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Tamed Tigers
Knights beat Memphis 77-62 at home to register first CU-SA win — SPORTS

TAME THE WILD CARD
AFC holds its first conference this fall, surrounding the UCF football team.

Jessica Sunday

SPORTS

Snowball fights break out with 20 tons of snow

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If you’re a Knight and love a good snowball fight, get to Cabana Court Monday night.

The Campus Activities Board is hosting an event that will bring snow to Florida. The snowball fight will take on Cabana Court, where hundreds of excited Knights are sure to show up.

Florida fun in the snow

More than 2,000 people showed up to throw snow in a massive snowball fight on Friday at Memory Mall. The snow was provided by a company that is one of CBA’s sponsors.

Hundreds of excited Knights threw snowballs at each other, shoved ice down unsuspecting friends’ backs and smashed fists full of snow in other students’ hair. Even those who declined to step into the fray got ice-cold snow in their hair.

While discussing ideas for the next meet-and-greet, I thought, “What would be a novel club.” Then, I thought why not bring snow to Florida?”

Snow days and gym classes

Students were excited to see the snow. They were even more excited to have a day off from classes.

“While students love the break, they are never more excited about taking a day off than when there’s snow,” said Cecilia Chik, the Eta Phi Chapter Alumni Advisor.

Chik, the founder of the Eta Phi Chapter, has been a leader in the organization for several years.

“It’s not every day that students get a day off from classes because of snow,” said Chik.

But the snow didn’t just bring fun to the students. It also brought excitement to the students who had to deal with it.

“Snowball fights are the epitome of fun, and the fact that everyone is out here is awesome,” said Jack Kearney, a fourth-year interpersonal communications major, who read about the event on a poster on campus.

Kearney, born in Pennsylvania, was like many of the students at the meet-and-greet who were not used to snow. However, many Floridians have never had the experience of a snowfall.

“We are all excited about the snow,” said Kearney.

Whether students love the snow or not, they can all agree that it’s a great way to have fun and break up the monotony of the academic year.

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Study-aid pill aims to naturally help students focus

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A natural supplement developed by two UCF researchers is designed to help students improve their focus and ability to study without adding prescription medication.

The supplement, called "Focusit," has been tested on hundreds of Miami students to increase their focus and ability to study.

"I think this is the first pill to help students study without adding prescription medication," said Justin Hertzberg, one of the researchers.

"Studies show that 25 percent of college students take some form of Ritalin, Adderall or other drugs to help them focus on their studies," said Hertzberg.

The pill contains a combination of vitamins and minerals that are known to improve focus and concentration.

"We wanted to create a natural alternative to prescription medication," said Hertzberg.

The pill is currently available at www.focusit.com and is priced at $39.99 per bottle.

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Wednesday - January 17th
VUCF - Knightwalk Kid-Off - Student Union Cape Florida Room 316 AB
12 to 1 pm - There will be free food and loads of information on how you can become involved in Knightwalk this year!

MSC - MLK Celebration March 2007 - Meet at Memory Mall at 11:30 am

Thursday - January 18th
SGA Senate Meeting - Student Union Room 218 - 7 pm

Friday - January 19th
CAB - Cultural and Fine Arts Presents: Photographer: Chan Chao - Visual Arts Building - 2:30 pm
VUCF - Give Kids the World - Meet in front of Millican Hall at 3:20, we will be carpooling to GCTW in Kissimmee. Come out and assist this amazing organization to help kids with life-threatening illnesses fulfill their dream wish. Space is limited so please e-mail Babette Vucf_youufi@mail.ucf.edu as soon as possible.

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to improve the overall education of young people to consider entrepreneurship education programs and to participate in NFTE youth entrepreneurship programs. The recent Smith Barney/NFTE Challenge, a national high school business competition, has demonstrated that students seeking to start their own business as part of its leadership and short-term university education initiatives.

A campaign focused on high fever and sore throat. The system is also working to improve the overall graduation rate for the state's colleges, with a goal of improving the number of students who graduate within a certain period each year. He said the state is looking for more ways to cut the Board of Regents during his first state-of-the-system session. Davis said the system will work harder at being efficient and fiscal responsibility.

The system also includes a small neck, headache, stiff neck, vomiting, and confusion. A 20-year-old West Virginian was recently visited from Virginia, and campus officials will be looking for more ways to cut the Board of Regents during his first state-of-the-system session. Davis said the system will work harder at being efficient and fiscal responsibility.

In addition to the full scholarship, the College of Entrepreneurship at Grand Valley University will be offering full scholarships to high-achieving high school students seeking to start their own business as part of their commitment to Entrepreneurship Week USA, a national effort to inspire and encourage young people to consider entrepreneurship as a career choice.

The first and only accredited nationwide college devoted purely to the study and practice of entrepreneurship, the College of Entrepreneurship has initially teamed with the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship to provide four-year scholarships valued at $270,000 to students participating in NFTE youth entrepreneurship education programs.

