes for 358 yards. What about UCF's leading receiver, Doug Gabriel? He has 68 catches for 1,065 yards and just seven rushes for 52 yards.

At least on defense the comparison is a lot closer. Both teams have been middle of the pack, though UCF has the edge in both passing and rushing defense. Teams have had much success running the ball against the Golden Knights early, but they have stiffened up lately. Over the past three games they've allowed an average of just 60.9 yards. And though they aren't exactly have to concentrate too much on defending the pass in this game.

The most interesting match-up will be Ohio's two talent cornerbacks, people to Cox, against Gabriel and Jimmy Fryett. While, arguably the best cornerbact in the MAC, has a room-leading six interceptions and ranks among the MAC's all-time leaders in that category. Cox has just one pick this season, but leads the team in pass breakups.

Both teams have their special teams high points. The Bobcats are the conference leaders in kickoff coverage; the Golden Knights have the best net punting average. Because UCF has more balance on offense and the ability to make big plays downfield, Ohio will need the field position more.

Neither team will play for more than pride this weekend, but UCF at least has the chance of finishing with a winning year. The Knights need that extra motivation, because the holiday bowl will make for a small turnout at the Citrus Bowl. Though Ohio's corners might make it difficult for Schneider to connect with his primary receivers, UCF has too many weapons to get held down badly. By the Ohio and Chip Cox, playing extremely well as of late, the Bobcats' run, run and run again attack. The most interesting match-up will be Ohio's two talent cornerbacks, people to Cox, against Gabriel and Jimmy Fryett. While, arguably the best cornerbact in the MAC, has a room-leading six interceptions and ranks among the MAC's all-time leaders in that category. Cox has just one pick this season, but leads the team in pass breakups.

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can't play in the cold weather games. I said this week I hoped it would be cold so we can prove to people we're just as good in 50-degree weather as we are in 30-degree weather," UCF quarterback Ryan Schneider said.

Schneider led a UCF offense that averaged 8.4 yards per play, gaining 520 total yards. He was 20-of-30 for 374 yards and three touchdowns, while tailback Alex Haynes gained a career-high 156 yards on the ground. UCF improved to 6-0 on the year and 5-3 in the MAC, while Miami fell to 7-5 and 5-3 in the conference.

This time they throw

Peter Sanders (right) had one of two Miami interceptions Saturday against Miami.

quarterback Ben Roethlisberger near the goal line late in the first quarter, defensive end Elon Patterson crept in to within one sack of the school's career record. Darrell Rudd holds the record for 31.5. The senior, currently tied with Greg Jefferson for second on the all-time list, has one more game to set a new mark. But he might have a hard time doing so; Ohio, who runs an option offense, had allowed the least amount of sacks in the MAC coming into Saturday.

Blocked punt makes big difference

The play that turned the game around for UCF came in first quarter when Patrick Holland blocked a Miami punt inside the endzone. Every Gaskins recovered the block, but was stripped. Alphonzo Hopkins pounced on it for a score that gave the Golden Knights the lead for good.

That was the first time UCF returned a blocked punt for a touchdown in over two years. Elliot Shorter did it against Eastern Kentucky on Oct. 14, 2000.

No problem in cold weather

Early in the week UCF quarterback Ryan Schneider said he hoped the Golden Knights would face a cold weather situation so they could prove themselves to their critics. He got his wish; the thermometer hit only 30 degrees at kickoff. Though it warmed up to 46 degrees by game's end, UCF showed no ill effects throughout as it recorded its first road win against a winning team since joining Division I-A.

This time they throw

In a game against Akron a few weeks ago, the Golden Knights started a drive inside their 1-yard line and decided to run on first down with Alex Haynes. He barely got out of the endzone, saving a safety by only a few inches. After that game UCF Coach Mike Kruczek said he wouldn't run out of the endzone again.

In the second quarter Saturday, UCF again had a drive begin inside its own 1. True to his word, Kruczek called a pass play on first down as Schneider hit Gabriel for a 15-yard gain.

Hayes gets career-high, again

For the second straight game, Haynes set a career-high in rushing yards. Last week he ran for 149 yards, passing his old mark of 148 by just a yard. This time he got a Little more room, running for 156 yards and two touchdowns.

