Rookie program debut a success

Adopt-A-Cop worked well in its first term, could use some work

JARESSA SMITH

The Adopt-A-Cop program, which assigns a UCF Police Department officer to every on-campus housing area, has finished its inaugural semester with honors.

For this being its pilot semester, it’s been great, but I think it will still have a lot of room to grow," Officer Chris Gavette, who runs the program, said. The program was mandated by the UCF Budget Control for hepatization in its Volunteer Service program in July 2005 for its immense amount of UCF community involvement.

The Adopt-A-Cop program was spawned from the Greek Community Oriented Program, first implemented in August 2005. Greek COP assigned one officer to each on-campus fraternity and sorority house in order to reduce crime and build rapport between the Greek community and UCFPD.

"The CFDD sees Adopt-A-Cop as a main goal of the Adopt-A-Cop program," said Officer Craig Wymer said. "We've brought this unprecedented program to UCF. When Gavette transferred from Florida State University last year, he was attracted by the positive stereotypes separating the UCFPD from the students. Hoping to break down the barriers between the university police and on-campus residents, Gavette proposed the Greek COP/Adopt-A-Cop program to the police department.

"Adopt-A-Cop assigns a UCF police officer to every on-campus resident area. When the program first began, Gavette asked officers to be on duty with the housing staff. They created schedules and interested in input and concerns about the program.

"Once we finished working with the housing staff, we let the officers run with the program on their own," Gavette said. "It's up to them to build the relationship, and so far, they've done an incredible job."

Building those relationships with those students living on campus is the main goal of the Adopt-A-Cop program. The idea is that the officer will be able to relate to the students better and can build a sense of trust with them.

"We've had incidences of boyfriend/girlfriend fights directed to the homes of hundreds of hours, and the Greek COP is a dispensable officer," Gavette said. "Since the officer already knows the students, because of the program, the situation is handled better and faster."

"Adopt-A-Cop works so closely with the housing staff to build the same kind of rapport."

"It's been great," Lake Clare Area Coordinator Lyndi Dormo said. "We've noticed a bigger presence of campus officials.

Officer Earl Cowan, who is assigned to the Lake Clare housing area, won the National Resident Hall Honor Spotlight in the southeastern region because of his involvement with the Adopt-A-Cop program. Resident Assistants from all around the campus submitted nominations for each month based on an individual's involvement in their campus."

Man charged Monday with raping 2 students

Officials say Evislandys Brito left his phone number on the victims' cell phones after attacks

SERGIO LOPEZ

Sheriff investigators arrested Evislandys Brito Monday after they charged him with raping two UCF students at gunpoint inside their apartments at the Village at Science Drive and then programming his phone number into their cell phones.

Investigators said the rapes occurred inside two different apartments at the Village at Science Drive, a privately owned apartment complex outside of UCF Police Department jurisdiction.

The first attack occurred late Saturday night, according to police reports. The second happened just after 4 a.m. Monday, in much the same manner, police reports said.

"This is a real strange case," Orange County Sheriff Investigator Sgt. Richard Mankewich said Thursday. "He sexually attacks his own girlfriend."

Mankewich said that after Brito programmed his cell phone number into his victims' cell phones, he called his phone in order to store his number into their own phones as well.

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Seniors set to bid farewell to UCF
More than 3,400 students will graduate this month, move on to new careers

CRYSTAL SCOTT

This Monday and Tuesday will mark the graduation of more than 3,400 UCF students, an event sure to be photographed by twice as many family members.

Within the ceremonies will be 2,566 graduates who filed intents for bachelor's, degrees, 907 for master's degrees, 59 for doctoral degrees and one for an education specialist degree.

"The numbers alone are impressive because we know how far the institution has grown," said UCF president Tom E. Biley. "The university did not begin to offer classes until 1978, so the number of degrees already awarded is impressive."

The degrees awarded next week will bring the total degrees awarded by UCF to more than 154,000.

At the conclusion of the fall commencement, President Biley will have awarded more than 96,000 of those degrees in his time in office.

"I have the honor of all of them," Biley said. "He has shared a lot of hands."

There are many graduating seniors who are eager about the upcoming ceremonies and have enjoyed their years at UCF.

Graduating senior Jessica Fulwood, 26, said, "I have had positive and negative experiences, but overall my tenure at UCF has been enlightening and pleasurable. This is the best decision I ever made."

Fulwood said she will receive a bachelor's degree in creative writing. She plans to work in the field after attending a movie studio. Fulwood said, "I will be fulfilling my passion of reading and writing and producer films."

Diane Albert, 21, said it was awesome this year's university commencement.

"My most memorable event at UCF would have to be my first softball game," Albert said. "I was so excited when I heard the candles go down and the lights went out."