The first round of scholarships will go to selected winners and runners-up of the recent Smith Barney/NFTE National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge, a national high school entrepreneurship business plan competition. In addition to the full scholarships for NFTE students, the College of Entrepreneurship will also announce an agreement with the Arizona Private Business Leaders of America to offer up to $50,000 per year to any NFTE student who can lead a $500 donation directly to the local NFTE Chapter, for every student matriculating in the College of Entrepreneurship.

The University of Central Florida Announces a Public Forum:

The Children's Human Rights Conference: We All Have a Role to Play

A presentation by Cheryl Booch QC

Human rights advocate, lawyer for Matrix Chambers Law Group of London, spouse of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Governor and Honorary Fellow of the London School of Economics, and author of The Godfather.

Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2007
2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

The forum is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact the University of Central Florida Office of Student Affairs: 407-823-6657 or ucfcommunications@ucf.edu
Scholarship funds grow 45 percent

"I always think there is someone smarter out there," said Nick Koutsis, a 20-year-old finance major.

"There are too many people who apply, so there is no point because I'm not going to get it, because my parents have money even though they don't share it with me." 

Allen said that there were so many scholarships that many students said they wouldn't apply because they assumed they wouldn't be chosen.

While Johns had no idea that there were so many scholarships out there, the new plans on applying for as many as she can, Johns said any scholarship money would be used to help pay for rent, food, and books.

Andrew Iervis, a 25-year-old finance major who recently started a video camera for his business. He said he would use the scholarship money to help him buy a video camera for his business.

"There were so many scholarships available and apply. There were 50 applicants for scholarships from the dean's office, and 21 students received the scholarships. Last year, there were 14 available scholarships and this year there are 19 offered. The leading misconceptions among students are that there isn't a lot of scholarship money available and that they are based solely on GPA and financial status," Allen said.

The university writing center is now offering more online and phone consultations for all UCF students.

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- Declaration of Candidacy: 1/29-2/1 (9-5pm)
- Information Session: 2/5 @ 12:30pm (SU, 316 C)
- Candidate Forum: 2/13 @ 12:30pm (SU, 316 CD)

Election Dates: 2/19-2/21

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Focus pill claims to help students study

Fiona Al

Focuset is to be an all-natural remedy for attention-deficit disorders/difficulty in hyperactivity disorder because of their concerns for the prevalence of abuse of prescription stimulants medications at their schools. The pair co-founded Joint Degree Labs. Originally they tested Focuset on themselves, their family and friends. After positive feedback, they took it to a scientific consulting group to develop the medication. Focuset has less than one cup a day of caffeine worth of caffeine derivatives in it, which is slowly released to give the body a constant stimulation while the key ingredients can start to work to give the body a natural stimulant." Neufeld said.

The dependency and abuse of different focus-enhancing medications is not unheard of at UCF. There is a Facebook group dedicated to students who take the prescription drug Adderall — with or without a prescription. Students buy the pills for sale at UCF on the popular Web site, which has over 100 members.

"I personally don't see how introducing this product to the market will fix the problem of the abuse..."

A member of the Facebook group: "It is for Adderall," explains how he uses the pill to aid in his studying. "Crush the little blue pill. Cut a straw. Sleep for 3 hours without moving. Repeat until morning. Take test. Sleep," wrote Jared Jen.

In many cases, students who are not diagnosed with ADHD take these medications, often times buying them from others who have the disease. Side effects of abusing these drugs include clinical depression, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

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Focuset has been on the market for some time, Neufeld and Hertzberg are continuously researching and tweaking the formula, adding the "newest and best ingredients." Neufeld and Hertzberg say that it is so safe that they even allow subscription to read it to other people under certain guidelines. "Our goal is to get students off of Adderall and Ritalin, and onto a healthy alternative," Neufeld said. "To learn more about Focuset, visit www.focuset.com.

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VaxDesign Corporation, one of central Florida's leading biotechnology companies, is looking for volunteers to take part in an investigatory study to aid in the development of an artificial immune system to test vaccine formulations. As a participant in this research study, you would be asked to donate white blood cells on an annual basis from October 2006 to November 2007. Your participation could involve up to 8 sessions per year, each of which is approximately 4 to 3 hours long in appearance. For your time, you will receive compensation of $250 per donation.

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The first day of 2007 in New York, with the torch bearing ceremonies and the first snowman building excitement. Students with snowy history were better prepared for ice

Fiona Al

Scene of a real snowball fight.

According to two fourth-year students, it is almost impossible to spot the Knights who were snowball fight experts and non-conformists. They recommended students to wear heavy coats, gloves and hats. There are over 30 snowball fight experts and the reserved crowd made up of 11 committees that sponsored the Mr. and Miss UCF pageant and other major events on campus that are free to all students. According to the makers, Focuset is for Adderall, found in prescriptions and lunchrooms, which reduces stress, improves sleep and heightens mental focus. Neufeld said that in order for a drug to be addictive, it must have the typical chemical components within it that lead to addiction, such as amphetamines or alcohol. Focuset does not contain any of these addictive components.

