Retention helps start Senate in good shape

SGA officials looking to reach out to student body for greater input this year

ASHLEY BURNS

"Retention" is the spring goal for the UCF SGA Student Senate, and, since last semester's elections, only three students office.

Speaker of the Senate Mark White attributes that attrition rate to a November retreat.

"Usually, with Student Senate, you have anywhere from 48 to 52 people come in," White said. "Right off the bat you have four or five people who decide they don't have the time for it or they're not really committed.

"This year, with 36 senators returning, only two or only one person that was lost into the semester due to scheduling conflicts.

He attributed retention to senators' effort in their work and to how much they care about their jobs. "Not only are we keeping retention up, but the meetings are running smooth," White said. "We're handling different aspects of our lives, and we haven't had any complaints, as far as organizations not know­ ing who's gone or what's going on. We're trying to really make it up to the organizations when it comes to the budget.

White said student organizations have become more proficient at bringing exact amounts to their requests.

He said he expected the senate to continue to strive to improve "with a couple of the new programs we've got to start up.

"Senates plan to facilitate meetings for students and student organizations with college deans to help all of get to know one another and to improve communication within colleges.

"The meetings would be designed to help students learn what organizations are going for them and find out how to better voice their opinions on matters.

The senate will also continue a survey of popular opinion about what organizations, if any, should be made to the Recreation and Wellness Center.

A few thousand surveys have already been handed out, but to collect more, senators are creating a Web site to allow students to log on and voice their opinions directly.

"We're going to be receiving CTF money in about a half a year to a year and they will help us to expand the Sun and Wellness Center," White said. "They really want student input on the project, and Student Government is going to help them do that." The Senate has taken it as its job for the semester.

The gym is used primarily by students, and we want to make sure that students are satisfied.

Once all of the surveys are tallied, the sen­ ate plans to create a task force to find out which ideas can become reality based on budget.

"It's a good process that's starting," White said. "We're hoping that the results are going to show that hard work.

FDLE investigation completed; 1 fan facing charges

Michael Young only person charged in wake of shooting

The UCF fan who was shot after allegedly trying to tackle UCF Police Officer Mario Jenkins as he brandished his duty weapon while chasing a taillight, was arrested December on a charge of trying to car­ rying an officer.

Michael Young, 24, was the only person charged in connection with the chain precipi­ ting the deadly gunfire between Jenkins and Orlando Reserve Officer Dennis Smith before the UCF football game against Georgia Tech on Nov. 25.

The Florida Department of Law En forcement has closed the investigation for the first time that Smith, Jenkins with three shots and that Jenkins returned fire, shooting two rounds at Smith. Jenkins' shot narrowly missed the Orlando bicycle officer.

Orange-Osceola State Attorney Lawson Luesse strongly defended Smith's "split-second decision" to fire back. Jenkins sent a letter to Orlando Police Chief Michael J. Fedo and requested that his charges are warranting Luesse's decision.

"Officer Smith faced an apparent threat to the public safety," Luesse said.

"It's unclear who fired first. But it's clear that Officer Smith fired on a law enforcement officer who was acting outside of any kind of arrest. It's clear that Officer Smith fired back on, or fired at, a shooting threat."
Conference win brings UCF recognition

One Last Stand appears on OUC.

One Last Stand received an award for their album "Focus on the World." The band was recognized for their hard work and dedication. The album was released last month and received critical acclaim.

One Last Stand is a band from Orlando, Florida, known for their unique blend of punk, glam-rock, and metal. They are considered one of the most influential bands to come out of the generation of punk, glam-rock bands.

The band played at various venues throughout the country, including the Warped Tour, and was featured in the documentary "Rise Up." They were also part of the "Warped Tour" for the rest of the summer.

One Last Stand received positive reviews for their debut album. They were nominated for several awards and won a prestigious music award for their contribution to the music industry.

One Last Stand is known for their energetic live performances and their dedication to their craft. They continue to tour and inspire new generations of musicians.

One Last Stand is a band that is not afraid to take risks and push boundaries. They are dedicated to creating music that is both meaningful and entertaining. Their latest album "Focus on the World" is a testament to their talent and hard work.

