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Honors College gets new crop of scholars
Freshmen drawn to program by scholarships, reserved dorm, smaller classes

TROY MILLER
The Inquirer

Among the roughly 4,000 freshmen recently admitted to UCF, a breed of some of the best and brightest high school students in the country joined the ranks of the Burnett Honors College.

With an average SAT score of 1232, the incoming class includes 27 National Merit Scholars, 45 AP Scholars and eight National Hispanic Scholars.

While UCF's name recognition has been steadily increasing, the number of students with academic accomplishments qualified them for admission to more prestigious universities. So the Burnett has been flooded with requests about UCF that hindered these students in Orlando.

UCF makes no secret about the number of males. According to the honors program, the amount of male students enrolled significantly began to surpass that of males, as the number of females attending College of Engineering continues to increase.

The number of males in the honors program is the option to live in a residence hall that is reserved for them.

"I really live in Flag-
/lant," said Ross Harrison, 18, referring to the residence hall in close proximity with other students in the program. "It gives a sense of community. I can see the other halls in your everyday purchases?"

"I haven't met that many people everywhere yet and everyone has been really nice," said Elizabeth Dawson, 19, "but I have made some close friends."
New CD's give Park Ave a big week

TROY HILLER

Long-awaited albums and the beginning of the fall semester have meant a big week for Park Avenue CD's, the student union's resident music store.

"Orchestrating has been huge this week," said assistant manager Raymond Arias, referring to the Idolmania album that the duo released on Tuesday. "There have been pretty popular too, and Tom Yorke's CD is still selling well. It has been a busy day.

People have also been hot commodity. "They're just flying off the shelf this week," Arias said.

Park Ave, as usual, carries a dozen of best-sellers has almost nothing to do with music. "These are doing really well this week," Arias said as he held up a copy of Bob Dylan's album. "They are selling really well," said Seth Buell, the store manager.

"We have a pretty solid first that sells really well, and people are always buying Radiohead.

A lot of these requests are purchased by students that want to see new CDs. They are being played a lot on campus as students want to see new CDs.

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What's the news at colleges around the country

Colleges trying to strike balance on student drinking problem

DURHAM, N.C. — As students return to campuses across the nation for the start of fall classes, the drinking games are set to begin — along with a healthy debate over alcohol's place on campus. How much is too much — and should a university try to monitor the drinking habits of students who, while not of drinking age, are old enough to vote or go to war?

It's a debate that got plenty of attention at Duke in the spring, when three members of the men's lacrosse team were charged with the alleged rape of a stripper at an alcohol­-soaked party off campus. But it's an issue for schools across the country, not just for elite private schools in small Midwestern towns.

While the lacrosse case has received headlines, alcohol has been linked to a broad range of problems, from academic trouble to bingeing and alcohol-related deaths in off campus settings.

In May, researchers at the Duke Poison School of Medicine released a study that found that members of fraternities and sororities were twice as likely to get drunk at least once perweek compared to non-Greek students. As a result, they were at higher risk of hurting themselves or others, according to the three-semester survey that involved more than 30,000 students at 21 in-state universities.

Researchers have tried policies that include stepped-up punishment of campus drinking rules, working with off­

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university authorities to notify the university when students are planing and making more alcohol-free social events on campus. But problems persist.

Over half of college students seek financial aid, according to study

WASHINGTON — About half of college seniors, or more than half of those who receive some form of financial aid from outside their families to help pay for their education, according to tabulations released today by the U.S. Census Bureau.

These tabulations, "Financing the Future: 2001-2002," provide information on the characteristics of postsecondary students and the costs and financing associated with their schooling during the 2001-2002 academic year. The data are presented on types of costs, patterns of financial aid received by full-time students was $6,291. Full-time graduate students received an average of $12,081.

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I have heard that chlamydia is a common infection, please tell me more.

Despite the public health department's various attempts to promote "safe sex," sexually transmitted diseases continue to be a major problem for college students.

In particular, chlamydia is frequently acquired. To prevent chlamydia, a sample of urine or a series of single relations with eye, joint and heart problems. With consistent proper use of condoms will reduce the risk of chlamydia. In the college population, we will often see patients who relate that they are having "serial monogamy," or a series of single relations over time. Since chlamydia may be asymptomatic, this serial monogamy provides no protection against the infection.

