**First HIPAA audits begin**

Continuing Education hosts medical 'Webinar'

Laurie Edloe/Staff Writer

The Division of Continuing Education at UCF presented a Web seminar, or "Webinar," for medical professionals to help them better understand the changes in enforcement of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

 Authorities have recently stepped up the enforcement of HIPAA, the laws that govern how health care providers and organizations handle patient medical records. Any violation of HIPAA can result in fines up to $250,000 per violation.

Every U.S. citizen and those who do business on a continuing basis are affected by HIPAA, said Aimee Weintraub, an attorney at the webinar and chief executive officer of HIPAA Group Inc.

Everyone is affected by HIPAA, but many find the laws difficult to understand. Marisel Melendez, assistant director of Information Technology for the UCF Executive Office of Continuing Education, said he hopes that through the webinar, some of the confusion surrounding HIPAA, was eased.

"The HIPAA awareness is increasing, and they're just starting to investigate organizations as to whether they're following HIPAA guidelines," Melendez said.

Melendez said that the webinar is intended to help the HIPAA training course that is offered through the Division of Continuing Education.

HIPAA governs the way medical information is handled by doctors, nurses, receptionists, medical technicians or anyone who has access to patient information, regarding treatment, payment and health-care operations.

A joint session presented as a professional medical facility is called Protected Health Information, PHI is specifically defined as "individually identifiable health information," Weintraub said. PHI is protected because anyone looking at PHI is likely to be able to identify when it is about.

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Florida considers road leases to private entities for big money

"TAMPA — Florida leaders, who are faced with a $3 billion deficit besides the usual two-year debt, are considering selling state some toll roads and bridges in exchange for large sums of cash from private investors.

The legislature is preparing for a preliminary bill that would allow Florida's Department of Transportation to enter into 50-year leases on Tampa's Sunshine Skyway Bridge, as well as toll roads and bridges in exchange for $3 billion to $5 billion in private money. For example, a private contractor could be set for the Sunshine Skyway Bridge.

The study used the example of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge, which runs between the two tunnels in the first and fourth, and eighth and six Bolton counties, between 75 and 85% from the skyway.

Florida would follow the lead of states such as Ohio, New Jersey, and Texas, which have sold toll roads and pipelines in exchange for private money.

Florida's Department of Transportation would have to end the lease agreements within 10 years, said.
AMANDA ZIKE Contributing Writer

UCF students, faculty participate in film festival

UCF made a mark at the second annual Orlando Film Festival on Nov. 8 through Nov. 11.

Three UCF-affiliated films were selected for the 2007 festival held in downtown Orlando. Various UCF faculty, students and alumni were involved in each film as either director, producer or featured actor. The films were shown at the CityArts Factory and the Gallery at Avalon Island, located off Orange Avenue and Magnolia Avenue, respectively.

What's Next was a 45-minute documentary film discussing a theory about millennials, who are a generation of people born after 1982. Executive Producer Linda Chapin, who is also the director of the Metropolitan Center for Regional Studies at UCF, said she got the idea for the film after reading William Strauss and Neil Howe's book Generations: The History of America's Future, 1584-2069, the millennials.

Chapin enlisted Mills to direct the film and help bring the documentary to life.

"We're coming of age in what many people believe will be an increasingly difficult time period," Mills said.

With problems such as global warming, terrorism and bioethical issues increasing, the documentary raises the question, "Is this generation going to be able to deal with these political, social and cultural issues in the future?"

"We present the Strauss and Howe theories, but the documentary allows the audience to decide," Mills said. "We didn't come to any conclusion in the end."

The film features interviews with Strauss and Howe themselves, as well as interviews with different millennials from both ends of the spectrum. A majority of the millennials interviewed with the film are UCF students or alumni.

One of these students is 26-year-old graduate student Abeer Abdalla, the associate producer of the documentary. Abdalla has been studying millennials for a year now, and was a student of Mills as an undergraduate. She also co-produced a book on the millennial generation called Millennial Manifesto.

"I believe [ Strauss was inspired by his father, who is a Cuban exile," Rodriguez-Milanes said.

The only feature-length film out of the three was titled The Karaoke King. It was directed and produced by L.E. Ruscella, a professor in the theater department. The film featured about 30 UCF alumni and faculty, including Donte Bonner, a UCF graduate and actor who appeared in Sidney White as one of the seven dorks.

John Higgins, executive producer and music supervisor for the film, said that he and Ruscella had developed the idea for the film six years ago. It was originally meant to be a theater show, but they eventually made it into a movie, he said.

The film is a comedy set in a fictional town at a bar called "LIFE," which is known as the birthplace of karaoke. The same regular of the bar is the reigning "karaoke king" every week, and one night when his girlfriend of 14 years forces him to choose between her and his love for karaoke, Ruscella said.

UCF students participated in all aspects of the film, from writing to acting. Three UCF-affiliated films were selected for the 2007 festival, which ran for five years. The second annual Orlando Film Festival on Nov. 8, 2007, featured inter­esting academic and entertainment events that ran for a week.

"We allowed [the millennial generation] to tell their own stories through the documentary," Abdalla said.

The Cuban-American documentary focuses on the Cuban exile experience covering several waves of immigration, including the exodus of children through Operation Pedro Pan, the Freedom Flights and the Mariel Boatlift," Rodriguez-Milanes said.