The band is currently working on their next project, which promises to be even more exciting and innovative. One Last Stand is a band that can't be missed, and their music is sure to continue to grow and inspire for years to come.
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"Your Marriott Awaits"
State attorney defends officer’s actions

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Parents worry about paying for college more than retirement

EILEEN AIT PEW

NEW YORK — Reports about the rising cost of a college education appear to be having an impact on the saving patterns of American families. A survey has found that parents with children under age 18 are more concerned about saving for their children’s education than they are about saving for retirement.

The study was commissioned by The Vanguard Group, mutual fund company, which is based in Valley Forge, Pa., and by Diversified Investments Inc. of Munich, Germany, which claims to be the first fund selling rebates into educational saving accounts.

The survey found that 87 percent of the more than 1,000 parents who were interviewed said saving for college was of primary concern, compared with 83 percent of parents who said retirement was their top financial concern. The study said saving for a house, car or other major purchase was the least important.

Most families with children under age 12 were saving for college — 64 percent — than were families with children under 12 who said they were saving for retirement, when the survey was 59 percent. And 30 percent of families with special children said that grandparents and other relatives were helping them to save, compared with 25 percent of families with older children.

John H. Haywood, a principal of Vanguard’s education market group, said he suspected parents were motivated by saving college costs.

“If people believe their children will go to college, they are saving more,” Haywood said.

The cost of sending children to college has been rising at a faster rate than college inflation.

According to the latest survey from the College Board, a nonprofit association based in Washington, D.C., out-of-state tuition and fees at four-year institutions increased by 6 percent, from $21,004 in the 2002-03 academic year to $21,628 in 2003-04, while costs at in-state public institutions went up more than 7 percent to $12,059.

The cost of sending a child to college has risen faster than the rate of inflation. According to the survey, the cost of sending a child to college is now $21,628, up 6 percent from $20,604 in the 2002-03 academic year.

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What we love, what's worth it and what's definitely not.

WILLIAM GOS & NARRATED BY MAIDEN

Wiihilc the 2006 winter movie season kicks into full swing with the usual assortment of straight-to-video offerings, there's a whole new wave of quality movies. And while January to March may be the month that Hollywood wants to avoid, there are plenty of movies coming out later this year that should give audiences something to look forward to and even more comic book adaptations to appease the need for sex, blood and mayhem. So hold your plans for the films to come up for in 2006.

TONE DEATH

The one new film was loaded with grisly, tense death scenes, so expect more of the same from this movie. What's the point of being excited about this movie if it's Three atomic mushroom explo- sions? Could this film scare people away from theme parks? The answer is yes. Scheduled for release Feb. 10.

Gristle Royale

There has been much ado about the selection of Daniel Craig to play the role. Is he right? He's getting too old for the role, according to his Hamilton's source material is just what the younger for a series that has been blown by increases, slip-ups and setbacks. A return to semi-reality is a welcome idea. Scheduled for release Feb. 17.

The Fountain

It's been five years since Darren Aronofsky's last film, "Requiem for a Dream," which is for all intents and purposes a movie that doesn't have a happy ending. A movie that's so much more than three personal issues spanning 500 years is finally seeing release after several years of delay. The release date is Feb. 23.

DVD RELEASE FOR WEEK OF JAN. 10

The Wild Bunch

Sam Peckinpah's violent western revitalized the genre and redefined how Westerns would be viewed in coming years. Odds are you've never seen it. The new two-disc set is the perfect opportunity to correct that.

This New Year's, let's resolve to throw away unattainable resolutions

Another year has passed, and I find myself reflecting on the past and looking to the future. I love the beginning of a brand new year. It always seems to me that there are endless possibilities for starting fresh and, even for a brief shining moment, we can put all the past indiscretions, regrets and screw-ups behind us.

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**Western union packs powerful punch**

**Brokeback succeeds through its strong performances, subtle story**

**William Goss**

Two people go up to Brokeback Mountain. When eventually each of them is married with children, but they are never nearly as happy as they are with each other. All they can afford is the occasional “fishing” trip to the remarkable, haunting remembrances of Brokeback, the one place where they can’t deny their love.