There are a variety of tests that can screen for chlamydia. A culture can be obtained from the site; or with genital infection may cause burning with urination, vaginal pain or penile pain. In women, genital infection may cause burning with urination, vaginal discharge, pelvic pain or spotting. In women, the infection can potentially ascend to the fallopian tubes and lead to a serious genital tract infection that can result in severe pain and potentially a life threatening infection.

Additionally, there are concerns that untreated chlamydia can impair future fertility and sometimes be associated with an unusual autoimmune disease called Reiter's syndrome. This condition is associated with eye, joint, and heart problems.

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Emergency contraceptive available without prescription

ANDREW BRIDGES

WASHINGTON — Women may buy the morning-after pill without a prescription — but only if proof they’re 18 or older, federal health officials ruled Thursday, capping a controversial 10-year effort to ease access to the emergency contraceptive.

Girls 17 and younger still will need a doctor’s note to buy the pill, called Plan B, the Food and Drug Administration told manufacturers Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc.

The compromise decision is a partial victory for women’s advocacy and medical groups that see eliminating sales restrictions could cut in half the nation’s number of unplanned pregnancies. Opponents have argued that wider access could increase promiscuity.

The pills are a concentrated dose of the same drug found in many regular birth-control pills. When a woman takes the pills within 72 hours of unprotected sex, they can lower the risk of pregnancy by up to 89 percent. If she already is pregnant, the pill won’t work.

The earlier it’s taken, the more effective it is. But Barr did prove that over-the-counter use is safe for older teens and adults — and licensed pharmacies are used to checking for proof of age 18 before selling tobacco and certain other products, von Eschenbach wrote in explaining the agency’s age cutoff.

"This approach should help ensure safe and effective use of the product," he concluded.

Plan B’s maker was disappointed that FDA imposed the age restriction and pledged to continue working the agency to try to eliminate it.

"While we still feel that Plan B should be available to a broad

Pharmacist Matt Honeybush fills a dose of Plan B, which is often referred to as the morning-after pill. Women can buy the pill without a prescription, the drugmaker Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., said Thursday.

Niches states — Washington, California, New Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont — already allow women of any age to buy Plan B without a doctor’s prescription from certain pharmacies.

Proponents of those pharmacy access programs believe that wider access could give women 16 and older a false sense of security, one that could have the unintended consequence of hurting young women’s health, said Dr. Andrew Wood, who resigned last month as FDA’s women’s health chief to protest the agency’s age cutoff.

But higher-ranking officials rejected that decision, citing concerns about young teens buying the pill without a doctor’s oversight. Barr struggled, asking women that were 18 or older to allow to buy Plan B without a prescription. Then, last August, the FDA postponed a final decision indefinitely, saying the agency needed to determine how to enforce those age restrictions.

FDA’s handling of Plan B sparked a furor. Critics charged that political ideology had trumped science, a repro­ductive-rights group sued to force FDA to settle the issue, and congressional auditors concluded the agency may have made decisions without reviewing all the evidence.

Still, nationwide nonpre­scription sales were widely considered a doomed issue until last month, when the FDA reversed itself and said it would reconsider if Barr agreed so an age 18 restriction.

That surprise announce­ment came on the eve of a Senate committee hearing on whether to confirm von Eschenbach as FDA’s new head.

Thursday’s decision is expected to remove a Senate roadblock to his full confirmation.

"While I am glad that the drumbeat for a return to a sci­ence-based FDA has had some positive impact, this decision still represents a compromise, one that could have the unintended consequence of hurting young women’s health," said Dr. David Satcher, who resigned last June as FDA’s health chief to protest the agency’s age cutoff.

But opponents Wendy Wright, president of Concerned Women for America, said Plan B’s wider availability could give women a false sense of security, one that could put young people at risk.

"Monetary rape is a very seri­ous problem. This decision is going to allow statutory rapists to rely on this drug to cover up their abuse," Wright said.

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SWE to hold annual kickoff to gain female involvement

From Al

The program also shows how the younger students can use their creativity and make a difference through engineering.

These outreach programs have speakers, workshops and activities to provide girls with more information about the field.

Also, SWE holds an annual kickoff that is open to engineering majors as well as majors in mathematics, physics, chemistry and other sciences.

This is an opportunity for women to view the success of other women in their field.

The kickoff will be held Wednesday, August 30 at 7 p.m. in the Cape Florida Ballroom in the Student Union.