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Mississippians cast bids for deadly Katrina recovery

WASHINGTON - Congressional pressure to approve emergency funds for schools and housing continued to mount Monday, as lawmakers worked to rebuild after Hurricane Katrina, the Republican governor testified before a court before the argument.

Supreme Court appeared to support its call for more federal money to help students who have been displaced by hurricanes.

The Court on Monday heard arguments by 11 students who have been categorized as "border-line" patients who previously had been judged inoperable. It then removed.

The appeal is the third of the three patients.

Marc Pipas, M.D., were able to do something to shrink.
Mario Jenkins honored

More than 100 people, students, faculty and members of the UCF community gathered Oct. 6 to pay their final respects to and light candles in memory of Officer Mario Jenkins, who was killed Sept. 24 while breaking up an apparent fight at a UCF football tailgate.

SGA Student Body President Willie Bentley Jr. spoke at the service. "I think that it is best to reflect on our own lives," he said. "We must not allow this tragedy to be our downfall."

A $10,000 annual scholarship has been established in Jenkins' memory between the UCFPD and the UCF community.

Phillips helps with real estate

As announced at the Sept. 22 Board of Trustees meeting, Dr. Phillips, Inc., donated $5 million to establish the Dr. P. Phillips School of Real Estate in the UCF College of Business Administration.

Dr. Phillips, which was established by Central Florida hotelier and chairman Dr. Phillip Phillips, owns nearly 2 million sq. ft. of institutional and office properties in the area. It uses a large portion of its earnings for various nonprofit organizations.

This is not the first time Dr. Phillips, Inc., has made donations to UCF. Previous gifts from Dr. Phillips to College of Business Administration created the Dr. Phillips Institute for the Study of American Business Activity and the Della Phillips-Martha School Chair in American Private Enterprise.

Although bachelor's degrees in real estate are offered at UNF, FIU and SAI, there are currently no named real estate schools in Florida. UCF would be the first in the state.

"This will help to increase the level of visibility and prestige of the school," said Anthony Byrd, the chair and associate professor for the Department of Finance, who has been helping to plan the program for close to a year.

Health Center triples in size, speeds up service

equipped with a larger waiting room, more examination rooms and increased space throughout, the new UCF Student Health Center will allow faster service.

Health Center director and associate professor for the College of Health and Human Performance Dr. Bob Faust said the new center will allow the quality of our students' health care to improve dramatically.

"The new health center is five times larger than the old building and has a larger portion of our campus," Faust said. "It's the largest health center on campus and will allow us to handle more people more efficiently."

Current census data indicates that people with a bachelor's degree earn a median income of $40,000 annually while those who earn a master's and doctoral degree earn $50,000 and $65,000 annually respectively.
No alert followed first assault

Mankewich said.

"I love it," Cop said about the Adopt-A-Cop program, "It gives the students someone they can go to.

Officers attend monthly homeowner meetings and hold safety forums to benefit students. The program includes self-defense class, K9 demonstrations and Alcohol Awareness programs are just some of the ways Adopt-A-Cop has worked with on-campus students.

Adopt-A-Cop recently performed Operation ID at every on-campus resident hall, including Greek Park. Operation ID is a program sponsored by the UCF Police Department that allows students to have their personal belongings engraved in case they are stolen.

"Because of Adopt-A-Cop, every campus resident at UCF had the opportunity to get their valuables engraved," Gavette said.

Adopt-A-Cop also participated in the Campus Safety Walk that was held in early November 2005. Campus Safety Walk is put on by the Safety Department, Physical Plant, UCPD and Resident Life in an attempt to make people aware that where on campus is safe for students. Volunteers formed small groups and walk over on campus so students would know that there was someone out there for them.

We were able to get a three-page list of problem areas on campus," Gavette said.

Gavette hopes to increase the program's involvement in the upcoming months. With the second crime at his complex and others increasing, he hopes that the number of offices in the Adopt-A-Cop program will increase.

Gavette also has plans to create an interactive Web site that students can access to find out more information about the program.
**Rallying against war**

A protest was held Nov. 16 at UCF titled "2,000 Too Many!" against the war in Iraq. Pictures, names, faces and images of all the 2,000 soldiers who have died since the beginning of the war were played on a string banner and marched all throughout the campus.

"We are trying to humanize the war, to make people realize that 2,000 is not just a number. These 2,000 people had names, families and identities," Stacy Kovaleski, a member of the event's sponsor, Campus Peace Action, said.

The march began in the Free Speech Lawn between the Library and the March and Physics Building. Protesters walked in front of the Library, through the Student Union, around the Pegasus Circle and ended their walk at the Memory Mall between the Health and Public Affairs and Classroom 1 buildings where they setup, which is expected to break ground in Lake Nona. The Orange County Commission voted unanimously following a presentation by Hitt to consider allocating an initial $8 million from reserves and match donations from each of the 13 county's service area up to another $5 million.