Hayes stands just 113 yards shy of the 1,000-yard mark. If he accomplishes that goal, he would be just the fourth Golden Knight to do it. No one has since Marquette Smith set the school record of 1,511 yards in 1989.

Etc.

Sophomore defensive end Rashard Jeanty recovered the first fumble of his career on a bad pitch by Miami in the second quarter.

Freshman cornerback Omar Laurence got his first career interception deep in UCF territory in the third quarter and returned it 58 yards.

Nose guard Larry Brown and weakside linebacker Stantond Rhule, who both missed last week's game with a finger and ankle injury respectively, returned to action Saturday. Brown wore a large cast around his left hand, which held surgery on the ring finger of last week.

Left guard David Askimaz, who left last week's game late with a leg injury, played as well.
Smith and Johnson pace freshmen

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high 15 points to keep the game close. But UCF answered every run despite getting outscored 33-31 in the second for a 68-65 victory.

Washington paced the team with 16 points and forward Erin Flage scored 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds off the bench.

"I thought we did a nice job of getting out in front of them but did not do a good job of taking them out," Striegier said. "We get to do a better job when we're ahead, really closing the door on them." Scalz OK

Though still not 100 percent following off-season back surgery, Seals started and played in both games.

On opening night the ill effects showed, as she hit just 2-of-10 shots and scored just four points in 29 minutes. She rebounded well on the tail end of the back-to-back literally and figuratively, grabbing five rebounds, dishing out three assists and getting two steals in 23 minutes.

"She's OK," Striegier said. "Her back is hurting a little bit, but when you start playing this many games in a row she's going to be sore. I think her shot was a little off (against Monmouth) but she does all the other things for us that don't show up in the papers."

Too many freebies
One of the few flaws in the first two games was the Golden Knights penchant for fouling. Their opponents went to the line a combined 35 times.

"(The refs) are just calling it really tight," Striegier said. "They're calling some of the other way, too, so it wasn't necessarily I thought they did a bad job. If we see the refs are going to call it tight we have to back off."

Still, UCF didn't do a bad job getting to the line itself. The Knights shot 35 free throws in the two contests.

Freshman shine quickly
On the heels of a strong preseason, freshman Shalya Smith started at point guard in both contests. She made the most of the opportunity scoring six points and grabbing four rebounds despite foul trouble in 15 minutes. On the second night she had five points to go along with six assists in 19 minutes.

Johnson, another freshman, had two impressive performances off the bench despite an ankle injury suffered Friday night that kept her on crutches before and after the second game. She scored seven points in just seven minutes against Monmouth to go along with her hot shooting display against Eastern Illinois. Her 16 points in that game came in just 10 minutes.

LaShay King, another first-year player, played limited minutes in both games. She had four points, four rebounds and two steals against Eastern Illinois.

"Shalya Smith played well, got in foul trouble early but she did a good job later on," Striegier said after Friday night's game. "Johnson can really fill it up. LaShay King did a nice job of what we asked her to do, and that's to go in and give us some quality minutes without having any turnovers and making any major mistakes."

Forward Shelby Weber missed the first game after not meeting Striegier's required time in a conditioning drill during the preseason. She had four points and four rebounds in seven minutes versus Eastern Illinois.

The last freshman, Celeste Hudson, missed both games for the same reason but will be available in the next game against New Orleans.

Navy escapes Knights

Kristy Shonea

UCF trailed Navy by just one point at halftime, but after an early lay-up by Ed Dotson, the Midshipmen held the Knights scoreless for five-and-a-half minutes and held on to win 68-65.

The Knights pulled to within five with just over nine minutes to play, but they could not get any closer in their season opener. With 4:17 left Navy held a 10-point lead and the Knights had to send the Midshipmen to the line eight times in the final 46 seconds.

Both teams struggled offensively in the first half as they combined for 20 turnovers. The score was tied at 10 almost 10 minutes into the game. The Knights had nine of their 12 steals in the first half.

Dotson led UCF with 14 points, but the forward had just one rebound. Marcus Boyd led the team with nine rebounds and added four steals. Point guard Al Miller recorded six steals, while Ray Abellard had 12 points off the bench. Josh Bodden had eight rebounds.

The Knights play their home opener tonight at 7:30 against Niagara.