There will be speakers, door prizes, free food and lots of information. This is an opportunity for women in the science fields be in the company of each other.

Although women are hard to come by in engineering, Dr. Reinhardt said that if women saw engineering as a way to help humanity, it may become more appealing. Perhaps more than anything, it is how the field is viewed.

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Through their support, SWE hopes to develop women's interest and enrollment not only in the field of engineering, but in all engineering related fields.

Republican chair maintains sites are neither good nor bad

From Al

"I was totally politically centered!" Mike Brown, chairman of the College Republicans, maintained that his opinion on the sites was neither good nor bad. "If you want to buy something and have it benefit something and have it benefit the field."

"It's necessary," said FSU senior, said it's not just about politics. "If” black students seem to be minority acceptance rates because of a higher number of summer students this year.

"Competitiveness was probably the key factor, but in terms of planning, you can't over-emphasized your target goals because of budget and other concerns." Chavis said.

Minority students may have been injected more often this year because they tend to score lower on standardized tests, a key factor in the admissions process that increases in importance as UCF ups its competitive edge.

"Florida dashboard site to consider students based on race," Chavis said. "We have to go by race."

"But I have seen a lot of orientation groups go through this summer," Lopez said, "and there seems to be a lot less minorities.

"Al Chappelle, a 22-year-old FAMU senior, said it's not just at UCF that the number of black students seems to be declining. "At FSU it's the same way," Chappelle said. "They don't want more black students. It's a fact."

But this conflicts with a recent report that the black population at the University of Florida is up substantially.

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August polls are absolutely useless

Perhaps the only useful thing the polls do is show what we already know: the top teams in college football are dominant, at best, to some people.

Throughout the summer, the P preseason polls. Top 30 for the college football season. You probably didn’t notice, since you were likely where I wanted you to be as far away from Orlando as possible. But, just so I don’t let you wallow with this column, I’ll set up my musings succinctly: I completely disagree with the coaches and the Associated Press.

Here are a few examples:

- The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) is ranked 15th by the coaches and eighth by the AP. I have them 30th.
- I have Washington taking the No. 1 spot on my preseason poll, going 13-0 and winning the National Championship. They have 10, ranked 26th and 27th by the coaches and AP, respectively, also going 13-0 and placing the Cardinals in the Florida-Miami, call, for the title. Where am I, or the media/coaches, going wrong?

The answer to the first question is what I am going to explore today. The answer to the second question depends on whether you agree with my assessment of the first one. So let’s begin, before I continue your education.

First, I am of the thought that a preseason poll should reflect a voter’s opinion on how the season is going to end. While the coaches/media/television don’t have a problem with this at the

19 new faces highlight Erwin’s roster

Men’s soccer returns just six from 2005 team that went 7-8-1 in difficult C-USA

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Bowden still searching for starters

Three positions open as 'Noles get ready for opener

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — With less than two weeks until Florida State opens its season in Miami, many questions still have not been answered in the tight end, place-kicker, and punter positions.

Coach Bobby Bowden said he hopes to decide who will start each position by the end of the week, but was not sure if that was going to happen.

The longer tight end Charlie Graham is expected to start, the shorter tight end Austin Hardin is still in line for a spot, and the most likely is that Florida State will be forced to start one of its true freshman tight ends, either Unti Piarowski or Brandon Warren, on Sept. 4.

Bowden said that if a freshman has the inside track to start if Graham is unable to go, Florida State will open up competition at place kicker after a poor performance by starter Graham Gano.

Bowden opened up competition at punter position after a poor performance by starter Casey Ciszek in the Orange Bowl, Cement missed two field goals in overtime and an extra point in regulation in Florida State's triple overtime 26-22 loss to Penn State, but he has held off sophomore Graham Gano.

Gano and senior Brent Moody, a transfer from Jacksonville, have been in a heated battle since spring practice at the punter position.

Bowden will have another opportunity to evaluate his kickers and punters on Thursday during the team's special teams scrimmage.

Williams transfers to JUJC school

MIAMI (AP) — Former University of Miami linebacker Willie Williams has enrolled at a community college in California, his new coach said Wednesday.

Williams is attending West Los Angeles College, coach Craig Austin said.

