Sports Marketing, women’s hoops team up to break attendance record on national TV
Stronger student fan base essential to improving momentum for basketball team

ASHERLY BURNS Managing Editor

The UCF women’s basketball team is working to improve the student body’s interest in the sport. After the Knights lost to UTSA, attendance for the home game against UTEP was down on the student side. In an attempt to improve attendance by challenging fans and showing them a "Pack the House" for the teams’ home game Sunday at 5 p.m. against UTEP, Sunday’s game marks the first nationally televised home game, and the women want to break their home attendance record and grab a win over UTEP. The home attendance record for women’s basketball is 876 and was set more than three years ago when the Knights played in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

"We want to invite the Orlando community to come be a part of program history, not only as we celebrate our first nationally televised contest, but also as we try to break the attendance record," UCF Coach Gig Striegler said in a press release. The community outreach is also being aided by the school’s sports marketing department, which has boosted the overall emphasis on better home game attendance for all sports. UCF is now in the middle of its inaugural season of competition in Conference USA, a more high-profile conference for the athletes than UCF has enjoyed in the past.

"We’re making history," Gert Gamma, Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing and Promotions, said. "We want to break the attendance record at our first nationally televised game."

ASHERLY BURNS Managing Editor

Volunteers start new year giving time to the kids

ASHERLY BURNS Managing Editor

Volunteer UCF will begin the new semester by giving time and effort to local children through the organization’s campaign to help Give Kids the World on Wednesday.

The event kicks off at 4 p.m., when UCF students and volunteers converge at Millican Hall before organizing to meet with the seriously ill children in need. The volunteers show the children an evening of entertainment, while providing the parents with a night off as well.

"We’ve been going to Give Kids the World for a few months, once a month," said Faraaz Merchant, UCF Children’s Home Society’s campaign chair.

"It’s been going for more than one year, but the family and the impact he has on the 906's civil rights movement..."

The day’s events begin at the Millican Hall with the "Battle of Washington," which participants will board the campus from the Memory Mall to the Reflecting Pond. "The March on Washington is considered by many to be the most important civil rights event in this nation’s history," Merchant said.

On Aug. 28, 1963, more than 250,000 participants — 60,000 of which were white — marched on Washington, D.C., to end school segregation. The day’s events will include crafts, dance lessons and all kinds of fun. Volunteer UCF members will also hold an event for the Children’s Home Society on Jan. 26 at 1 p.m.

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Where faith, pop culture collide

Religious organizations struggle to be 'appealing and relevant,' attract students

ELIZABETH MCDERMOTT CLARK

LAFAYETTE, Colo. — A seminar at Flatirons Community College, a branch of the Community College of Denver, may be a step Toward attractive and enticing young adults.

"We're competing against concerts, events, studies, parties, bars and the social life on campus," said Curt Cavnar, Flatirons' director of student life and development.

The college, like many other campuses, is coming up against a number of initiatives that could distract students from attending religious activities on campus. Nevertheless, as conversations about religion on college campuses continue to grow, religious organizations are struggling to be "appealing and relevant," a concept that is becoming increasingly important to students.

"The idea is to draw in teens and one of the methods is to do a ton of secular events, concerts, things," said Penta, who's now living in Panama City, Florida.

"I think there's more public interest in religion than there used to be, even among those who aren't practicing," he said.

We've got a study coming out that shows college students are actually less likely to lose their faith than kids who never went to college," Penta said. "That's because kids who didn't go to college, we thought, will still be out of the play in nine years."

"And we're trying to bring church to the college campuses," she said.

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Volunteers give back to needy kids

Student march symbolizes movement

A few days before he died, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech to more than 250,000 people in Washington, D.C. The event managed to light a fire among many racially intolerant citizens of the southern states targeted by the movement's tactics. Less than three weeks after the march, a church in Alabama was attacked and a bomb killed four young black girls.

The availability of a massive moral revolution from the 42-year-old event will allow students to remember the importance of some of the largest nonviolent civil rights bill gatherings of the 20th century.

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I r what may be the last time in his career, Gore is in a good mood. He is fresh off winning the World Cup championship and is feeling confident going into the next season. Gore's team is in the midst of a five-game winning streak, and his confidence is showing in his play. He believes that his team has the potential to win the championship, and he is looking forward to the challenges ahead.

Gore's agent has been negotiating with several teams, and Gore is hoping to be traded to a team that can offer him a long-term contract. Gore's current contract is set to expire at the end of the season, and he is hoping to secure a payday that will make him one of the highest-paid players in the league. Gore's agent is confident that they will be able to negotiate a deal that is mutually beneficial for both parties.

Despite the attention his team is receiving, Gore remains humble and focused on the task at hand. He knows that winning the championship is not going to be easy, and he is prepared to put in the hard work and dedication necessary to achieve his goal. Gore's teammates are impressed by his态度, and they are motivate by his example to work hard and play hard.

Gore's agent is also working on securing a deal for Gore's teammates, and he is hoping to be able to negotiate contracts that will keep them all in the same city. The team is close-knit, and Gore's teammates believe that they have the potential to win the championship if they can keep their chemistry intact.