FIU ends UCF's record season

Tom Alexander

As the saying goes, all good things must come to an end. The UCF men's soccer team found that out the hard way Friday night in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Just five short days after winning their first-ever Atlantic Sun Conference title, the Golden Knights fell to Florida International 2-1 in Miami.

The Knights' fairy tale postseason ended on a shot by Florida International's Juan Rivero that came from 20 yards out. Rivero was set up by a deflection from Oscar Gill just after halftime. The Knights scored first in the match when defender Brian Malee headed in an indirect kick from Jadon Planella just under 33 minutes into the match. FIU would tie the game later in the first half on a bicycle kick by Billy Bowwell that caught UCF goalkeeper Ryan McIntosh off-guard.

The Golden Knights were out shot 20-7 by FIU, and only three of those came in the second half. UCF seemed to have nearly every break go its way in the postseason this year, but despite the team's valiant effort, its luck ran out Friday. The Golden Knights finished the season 10-4-3 overall, and now look toward next season, when they will look to defend their conference title.
Watts leads the Knights in semis

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garnered her second consecutive tournament MVP honor with a match-high 24 kills.

The Knights got off to a slow start in the first game, trailing 9-4 and 22-17, but rallied to score seven of the next nine points to tie it at 24 and Watts hit the game-winning kill for a 29-27 win.

UCF rode that momentum into the second game and jumped out to a 16-5 lead. This time GSU made the comeback, tying it at 18. The Panthers scored eight of the final 12 points for a 30-26 win.

In the third game each team made a 12-4 run until UCF seemed to pull away with game point at 29-27. Georgia State rallied back, however, to win 31-29.

UCF ended the fourth game on a 4-1 run to win 30-27, after the Knights had trailed at one point 19-11. The fifth game was also a back-and-forth battle that included seven ties before a Sante kill and the freshmen block sealed the championship game for the Knights.

"It was a great match that came down to the wire and it was a fantastic match by both teams," UCF Coach Mog Colado said. "Fortunately, it ended well in our favor.

Joining Sante on the All-Tournament team were Watts, Frank, GSU's Randi Van Dam and Molly Sapp and Jacksonville's Krista Dinitrow.

"In some ways I am really happy about winning the MVP, but I also think it was a team effort and some of my teammates probably deserved this honor more than me," Sante said.

Watts registered 19 kills, 14 digs and five blocks in the match, while Frank had her fifth triple-double of the season with 58 assists, 13 kills and 12 digs.

UCF reached the championship by way of a 3-0 win over Jacksonville, the only A-Sun team to beat the Knights during the regular season. In that match Watts shattered the conference record for hitting percentage by hitting .500 with 20 kills.

"Not only did Emily shatter the hitting percentage record, she did it in phenomenonal fashion," Colado said. "She has been doing a fantastic job, but she has great teammates around her. Jenny (Frank) has been setting her great balls and it was a team effort that helped her establish the new record.

UCF hosts its Thanksgiving Tournament this weekend, welcoming a pair of Southeastern Conference opponents to the UCF Arena. The Knights play Kentucky at 7 p.m. Friday and Arkansas at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Lopez routs Martins field

Julie Reeves contributing writer

Do you know who the first QB to throw for 500 yards was? Eric Lopez knew that it was Norm Van Brocklin, and he dropped more knowledge on route to a convincing win over Thayer Rasmussen in the online sports trivia finals. Lopez paced the field with a first place finish in the regular season standings and survived the single elimination tournament.

We Repeat, Sig Ep wins competitive title

Chris Morello is still on the inured championship field looking for his shoes. After an ankle-breaking move by freshman Bryan Orenchak, Morello missed a flag pull and Orenchak went 60 yards untouched for the game clinching score that helped Sig Ep win its second straight men’s flag football title over Unpredictable. Sig Ep came out scoring early, as quarterback Matt Malloy lead his team down for the first score. A safety made the game 9-0, before Unpredictable struck back with a 10-yard touchdown pass from Josh Algonze to Matt Krzesinski to pull within two points.

That was as close as Unpredictable was going to get, as Sig Ep scored to make the game 16-7 entering halftime. Unpredictable made a late rally to get the score to 16-13, but could not convert on the difficult three-point conversion that is allowed in the game of flag football. Sig Ep added two late touchdowns, beginning with Kiel Rodriguez’s highlight reel run, to put the game away 23-13. Following their win Gal Benssandor said, “Heroes win the game, but legends never die.”