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Banged up Jags prep for Bucs

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — The Jacksonville Jaguars will be without eight players, including Pro Bowl defensive tackle Marcus Stroud, when they host Tampa Bay in a preseason game Saturday night.

Stroud bruised his left foot last weekend against Carolina and hasn't practiced since. He remained in a walking boot Wednesday.

Other injured Jaguars on the sideline Saturday include:

— Defensive end Constaty Gregory, tight end Jeremy Jones (knee), tight end Marcedes Lewis (ankle), defensive end Ethan Pawlowski (shoulder), safety Gerald Sensabaugh (knee), offensive lineman Mike Williams (neck) and defensive back Tony Williams (groin).

Coach Jack Del Rio said linebackers Tony Gilbert (quadriceps) was doubtful.

Del Rio also said Mike Williams could be done for the season, maybe longer.

Williams, the fourth overall pick by Buffalo in 2002, has missed most of training camp with a sore back, the same injury that kept him out part of the 2005 season, maybe longer.

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Four seniors look to lead

As senior Jana Mitchell and sophomore Cassie Ramaekers go into their final season as a player, there is a buzz of excitement throughout the team and the coaching staff. Mitchell, Ramaekers, along with seniors Lauren Williams and Lauren Serna, and junior Alesha Scott, will be counted on to lead the team to a third straight victory in the NCAA Tournament.

Before the 2006 season, Mitchell was named to the pre-season All-American team, and Ramaekers was named as a reserve. The duo of Mitchell and Ramaekers has been a mainstay for the team in the past couple of seasons, and their leadership will be crucial in guiding the team to victory.

"We've been through a lot together," Mitchell said. "We've been through ups and downs, and we want to finish the season strong." Ramaekers agreed, adding, "We want to go out on top."
Tribble aims to get students in GKC

Erwin calls week in Bradenton "priceless"

President Kirk Speraw and head coach Donny Erwin are hoping to establish a student body at UCF through introductory press conference in April.

Although Kirk Speraw's athletic director program that won conference "I've always believed that one and two we're doing everything we can to get that scholarship." The Golden Knights will face the No. 9, Demon Deacons on Aug. 25 at 7 p.m., followed by No. 1 North Carolina on Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. "We play arguably the toughest opening weekend in the nation," Erwin said. "That support, according to Tribble, will come when the student-athletes go to the home stadium.

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Social crowd sways to local band John Frank

August 18 wasn’t just a regular Friday night at The Social. People of different ages gathered for the performances of several bands with many attendees focused on one in particular. Even professors were among the mix waiting to hear musical group John Frank.
**ONLY IN THE MOVIES**

**Must the show go on?**

**Summer disappoints with unlikeable movies and underwhelming titles**

**WILLIAM GOSS**

Personally, this summer brought out one of the most mortifying experiences in years. Finally, a movie with genuine thrills, chills, and excitement, with great special effects, solid performances and a relentless pace, a film with all those pitch-perfect elements of a classic blockbuster.

It featured Samuel L. Jackson.

And it was released in 1994. For a fortunate few, a mid-night screening of the original _Pulp Fiction_ at the AMC Loomis Universal 20 _Tabletown_ on the first weekend of June proved to be more entertaining and less trying than the previous month's _Snakes on a Plane_.

**MOVIE REVIEW**

_Snakes on a Plane_ is a film that not only manages to *be* a better experience than *any* other film that would light up marquees the rest of the summer. (Then again, it didn't hurt that it was easy to find time at the scenery to watch the film's special effects at every line of *Sick Sam*.)

However, as this summer movie season dragged on, the lights went out, the title seemed too slowly developing, as too many unlikeable characters, too few numerous, few kooky, too many meandering plots, and a hearty helping of underwhelming titles ended up constituting what could probably be considered the most disappointing summer season in recent memory.

Every year, you look for that one out-of-body experience, like the Star Wars or Raiders of the Lost Ark, and then just want something like that—said Roger Moore, the Orlando Sentinel's resident movie critic: "This was a summer where people can get excited over a movie like _Snakes on a Plane_ because of the title."}

**Snakes fits inside its skin**

_Crackerjack_ thriller has it all — even Samuel L. Jackson

**BART ZIWO**

_Snakes on a Plane_ hardly prepares you for what you thought you had spent $7 on.

Sure, it delivers exactly what it promises — it's got snakes, it's got a plane — and that last bit may be the only excuse you need to grab the roommates and head down to the movie theater.