The Board of Governors, which oversees Florida's public universities, is considering a medical school proposal for the University of Central Florida. Florida needs at least two more medical schools to ease the growing demand for doctors, according to a study by MEDS of America.

**Task force aims at tailgating change**

The popular practice of bringing beer from a home keg to sell at an on-field arena before UCF football tailgates was officially banned in the wake of UCF Police Officer Mario Jenkins’ death.

Banning the devices, known as beer bongs, is one of a list of measures the task force studying alcohol use at large UCF events recommended.

President John Hitt enacted the ban last fall. "The event had been in planning for the past month after members of CPA got the idea after attending the anti-war process in Washington last September," Hitt said. "I think this was the right thing to do at the right time. That is also not the first time that CPA has voiced its opinion against the war in Iraq. Students attend local and national rallies as well as protests, and they ran last year’s ‘tent out’ event, where they set up tents and lived on campus for 10 days.”
Loss hasn’t stopped one UCF fans’ football fever

After Saturday’s loss to Tulane in the USA-Channel games, I’m sure there is a lot of disappointment. For l, one doesn’t really care because our football team will continue the progress. They worked hard to turn around our unfortunate season. I congratulate our football team and am proud to be called a Knight.

UCF needs to have its own cheer like other schools. But as a football player, any cheer the fans are willing to do would be at its best.

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The trial of ousted Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein continued yesterday. Hussein was charged with crimes against humanity for his role in the US-led invasion of Iraq and the subsequent occupation. The prosecution presented evidence of Hussein’s alleged involvement in the atrocities committed during his time in power, including the 1982-1989 Iraqi-Iranian War and the 1990-1991 Gulf War. Hussein’s defense team argued that the charges were politically motivated and that Hussein was held incommunicado for years.

Looking forward with high hopes

It is never heard of anything. It will be the least of my thoughts. I am looking forward to the next year, the most powerful and advanced. I have never been, and it is not to the obd and the rest. I have never had a thing, or my life. That is probably the most challenging time of my life.

For good holiday tidings, I offer the last tirade of 2005 and yours a happy holiday. Without you, we’d be nothing, and we need you now more than ever. The plains and the orchards, the harvest of vegetables, the harvest of nuts.

Holiday tidings to all, except for that former Creed singer

As you, another semester is coming to a close, and those wonderful holidays are full of presents and college football bowl games! I am hoping your season is full of all the thrills that football brings.

MOUTHING OFF

Sure, people have their own opinions and beliefs, but I think it’s important to respect others’ views even if you disagree with them. It’s crucial to listen and understand different perspectives.

That’s all. To all of you, I wish you and yours a happy holiday. For good holiday tidings, I offer the last tirade of 2005...
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The moment that everyone has been waiting for is here. It’s time to hand out the Knights as a milestone semester comes to a close.

A look at the best of a memorable and transitional UCF sports semester

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The highlight for the Golden Knights came in the first five minutes. A couple of short by- tioner Frankie Houston put the Knights up by a quick five points. The defense was able to hold the Seminoles without a point for the first two-and-a-half minutes. At the 14:44 mark of the first half, the Knights held a 4-0 advantage. But, in order to win games, a team must play a full 40 minutes and that is something the Knights have struggled with all season.

A 3-point win for the Knights isn't done yet. There were plenty of moments off the football field as well, as a star was born on the track, and one team overcame a lot of adversity on the pitch. So without further delay, it's time for the moment we've all been waiting for: The recipients of the fifth biannual Knighty Awards.

Please see WHAT in 84

Women's basketball team falls to Seminoles

BRIAN MURPHY

Defense and rebounding have been the major weaknesses for the UCF women's basketball team this season. On Sunday against Florida State, both of those deficiencies played a major role as the Seminoles sank five 3-pointers, including back-to-back threes from freshman Mara Fruhholz. In that span, the Seminoles sunk five 3-pointers, including back-to-back threes from freshman Mara Fruhholz. In that span, the Seminoles sank five 3-pointers, including back-to-back threes from freshman Mara Fruhholz. In that span, the Seminoles sank five 3-pointers, including back-to-back threes from freshman Mara Fruhholz.

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**Sadness isn't**

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Screw off, Rudolph! When it comes to holiday films,
the best of the bunch are the ones you'd least suspect.

A VERY TWISTED CHRISTMAS

Sick of It's a Wonderful Life, A Christmas Story and Miracle on 34th Street already? Tired of all these Rankin-Bass specials? Misplace your copy of Santa Saves Christmas? Local video retailer
all rented out. Jack Frost is the straight-to-video snowman mutant and the Michael Keaton
villain with a heart of gold.

Red State

While The Red showed that drunken Santas are
funny, Dead State proves that drunken Santas can be
harmful. Bill Murray was originally cast in the lead role, but we can't picture anyone but Billy Bob Thornton filling Santa's vomit-soaked boots.