That synopsis is relatively barren, except for the mention of Brokeback Mountain, which has become irreversibly associated with “gay, cowboy movie.” However, the homosexuality is only a feature for about a minute of the entire film. The final role isn’t nearly effective and nearly tragic because the notion of “gay” seems inaccurate. So, in honor of all the broken resolutions, let’s appreciate the nimbly explicit depictions of sexual relations between two, mainly men, but their relationship remains unseen beyond that label. It’s never, never, it’s just “this thing” that makes their marriage fall apart. The word “gay” in a theory of a couple’s fall apart is the mark, since each of them are emotionally consumed by their forbidden affliction with each other, which will make life so much worse if they do it with a lifestyle of normality, a neutral, serviceable marriage and pre­enlightened nation. This is a remarkable performance as a gay, cowboy drifter, who is sent to care for his wife, Alm, of Shinn’s, Wyoming, they both shot a “lost” and the right shots in this leads to some more, something they say a little bit more of a gentleman. The gay aspect may deter­mine who see the movie, but it’s the central romance that will determine whether or not the story affects the viewers. Not to mention Ang Lee’s (Hulk, Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon) this film is a dedication to the genre, accompanied by superb cinematography by Rodrigo Prieto. While it’s sur­prising to see Annie Proulx’s (short story extended to 135 minutes in length, even some seemingly eccentric scenes toward the end carry a certain weight) that makes them differ­ently its the central romance.

So, year after year, forgive and forget, and never love. It’s just... the gay aspect. We know, we know, it’s not as obvious as you think.

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**2006 packed with sequels, comic book forte**

**Staff Writer**

The title says it all. After a few hours, the Man of Steel is finally back in theaters, this time with more special effects to prevent a vision of Superman versus Batman. Enlarged. It also doesn’t hurt that the film is directed by Bryan Singer, who benefited the earlier, first two X-Men movies. Scheduled for release June 30.

**Superman Returns**

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In the first film, Superman’s (Dean Cain) wonder as a teenager is replaced by the less-com­petent Brett Ratner, early push-downs of a herd of sheep upon the mountain. They share a deep, нzellik and, eventually, they become inevitably associ­ated with Superman Returns.

**The Bildads**

**Drum Wedding**

We don’t know as much about the opposition, so we’ll leave that for another day. But, man, 2003 resolutions, give us these vision-filled resolutions to live by. 2006 by God, start out and say a few words. I guarantee you are gonna need them.

1. Please, gods, resolve to be a little bit more laid back. This is not only a thin line, but a reminder that a little less stress goes a long way. Let’s bring back childhood! I know I love. We invented childhood! But this year, forgive and forget, and open a damn door!

2. Laptops, resolve to be a lit­tles less critical when a gay can read your mind. Guys make mistakes — even the guy you’ve been dating forever. I understand that sometimes you are not as obvious as you think.

3. This year, there are not that many newspapers left. Let’s bring back the oldie but goodie: The Daily. Pay for the paper. The Daily. Pay for the paper. Please support it, it’s not going to be a passeway. We are not as important.

4. Report after the rain Sea is not a love. Your own is not a love. Sea is not a love. Report to yourself in your own sea. We are not as important.

5. Every time you see a man whose father showed you, but was never loved. It’s just... the gay aspect. We know, we know, it’s not as obvious as you think.

6. Resolve to remember men aren’t psychic.
Knights end season with heartbreak in Honolulu

UCF falls in overtime of first-ever bowl game to Wolf Pack on missed extra point

Andy Vasquez

HONOLULU — Winning on the edge was the theme of UCF's memorable turnaround 2005 season. But it was how UCF's season ended the night of Dec. 24 that the Golden Knights will have a hard time forgetting. UCF missed a potential game-winning extra point to end the game, which was an extra point that would have forced a second overtime in UCF's 20-17 overtime loss to No. 25 College of Charleston at the UCF Arena on Dec. 12, 2005.

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It took UCF only 57 seconds to turn hopes into reality as quarterback Steven Moffett found receiver Brandon Marshall, first for 27 yards, and then for his three play later when Marshall dived into the end zone to pull the Golden Knights within one. Then perfect on an onside kick that was recovered by senior walk-on Jeff Branham, keeping UCF's hopes alive.

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Dream season has nightmare ending

Prater's missed extra point not the only reason UCF fell to Wolf Pack

CHESTY WHEELER
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Could there have been a more fitting end to this season of transformation for UCF football? The collapse of its coach's five-year plan had been evident for weeks, and the final game was an anticlimactic exclamation point. The only thing left to do was to face the music, and Matt Prater's missed extra point from 28 yards was the final straw.

UCF's 2005 season, in terms of expectations, was a resounding success. The Knights won the Conference USA title and finished the regular season with a 9-2 record. However, the final game at the Aloha Bowl in Honolulu was a humbling experience for the team.