Despite the pressure, Gore remains focused on the task at hand. He knows that winning the championship is not going to be easy, but he is confident that his team has the talent and the desire to achieve their goal. Gore is looking forward to the challenges ahead, and he is ready to lead his team to glory.
Bond girls represent ultimate empowerment

The 1960s Bond Girls are forever bound by an aura of glamour. They are the Halle Berry in the show that agitated me, mocked infamously in 2006. The ultimate problem to me is that they seem to hop into bed faster than Austin. The Bond girls, I actually find quite a few amazing. There are always the Bond girls. What do they think they are? That's the right idea. It's hard to tell where the Bond franchise will go with Daniel Craig as the new Bond. The world's most famous fictional spy. I'd love to see Charlize Theron or Scarlett Johansson take their place in Bond history, but we're probably more likely to see Tia Nalani. Playing James Bond is a strange job. That would leave me pretty shaken, but definitely not stirred.

Dr. No

I drool like a 30-year-old sucking on a tube of Novocain any time I watch Goldeneye and Izabella Scorupco is in a scene.

Thank God I thought every girl on Earth had eyebrows at the time. The absolutely worst Bond girl ever, though, was Carey Lowell, who played Pam Bouvier in License to Kill. If you don't know what that girl looked like, then Google River Phoenix and tell me you still have an idea. The biggest problem to me is that the Bond girl has always been the women with the least amount of screen time. Almost equal to her is the fact that one Bond girl and the actress's career goes poof. In the last installment of Pierre Brosnan's Bond career, The Other Day, Bond girl Izabella Scorupco played Miranda Frost. Who is the man hell be Bond girl Izabella Scorupco, yes? That's my point. She's gorgeous. And her character was a perfect female villain. These are the kind of roles I'm never bored. In Licence to Kill, I'm pretty sure she raised me for women at least three years after that movie came out.

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Virginia Tech took too long to can Vick

**The EXTRA POINT**
Society, programs more lenient with better athletes

ANDER VASQUEZ

Marcus Vick was sentenced for brushing off a fleeing fan at three timeouts in the parking lot of a McDonald's, only two days after being suspended by the Virginia Tech football team and less than a week after stepping on the leg of an opposing player at the inner bowls.

Less than a month before, Vick was cited for speeding while driving a suspected licensed cab, which was stolen three months after the man flipped "the bird" to fans in West Virginia and left less than two years before he was suspended for provoking alcohol to underage girls, driving recklessly and possession of marijuana.

All week long people have been jumping on the bandwagon to brand Marcus Vick as a "bad" guy, assuming he can do anything. As you can see above he has very little common sense and even less respect for authority — but how can you blame Schichte Vick, society, and lack of disciplines at Virginia Tech, has allowed him get away.

Vick, the younger brother of NFL quarterback and V-Tech alumnus Michael Vick, clearly believes that his ability to play football makes him exempt from the rules the rest of society is forced to follow.

How niegate has Vick — who put up mediocre collegiate numbers at best when compared to fans in West Virginia and less when he kicked the football team is looking for a little support in the form of the local community.

**CONFERENCE USA PREVIEW**

**Women lose again to extend streak to 7 games**

Team, coaches hope that return to UCF Arena will help get things back on track sooner than later

**BRIAN MCMURPHY**

The UCF women's basketball team matched their longest streak of seven losses without a victory with a Conference USA loss to the Rice Owls, 66-52, on Sunday in Houston.

The Owls, the nation's leading team in three-point shooting in Conference USA, were 20-for-36 from beyond the arc, which broke Rice's season record of 17. The Owls made 13-of-22 from behind the arc to set a single-game record.

The Owls also held UCF to 41.3% shooting and 27 turnovers, the second most in a Conference USA game in seven years.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

UCF Coach Kim Spanier and her coaching staff will have to guide the Knights to at least a win in the Conference USA this weekend to stop a four-game losing streak. It will be no easy task, as the competition level in Conference USA is a step in that direction the Knights saw in the Atlantic 10 last year.

*SEE PAGE 82*
Memphis (12-2, 9-0 C-USA)

As the conference game at Memphis on Jan. 21 against UCF looms, here is a look at the world that the Tigers are about to step into, the one in which the formidable Memphis program is not to be taken lightly. To get a glimpse of how it is possible for a home team to be 9-0 in the C-USA.

In 12 games he has averaged 12 points, four rebounds and three assists per game, a performance that has made him a key component of the Tigers' success this season.

Defining Non-Conference Game: Jan. 21 at Memphis.

If Memphis, as expected, returns a majority of its lineup, it will define the conference's biggest test for UCF. Memphis has played a strong schedule and is expected to be tough competition for the Knights. A win over the Tigers would be a significant boost for UCF's conference standing.

What to expect: A tough test for UCF, but the opportunity to earn a conference victory against a top team.

The South Florida Bulls have had a strong year, and the game against Memphis will be a challenge. Expect a tough, physical game with both teams fighting for victory.

What to expect: A tough test for South Florida, but the opportunity to earn a conference victory against a top team.