Heartwarming holiday moments

This movie is filled, but in a good way. The funny
moments can barely be described without violating
several state obscenity laws, so we won't try.

Black Christmas

Considered by some movie buffs to be the first
true "slasher" film, Black Christmas is a refreshingly
bittersweet horror flick about a stranger who realizes
their warning phone calls to a sorority house and then starts to

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Syriana—a.k.a. “Traffic with oil”

Stream of statistics can’t supplant solid story or characters

WILLIAM GOSS

When you break it down, the political drama Syriana is a Traffic what Zathura was to Jumanji: practically the same story.

Like Traffic, Syriana chronicles the interactions of several figures on an international scale in the process of getting what they want, just with a different business in its sights (in Bob Barnes trying to draw together all of the threads into a single, meaningful narrative).

The mission of CIA agent Bob Barnes (George Clooney) is to assassinate the prince to ensure that his most agreeable brother is heir to the throne. However, his assignment soon unravels and he becomes a scapegoat for the agency as a result.

After a tragedy at the prince’s party, ex-CIA analyst Bryan Woodman (Matt Damon) is offered a position as energy analyst for the agency. He accepts it. There is also an entire sub¬plot concerning terrorist activities, but it is apparent that, even if all is running smoothly, there’s plenty of plot to go around. However, not all the information is pro¬vided and not all the pieces fit together, the entire movie drags as a result.

Unlike Traffic, Syriana is successful in giving the reader a story enough force to compensate for the missing patches, and the entire movie rings as a result. Writer/director Stephen Gaghan treats his characters as people. While certain scenes, particularly a torture scene, are indeed potent, they neglect to strike the viewer as much as they should.

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Santa's a serial killer in X-Mas slasher.

For US:
The single greatest movie while after Darth Vader:
Heartwarming holiday moment:
Meet Santa having just killed a terrorist, he uses him up as a Christmas tree and says, "Now I have a machine gun, hole his hat" across his chest. Dick about festival.

The Hebrew Hammer:
For now aren't a whole lot of Hebraic movies out there to begin with, but for those looking for a Menorah routine, one could certainly do worse than the 2003 Comedy Central movie The Hebrew Hammer, as Adam Goldberg goes on a mission to save Hanukkah from Satan's son, Andy Dick. It's funny, but fun nonetheless. After all, it's either this or Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights.

Heartwarming holiday moment:
Goldberg lays into a pair of North with stingers while screamed, "Shabad shalom motherf***ers!"

Golden:
A film that is much darker than most remember, Goodfellas is a prime choice for those seeking holiday mayhem, but don't put the movie wet or watch it after midnight.

Heartwarming holiday moment:
Meaningless this movie is Phoebe Cates' monologue about why she hates Christmas. "That's when we noticed the crack!" Way to traumatize us, Joe Dante.

The Ref:
It has been reliably established that one of the new classics for Christmas movies is 1994's Denis Leary comedy The Ref, starring a mismatched couple (Julie Davis and Kevin Spacey) on Christmas eve. The movie is buoyed by the excellent comedic sensibility of Leary and Spacey, and it is a refreshing reminder of Leary's comedic talent before The Life of David Gale.

Heartwarming holiday moment:
Bill Raymond as a drunken neighborhood Santa changes Leary who promptly hands him out cold. "Great. I just beat Santa Claus!"

Santa Clause Conquers the Martians
Dare to seek how low you can go seeking holiday irony? The infamous 1964 schooip picture Santa Clause Conquers the Martian is available in a key painful Mystery Science Theater 3000 version, if you can't locate this film on DVD, try seeking out Hulk Hogue's Christmas classic Santa with Muscles. The effect for both films is about the same.

Heartwarming holiday moment:
The next time you're laboring through It's a Wonderful Christmas Story on 14th Street, consider your options. Otherwise, we'll make you watch Beetle's Gamer back-to-back with Surviving Christmas. Happy holidays.

Late-night, drunken phone calls not romantic.

For US:
In this and most importantly, don't try to communicate in that you really like us and just want to spend a little quality time together. How interesting.

Don't call four hours earlier when you were making plans to go just for the screaming and invited me out with you, we could have had said "spend the time." If you like someone, you want to hang out with them and get to know them, hear what they have to say, heck, even them off to people. Calling me at 2 am, to come over to your house and keep me all to yourself does not make me feel like a girl on your list of desirable prospects. In fact, it puts me on that list of girls whom you are willing to sleep with as long as you can leave about it with a little atonement, or at least a laugh, instead of a Visit from Santa's son. When the film was released in 1984, parents were so offended by the notion of Santa killing people that the film bombed at the box office and, naturally, became a cult hit. It's just like every other slasher movie, except it has Santa.

Heartwarming holiday moment:
A serial killer who comes down a chimney - someone deserves a medal for that idea.

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