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“Heroes win the game, but legends never die.”
Celebrating Thanksgiving veggie-style

**Kristin Davis**  
**Staff Writer**

Turkey is as common on Thanksgiving as a Christmas tree is at Christmas time. But for 22-year-old senior Shannon Hornack, there will be no turkey on her plate.

In fifth grade, when her neighbors raised a cow named Rosco and slaughtered it for food, she has not been able to eat meat without a guilty conscience. Gruesome videos she watched in elementary school about how animals were slaughtered for food also contributed to her abandoning her meat eating ways.

"I don't even remember what meat tastes like," Hornack said.

However, being a vegetarian on Thanksgiving has its benefits. Vegetarian meals take less time to prepare and do not only consist of vegetables, Hornack said.

Vegetarians can celebrate Thanksgiving just like anyone else, with the exception of eating animal products, she said. Indeed, Hornack is one of many students at UCF who are giving up meat at their Thanksgiving celebrations.

Some vegetarians eat tofu-turkey, a product made from tofu, instead of the traditional turkey, while others may enjoy vegetable side dishes.

Senior Heidi Davis, 22, has found plenty of alternatives to eating meat at Thanksgiving, such as vegetable lasagna, green rice casserole, corn, pudding, bread and pie.

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Varkonyi said, "When I was growing up, I wasn't growing up because I didn't celebrate the same holidays as many of my friends who celebrated Hanukkah and Christmas. My mom would make her sufganiyot - jelly donuts - in celebration of the holiday of Hanukkah. Hanukkah, an eight-day celebration created to remember the Maccabees and the destruction of the temple, begins Friday and concludes Dec. 6.

Freshman Julie Varkonyi, 18, said she has always enjoyed celebrating Hanukkah. She said the holiday commemorates the miracle of lights on the first day of Hanukkah to eat traditional foods such as sufganiyot and exchange gifts. Hanukkah, Varkonyi said, is the "Hanukkah house" and she celebrated it with her sufganiyot.

she has found alternative methods to celebrating the Jewish holiday at home. Wolf is president of a club called Jews, which consists of Jewish Greeks. She will be attending their Hanukkah party at Wackadoo's at 10 p.m. today. The admission is $5 or an unwrapped toy to be donated to Jewish Family Services for Hanukkah gifts.

Junior Rachel Feinman, 20, also participates in Hanukkah celebrations at UCF. She is a member of the Jewish Student Union-Hillel, which lights candles together every year.

The Jewish Student Union also hosts its own Hanukkah party each year, which featured a band and a dance auction at Wackadoo's yesterday. Feinman's Sisterhood Club from her synagogue at home sends her care packages filled with things like an electric menorah to light up her dorm room.

She improvised last year when she had forgotten to bring a menorah with her. "My boyfriend made a menorah out of aluminum foil for me," Feinman said.

Although she has adjusted to celebrating the eight-day season away from home, she said she misses her family's Hanukkah parties, in which each family member traditionally played a role. "My mom would plan the Hanukkah party, my dad books the entertain­ment, my brother helps serve the food, my uncle plays the keyboard and sings, and I run the games for the kids," she said.

Feinman did not mind growing up without a Christmas tree. She said her mom would come to her class every year in elementary school and explain the meaning of Hanukkah to the other children. Her mom even brought in gelt - chocolate coins - to share with the class.

Freshman Matthew Spiewak, 18, said he was not deprived for not having a Christmas either. Spiewak grew up in an all-Jewish community in Cooper City, Florida. "My community was 90 percent Jewish people," Spiewak said. "There were no Christmas lights here and there, but they were greatly outnumbered by the memorials people would light in their windows." In a two-mile radius, Spiewak said there were probably about 3,000 Jewish people.

He plans to travel home for Hanukkah because most of his classes will conclude on Wednesday. Freshman Rachel Colish, 18, will not be able to go home for Hanukkah. However, she does still plan to celebrate the holiday at UCF with her older brother, who also attends the university.

Colish said her family is very close and believes that spending quality time together is important, especially during the holidays. Her family plans to visit her on the first day of Hanukkah to eat traditional foods, sing the four and four songs together. Colish said she never forgot to bring a menorah with her.