But the film's premise is really just the tip of a 90-minute-long iceberg, a collection of every bad action film from the last 20 years. All the standard fare is there: a car chase, a spaceship, a3D computer-generated animation and even a steamy sex scene in the bathroom.

_The movie_.

The plot is simple enough — the unsuspecting Sean Jones (played by Samuel L. Jackson) wanders into a brutal beachside murder courtesy of Los Angeles mobster Eddie Kim.

_Snakes on a Phone_

**Director** Brad F. U planner

**Starr: Samuel L. Jackson, Julianna Margulies, Luther Vandross, David Jones, Gary Thompson**

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CAB makes Sparrxxx fly
Meet-N-Greet welcomes all students

**WOODY WOODMACK**

What better way to kick off the 2006-07 year school than with a big party? That's what the Campus Activities Board, better known as CAB, will be doing tonight at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Mall on campus. The event is the annual Meet-N-Greet, and every UCF student is invited. The Meet-N-Greet will feature a live performance by top-selling artist Sparrxxx, free giveaways from CAB, Disney and Apple, free food and even bounce house type inflatables.

In past years, the Meet-N-Greet was just that — a small, casual event usually with a movie showing, but this year it is different.

"We wanted to do something that would appeal to our core demographic," said CAB Assistant Director Brian Hicks. "We're expecting close to 1,000 students... This is going to be the biggest Meet-N-Greet ever."

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**MUIC REVIEW**

**Rory on fast track into the mainstream**

**KATIE PATRISH**

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Is Paola’s worth the wait?

Grill has large portions of delicious comfort food, slow service

ALEXANDRA SCHWARTZ

I knew good food. As a close friend once put it, “if it was recommended by a local, I would visit it at least once a week.”

The upside is that most of the restaurants around here are pretty good. The downside is that I become a food snob. Every restaurant I attend is under strict surveillance. Though I walk in and must prove my worthiness for my continued patronage.

Paola’s Grille is a quaint little restaurant purporting to be Alafia Trail Pub. Walking in, you have a clear view of a clean kitchen and about 12 tables. The walls are yellow brick, off set by the rustic red window shutters. Window colors such as yellow and red tend to induce nervousness, but cool colors such as blue and green do the opposite. So do you think McDonald’s came up with the “Golden Arches” on the red background?

The food at Paola’s is authentic and plentiful. The menu items are limited but varied enough so that there is something for everyone. My favorite is the Combo No. 1, which includes half a roasted chicken, two side dishes and a soda for $5. The chicken was juicy and cooked to perfection. Paola’s Grille did not disappoint. Though a little dry, but the sweet plantains make up for it with their sticky, sweet over­note.

Other menu items include “tasteless encocado” (crock simmered with potatoes, pork, rice and plantains) for $5, and “chicharrones de pollo” (bits and pieces of “salty” seasoned chicken). Don’t forget to turn the menu over to read about the sandwiches and beverages. They offer “sugar natural” (natural juices) in pina colada, maracuya and tamarind flavors. For patrons 21 and older, I recommend the sangria, a mixture of wine and fruit.

For atmosphere and large portions of comfort food, this is a great restaurant. The sharing our visit, the service didn’t meet the food. Although the restaurant’s one waiter was friendly and accommodating, we found him apologizing for having us wait about 25 min­utes before taking our order. Only two other tables were occupied when we arrived a party of about 12 and a table of four. No one was eating. About 20 minutes after we arrived, two meals slowly danced out of the kitchen and were present­ed before two diners in the group of 12. Overhearing one of them say, “We waited for half an hour, go ahead and start, it will get cold,” it was disheartening to realize that my guest and I would be there for the long haul.

How could the kitchen have been so “backed up”, as we were told, when only three tables were occupied? The wait was ridiculous.

Even if you have room, you might not get to try a dessert. When we requested the “tres leches” (three milks) cake, we learned Paola’s was “all out.”

Planes not safe from snakes in campy thriller

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from $8.

field day with his characteristics. Neville Flynn, because he exhibits every trait typical of a Jackson character. The same element in the overall design of the smooth-talking, scheming, assistant director appears strikingly similar to many roles he’s ever been assigned.