The South Alabama Jaguars have been inconsistent, but they have shown improvement in recent games. Expect a competitive game with both teams fighting for victory.

What to expect: A tough test for South Alabama, but the opportunity to earn a conference victory against a top team.

The Mississippi State Bulldogs have been in a rut, but they have shown improvement in recent games. Expect a competitive game with both teams fighting for victory.

What to expect: A tough test for Mississippi State, but the opportunity to earn a conference victory against a top team.
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Women's team returns home Friday

The Knights have had trouble on offense this year, as they managed just 11-12 record through the first 23 games of the season. The team was also held to 111 points or fewer in their first seven games. Iowa will come into this game with a 14-10 record.

From a historical perspective, the Knights have been a tough team to beat in Iowa. In the last 10 meetings, the Knights have won six of them. In addition, the team has averaged 86.2 points per game in those games, which is significantly higher than their average of 64.5 points per game.

Knighting is the team's official name, and it represents a unique connection between the student-athletes and their community. The team's colors are purple and gold, symbolizing strength and unity. The Knights are known for their strong defense and solid team attitude, which have helped them achieve success over the years.

The game against Iowa will be a critical test for the Knights, as they look to improve their offensive production and continue to build upon their success in the recent past. With strong performances from their key players, the Knights have the potential to secure a victory and maintain their momentum in the league standings.
I movie years were theater concessions, 2005 would be the proponent. Rainier, slightly sad and generally unappealing, begins to meaningfully taut and filling as you near the end. Granted, it would be difficult to follow the better year for great films that was 2004, but for the most part, picking were slim until around late September. It should be no surprise, then, that most of the films on the list are fall and winter releases.

So 2005 wasn’t quite a bad year for films, just a very nuanced one.

Kings OF THE HILL

What can we say? 2005 wasn’t nearly as good a year for movies as 2004. There were a lot of mediocre and awful films this year, but luckily, studios had enough quality productions to release so that Variety could bring you its annual rundown of the best films of last year. Make no mistake; 2005 may not have been great, but all of these films were.

MATT HEDGECOCK AND WILLIAM GOSS

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10. Munich — Steven Spielberg broaches the retaliation by us, and countless other victims, to terrorism by tackling the real-life aftermath following the murders of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Summer Olympics. Much like A History of Violence, Munich works on the surface as a compelling thriller, but it also doubles as a somber and haunting testament to the repercussions of vengeance and retribution by us, and countless other victims, to terrorism.

9. The War of the Worlds — An hi-fi budget summer blockbuster, it fails as a spectacle of astounding visual effects and gripping suspense. However, director Steven Speilberg also creates a sense of hyper-reality that laps into the all-too-paleful fear surrounding foreign attack, mirroring 9/11 in an entire degree without exploiting the tragedy.

8. Galaxy — It took a little while to make it over here from Korea, but Chop-sock-Chick’s fast, bloody tale of revenge finally made it to the states this fall.

The story of Dae-su Oh (Min-sik Choi), a man languished for 15 years for an unknown reason, getting violent revenge on his captors is one of the most harrowing and visceral films of the year. There are already plans for an American remake to the movie, so be sure to see the original first.

7. Batman Begins — The most recent Batman films is also the best, dropping the candy-coated comic artifice of the previous four films and challenging us to actually take the affair seriously. And it works.

Christian Bale proves he’s one of the most reliably versatile actors working, providing presence and attitude even when encountered by a rubber mask and cape. Unexpectedly the film is also a terrific ensemble movie, Michael Caine, Liam Neeson, Gary Oldman, Katie Holmes, Morgan Freeman, Cillian Murphy, Ken Watanabe, Tom Wilkinson, Rutger Hauer, and many, many others.

5. Munich — Strictly all the jokes and controversy over Ang Lee’s gay cowboy movie, Brokeback Mountain, eweduced to be much more than just an issue movie. It’s a beautifully shot and realized story of a taboo romance that transcends the hype and controversy to become a legitimate great film. It would have been easy to go the route of the melodramas, sacrificing realistic intentions and characters and coastering to success based on public debate above.

The completed film proves Lee was thinking nothing of the so-called “culture war” when making the movie. Thank goodness for that.

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4. *Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*. In a word, delightful. In more words, the most purely enjoyable animated feature since *Finding Nemo* and the best kids’ movie this year. The story of the cheese-loving inventor and his bespattered compatriot hunting a giant snuffing rabbit was one of the pleasant surprises of the year, often being as exciting as it was funny. Throw in obscure references to old Hammer Horror films and unbelievably painstaking animation, and you’ve got a real treat for film fans of all ages.

5. *Sin City*. It’s not short, it’s not violent, it’s not predictable — it’s delirious. It’s not a thriller — it’s phantasm. That’s why it’s a film where the main character may be unknowingly two-faced, who is to say the film isn’t as well. Delilah, Cromwell makes a different kind of monster movie, exploring the violent side of human nature with a small family in a quietly, American community. Viggo Mortensen underlines family man has something sinister lurking beneath the surface and all it takes is a single gesture to expose his true character. Of all the questions asked, one gets resolved to the end how hard is the shot barrier the world where your life is just a small town?

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