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Diabetes

Q. Diabetes runs in my family. Can you tell me a little bit about the disease and its symptoms?

A. Diabetes is the most common endocrine disorder. It is a chronic disease caused by pancreatic insufficiency of insulin production, resulting in elevated blood glucose (sugar) levels. Insulin lowers blood glucose levels. There are two diabetes classifications: Type 1, or insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, and Type 2, or non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus.

Type 1 occurs in 15 out of 100,000 people, with a mean age onset of 9-12 years old. It develops due to a viral or inherited defect, which damages the pancreatic beta cells, and therefore no insulin is produced. Insulin is required to keep blood sugar levels normal. Those patients require daily insulin injections in order to keep their sugar levels under control. Currently, there is no cure for this disease, only treatment with various types of insulin.

Type 2 occurs in 5,000 per 100,000 or 5 percent of the adult population, with a median age of 40. The Type 2 patient has a "partially" functional pancreas, some insulin is being produced, but not enough. Therefore, oral medications as well as injectable insulin are used in treating these patients. Type 2 diabetes can result from hereditary genetics, or can be a result of poor lifestyle choices; being overweight, poor diet, sedentary lifestyle, and excessive alcohol consumption.

Both types of diabetes can lead to chronic disease problems which include: arteriosclerosis, cardiovascular disease, kidney disease and diabetes, blindness, glaucoma, ulcers, skin ulcerations and peripheral neuropathy.

Signs and symptoms of diabetes include: urination frequency, increased thirst or appetite, unexplained weight loss, weakness, fatigue, frequent infections, nausea and vomiting, dehydration, headaches and visual disturbances.

If you are experiencing any of those signs and symptoms, see your doctor immediately and get checked for the possibility of having diabetes.

Diabetes is easily diagnosed by checking a simple blood glucose level or urinalysis. The key to treatment is early diagnosis, tight management of blood sugar levels, regular exercise, weight loss and appropriate diet.

A TV dinner replaces Thanksgiving turkey

21. Doesn't feel the same as Duy. Even though her family only lives 40 minutes away, Fitzpatrick said the drive is not worth it to her.

"I can tell them all the time anyway: they live in Cocoa Beach. It's not like I'll be missing out on anything. My mom can just as easily call me up and criticize me over the phone. I don't need to go home for that," Fitzpatrick said.

Fitzpatrick is actually happy she is not going home for the holidays this year.

"Thank God I got out of it this year. I had to my parents and told them I had some big group project that was due directly after Thanksgiving and that no one in my group had done anything." However, it is not just her parents that annoy her; it is sitting with her cousins at the kid's table as well.

"I'm 21 — it's not like I can't have an adult conversation with them," Fitzpatrick said. "I don't know why I get stuck there. The cousins act so weird, they still wear their Kids on the Block T-shirts."

But senior John Stone, 22, feels differently.

"My family is awesome, so it really sucks I can't see them this year. My mom, dad and sister are going over to London, but I can't join them because I can't get out of work. While they're looking at Big Ben, I'm going to be staring into my Healthy Choice microwave dinner," Stone said.

However, there are other alternatives for people like Duy and Stone, who can't make it home to be with family. The Meal Plan will host a Thanksgiving lunch at 11 a.m. Tuesday, that consists of traditional holiday foods and even offers a vegetarian alternative.

Since Stone cannot be with his family, this option does not seem like such a bad idea.

"I think I will definitely hit up Meal Plan, even though it's not on Thanksgiving, it will still be great to have turkey," Duy said.

Duy agreed that if she can't be with her family, she will have to settle for the next best thing.

"I'm not the only one who isn't going home for Thanksgiving. My friend Amanda can't make it home either, so we're going to get together and cook a turkey. Even though I can't spend the holiday with my family, at least I can spend it with my friend."

Yes, it still does not compare to being with family this Thanksgiving. Stone said.

"It's just too bad I can't eat with my family. We got along, which is rare for a lot of families, so I really cherish the time we spend together."
Volunteer efforts reward students during the holidays and year-round.

Crews said: "We complain about things like not having a car, but it makes you think, 'Hey, at least I've got clothes.'" The Ripple Effect is a nonprofit volunteer organization working to provide social and moral support to Orlando's homeless population.

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