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DIVE INTO THE FLOW OF THE MUSIC

The three-piece band has added to its performance that night. "Throwing a saxophone, tambourine and flute into the musical package of the classic bass, guitar and drums fused the melodies into a hypnotic trance, making the audience follow the solos through the emotional lyrics," said John Frank, vocalist/guitarist of the band. 

Along with the highly involved fans were some important onlookers. John Frank's parents were on the scene, supporting their son for the first time at The Social. The proud parents gloated as they watched their son perform his heart out at 11 p.m., a little past their bedtime.

Having influences such as the rock gods themselves, Led Zeppelin, as well as The Beatles, James Taylor, Pearl Jam and Nirvana, the band classifies itself as indie while the sounds it produced came across as a lighter James Taylor with a touch of emo pop. Songs with lyrics such as a guy screaming that his girlfriend is "treating me like I am her goddamn Superman" and "I don't want to be the one staring down the lonely gun" clearly identify an aura while focusing on relationships. Despite the somewhat emo lyrics, the crowd seemed to dive more into the flow of the music.

An unexpected jam session broke out toward the end of the set, blowing away skeptics of the band's abilities and turning the free-spirited, relaxed environment into an unpredictable arena of musical energy spiraling around the listeners. The guys even came back to perform more songs at the crowd's request. As if the music reverberating off the walls wasn't enough noise for the crowd, people shouted and cheered over the clamor in their ears, becoming one with the movement of ideas and motions of the band, a moment every show wants to achieve.

John Frank's first album, released in May, can be purchased on the upcoming Web site of the band, johnfrankmusic.com. One of the band's singles is freely available on its MySpace site, http://www.myspace.com/johnfrankmusic, and is iTunes compatible. With the ability to reach such a diverse group of people, John Frank's performances can escalate. Future dates of local venues can be found on the MySpace site.

So the next time you want to hear a laudable rock/emo/pop local band, or want to drink a cold one and rub elbows with UCF students and maybe even a professor, check out the upcoming shows and support your local bands.
A Caribbean is a solid self-contained movie that exists outside of the fans; it made work without an obsession pricing tag, and there’s no indication that Pirates of the Caribbean 3 will be any better than this one.

Then there was last week’s highly anticipated release of Snakes on a Plane, which was scrutinized for critics as the film’s distributor, New Line Cinema, assumed that it couldn’t possibly overlap with the fines. Snakes ended up garnering better reviews and box office profits than expected.

“People are reading too much into the ‘SOAP’ genres,” Schneider said. “It was a Flack that just as easily could’ve gone the other way.”

“The film was not screened isn’t only indicative of a bad script, but that a studio doesn’t horse around, there is no evidence that critics were being hidden from us because they assume we won’t like it.”

Schneider, along with Moore and other colleagues, has decided to be willing to give a shot to most windfalls. Crash, which Liongate is preventing to consist from press, just as Warner Bros. will with its remake of The Warrior Within.

Werner Bros. did not, how­ever, hide M. Night Shyamalan’s tremendous folly, Lady in the Winter, a film in which a pre­sumption film critic character is confronted and attacked by a mythical creature, from reviewers. From before that some col­legues were laughing about at the movie’s sheer ineptitude, even to the point where one colleague stood up and began to bang his hood against the back wall of the theater.

“Lady and Snakes were two terrible movies that made for two of the best screenings I can remember,” Schneider said.

Werner Bros. also managed to underperform with its previous sum­mer releases, to a lesser degree in base with Superman Returns and to a greater degree in May with Poseidon.

There was no shortage of funny firs to take up screens and fill up theaters or fill try­ing, including The Break-Up, Click, The Fear and the Fast, Titanic Deep, Little Miss, Nue, Me, & the Annoying Policeman, Iowa 7 and Material Girls, just to name a few. Some of these films has a Return Tomatoes score higher than 60 in percent, and now have garnerned a rating above two digits when reviewed by anybody, Schneider, or Moore, who noticed that “It’s that Woody Allen line about how critics will tear up a movie just because it’s them.”

Down comes the curtain on a rather unimpressive summer slate. As Schneider said, “Ulti­mately, if any movie’s good, I don’t care if the stars are over­exposed or how much the budget was or what other movies came before it.”

With those words, heres to hoping that next summer’s line­up consists, remakes, and other tent poxes are a good deal better than this year, if not, dinosaurs could very well find cause to return as the ancient remain of the blockbuster crossed possessers.
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