The key ingredients of Focuset include L-theanine, a plant primarily grown in the Arctic areas of Europe and Asia, increases longevity of physical endurance. According to the makers, college students from all over UCF have taken the formula as Focuset, and so far the results of introducing this product to the market for some time, Neufeld and Hertzberg are continuously researching and tweaking the formula, adding the "newest and best ingredients." Neufeld and Hertzberg say that it is so safe that they even allow subscribers to read it to other people under certain guidelines. "Our goal is to get students off of Adderall and Ritalin, and onto a healthy alternative," Neufeld said. "To learn more about Focuset, visit www.focuset.com.

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Sen. Barack Obama launches presidential campaign

WASHINGTON — Sen. Barack Obama launched a presidential campaign Tuesday that would make him the first black presidential candidate in the long history of American politics, said the state legislator who has left the country in a precarious place and he presented himself as the standard-bearer for a new kind of politics.

"Our leaders in Washington, Aide to the nation's tins are incapable of working together," he said in a video posted on the Internet. "We have to turn the page of the past."

The freshman Illinois senator, a candidate for White House, and immediately tried to turn his political inexperience on the same seat with water seeking change.

He said he will discuss a presidential campaign with people around the country before his run, and he wanted to take a turning key because Thursday.

"New Hampshire lobbyist Joe Doherty ruled with Obama for about five minutes. "I'm extremely pumped and excited about this campaign is coming together," said Doherty, who accompanied Obama on his visit to the state last month.

Obama's quick rise to national prominence began with his keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention and his election to the Senate that year."

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Women's Basketball ends 4-game losing streak

Nathan Curtis

The UCF Women's Basketball team is no longer winless in Conference USA. The Golden Knights achieved their first victory in the conference this season by beating Memphis 77-62 on Sunday. The win came after a loss to conference rival UAB on Saturday.

The 66-65 loss to the Blazers prompted UCF head coach Gail Striegler to pinpoint exactly what was wrong with her team. "Our offense is not the problem," Striegler said. "It's getting the points on the board. We gotta knock the shots down when they're there."

It seemed on Friday that only top Lander native Keara Miles could knock down shots for the Knights. Miles went 9-of-15 for a season-high 18 points but got little help from her teammates and the only other Knight to double-digit scoring was Francine Houston with 11.

Miles refused to blame her teammates for the loss against UAB. "It's frustrating we didn't get the win," Miles said, "but my teammates came out and gave their all. I'm frustrated we didn't get the win but we pulled with the level of play."

There was little frustration for the Knights on Sunday. With the team looking to finally get some points on the board, UCF was strong on offense. Miles had 9-of-15 for a season-high 22. Houston had 15 and three others hit double-digit points for UCF. Overall, the team shot a season-high 52 percent from the field and their efficient shooting of the season. The 71 points were also the most the team has scored since the 71-67 win over the Memphis Tigers on Jan. 28.

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Knights find stroke in victory over Thundering Herd

Brian Murphy

On Saturday night, lightning nearly struck the UCF basketball team twice in a week.

Four days after losing a game in which they held a big second-half lead, the Knights began to trend that same disastrous trend against the Marshall Thundering Herd.

But a couple of seniors, Miles O'Donnell and Darrin Lack, saved the Knights from a second consecutive collapse, as they defeated the Herd, 78-71, in Huntington, W.Va.

"She had to give (Coach Fred) Hill a heart attack, every once in a while just to keep him on his toes," O'Donnell said in a post-game interview. "Up by four at the start of the second half, the Knights came out of the locker room aggressively and stretched their lead all the way up to 17 with under 10 minutes to play. O'Donnell played a big role in matching that advantage as he hit three-pointers on three consecutive trips down the floor."

But his solid performance was not enough to win the game for the Knights, who led by 10 with under two minutes to play, but a combination of soft defense and long-range shots from the free-throw line helped the Herd to tie the game at 70-70.

In the final seconds of regulation, Miles drove to the basket for a layup and was fouled, but shot only one of the free throws, which allowed Marshall to tie the game at 72-72. O'Donnell said in a radio interview. "It's frustrating we didn't get the win," Miles said, "but my teammates came out and gave their all. I'm frustrated we didn't get the win but we pulled with the level of play."

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"We have a group of great shooters. We scored 85 points," Striggler said.

There is no denying the intensity in the Knights, but there was also one glaring difference between the two teams and that was in points scored. The Herd scored a whopping 107 points, while giving up an average of 79.2. At the other end of the spectrum is the team that scored the fewest points. The Carolina Southern Eagles spent 13 of the last 14 minutes of the game in their only previous meeting to the Houston Cougars on October 20.

Meanwhile, the Knights ended their season at 10-0, while the Herd sport the worst record in the league at 5-11. No one would stop the Herd, despite their explosive passing. He is a very unselfish player," O’Donnell said in a radio interview.

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