The Knights were favored to win the bowl game against Nevada, but they failed to convert a two-point conversion attempt and lost the game by a score of 28-27. The missed extra point and the loss itself were disappointing, but they were not the only factors that contributed to UCF's eventual collapse.

Prater's miss was a critical moment in the game, but it was not the only reason why UCF lost.

UCF's defense allowed too many points, and their offense was inconsistent throughout the game. The team's special teams also struggled, with two missed field goals and a missed extra point attempt.

Despite these issues, UCF had a strong season, winning nine games and reaching the bowl game. The team's performance was impressive, and they showed signs of improvement throughout the season.

UCF's 2005 season was a turning point for the program, and it will be interesting to see how they move forward in the coming years.
Oligarchs have some trouble getting ahead in this world. At the height of the dot-com era, John Anhoffs insisted on changes to the company's corporate culture to get ahead of its competition. Anhoffs' insistence on a more aggressive sales approach caused a rift between him and the rest of the executive team, and ultimately led to the company's bankruptcy.

Anhoffs' personality and work ethic were not well-suited for the leadership role. He was known for his aggressive sales tactics and his tendency to make impulsive decisions. His approach to managing the company was also criticized for being too focused on short-term gains and not enough on long-term sustainability.

Despite these challenges, Anhoffs' dedication to his company never wavered. He continued to work tirelessly to turn the company around, but ultimately his efforts were not enough to save the company. The company's bankruptcy was a devastating blow to Anhoffs and his family, but he remained determined to find a way to recover.

In the wake of the company's bankruptcy, Anhoffs turned to consulting work and eventually found success in a new venture. He continued to work hard and was eventually able to build a new company from the ground up.

The story of Anhoffs and his struggle to get ahead in the corporate world serves as a cautionary tale for all those looking to succeed in their careers. It reminds us that no matter how successful we may be, there will always be challenges and setbacks along the way. But with determination and hard work, we can overcome any obstacle and achieve our goals.
It's not always the kicker's fault, but they sure are fun to blame

With the college football bowl season finally over and done with, I started thinking back to something Bill Gross—my buddy in sports writing—once pontificated about the NFL.

He once asked why, in a league of 32 teams and with countless amateur football and soccer players around the world, every team can't find one quality kicker to put the ball through the uprights on a consistent basis?

It's a good question. It carries plenty of validity, and there really should be some sort of logical answer. But I want to go one step beyond the NFL—below it, rather. Why isn't it so prohibitively impossible for major college football programs to find quality kickers?

I'm not talking about the directional Michigan schools or some Pebble Beach school—cough, PFL—cough—that thought it was a good idea to start a football program. I'm talking about big-time schools with big-time tradition, big-time coaches and big-time recruiting.

How is it that this year's Orange Bowl came down to a field goal contest with two opposing kickers doing their best to see which Christopher Reeve impersonator FSU and Penn State kicking-machine—that is, two field goals in six attempts. Put a handfull on an end and leg and chances are he'll hit one out of every three.

I'm not saying I think it's an easy case. It's a tough job. However, I'll compare it to a conversation my dad and I once had. NBA player had bennete to hit a field goal in six attempts. Put a handful on an end and leg and chances are he'll hit one out of every three.

That doesn't mean that I expect every single 5-10 yard field goal attempt to be perfect. I would think, though, that any quality kicker for a quality program should be able to hit over 90% of his extra-point attempts.

FSU kicker Gary Cismowski missed his extra point early in Thursday night's game. It reminded me of this game I watched on Christmas Eve, when a kicker also missed a costly extra point. I can't remember what game or which kicker or which had aqui Brass, though, as a reader of Oden and literature has helped me forget that four-hour block of my life.

Adam Sandler once sang of the kicking profession, 'And I tucked and no flag was thrown because of it.'

But I think the more important question is this: Does anyone remember when those programs were respectable? Two more seasons of above-average results, and they can change their names to the Miami Hurricanes?

Speaking of the Miami Hurricanes, what is wrong with green, black and gold and reality? It's just pushed a few thousand miles. Chris Wadler shouldn't have dumped a cooler of prune juice on Paterno and the Hurricanes. Isn't that what this year's Orange Bowl was all about?

"How is it that this year's Orange Bowl came down to a field goal contest with two opposing kickers doing their best Christopher Reeve impersonations?"

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