The Cuban-American documentary was directed by L.E. Saito, a New Jersey native who contacted Luis Martinez-Fernandez, a UCF history professor and native of Havana, and Rodriguez-Milanes to help

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Film shows that creativity can't be bought or sold

Throughout the course of filming, the bee will be broken down to build a smaller box, that one will become an even smaller one.

This means that the artists' creation will eventually be destroyed. Although their work ultimately possesses no material life span, it will live on through the lasting images of the film.

Marcondes said he plans to use visual effects to cause the viewers to question whether what's being illustrated is possible, while still inspiring and relating to the film.

Marcondes said he was inspired by Colombian writer and Nobel Prize winner Gabriel Garcia Marquez, who invented the artistic genre of Magical Realism.

"Magical Realism consists of life elements in a magical form, dealing with the reality of life," Marcondes said.

Be sure to film Big Fish and Across the Universe full under this category.

Andrew Ackerman, a sophomore film major, is the film's director of photography.

"I painted with light," Ackerman said. He plans to use lighting and photographic composition to set the mood and emotion of the scenes.

Jamie Hanson, a sophomore film major, said she was impressed by what he saw. "They're not even in Directing 1 yet, and they're already achieving cinematography-quality work," Hanson said.

Hanson described the people involved in making the film as determined, and predicted that their future production would be even more impressive than what she saw at the art show.

In the kap test class, a student creates a thesis film, "which is a senior capstone project," Montalbano said. He plans to use lighting and photographic composition to set the mood and emotion of the scenes.

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The Boeing Company presents the College of Business Administration with a $3,000 check to support the Boeing Scholarship Fund. The presentation took place on March 5, 2007. According to Dean Allen, the College of Business Administration has over 1,100 students in first-year and second-year courses. Allen said that he hopes that the students will be able to use the Webinar tool to collaborate and communicate with each other. The Webinar tool is a way to give a presentation online and have the audio either through the computer or a telephone line and be able to see a PowerPoint presentation as the speaker wants to share with services with an Internet connection, he added. Malpica said that the Webinar tool is available to any department that wants to use it as long as they are able to cover the cost of setup and support. Registration for the HIPPA Webinar is $349, but UCF Alumni received a 50% discount.
Online retailers offer sales for ‘Cyber Monday’

SAMANTHA BORKAMP
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As consumers head into their wallets, online retailers will work harder this year for their share of the holiday list.

This holiday season is expected to be the weakest since 2002. Many online customers are leveling off, and some retailers have been pushing special offers and promotions to draw customers.

"The online holiday shopping season officially kicks off today, a trend that has been building for one-day sales or special offers for the occasion," said in a statement Monday after Thanksgiving.

"Cyber Monday" is a term used by the National Retail Federation, which tracks the first big online sales of the year.

"It's more Web retailers have jumped on the bandwagon," said, "since the last big online sales surge was in 2002." The holiday season is expected to be the weakest retail showing in five years.

"I did everything online. I wasn't in the store. If I pick stuff up, I'm like, 'Oh, I have to make a purchase this holiday season."

"If I pick one day to go to the mall and then the rest is done online," she said.

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One last challenge remains

After a 25-2 win over NC State on Sept. 1, there were blowups in the beginning of October against East Carolina and South Florida, but everything got back on track, and now the Knights are headed to their second Conference USA Championship game in three years and their second home game ever.

Talk about remarkable turnaround.

This time last year, the Knights were coming off of losses in five of their final seven games as they stumbled to a 4-8 record. This year, the Knights are rolling over opponents, dominating Conference USA en route to the 9-3 record, 6-1 in conference games.

It's been on the back of their workhorse Kevin Smith, who has been nothing short of phenomenal. The senior guard has scored 2,500 career points and 500 rebounds, with 20 total touchdowns.

"It's a lot without you realizing it," Smith said. "I'm sure that most people understand how special Smith has been this year but what he has done is nothing short of absurd. He is just 57 career shots of Marcus Allen's record of 403 carries in a season."

"Yeah, that Marcus Allen," Smith said. "But that's why the Knights have been so good, the third quarter - against Tulsa, they alone will face to the title game.

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One last challenge remains

After a 25-2 win over NC State on Sept. 1, there were blowups in the beginning of October against East Carolina and South Florida, but everything got back on track, and now the Knights are headed to their second Conference USA Championship game in three years and their second home game ever.

Talk about remarkable turnaround.

This time last year, the Knights were coming off of losses in five of their final seven games as they stumbled to a 4-8 record. This year, the Knights are rolling over opponents, dominating Conference USA en route to the 9-3 record, 6-1 in conference games.

It's been on the back of their workhorse Kevin Smith, who has been nothing short of phenomenal. The senior guard has scored 2,500 career points and 500 rebounds, with 20 total touchdowns.

"It's a lot without you realizing it," Smith said. "I'm sure that most people understand how special Smith has been this year but what he has done is nothing short of absurd. He is just 57 career shots of Marcus Allen's record of 403 carries in a season."

"Yeah, that Marcus Allen," Smith said. "But that's why the Knights have been so good, the third quarter - against Tulsa, they alone will face to the title game."

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While some of the Knights, like Smith, said that they weren't thinking about the past at all, others said they were thinking about the present.

"I think it's going to be kind of a repeat of a recent two years," tackle Jibun Foss said. "I think that's going to bring a little bit of a feeling to us that the game is there."

"You think about it maybe during the game, but once the game starts, you don't think about it," linebacker Quintin Demps said. "You just play."}

The Miners and quarter-
back Kyle Israel preserved the game's momentum with three field goals - 47-, 19-, and 19-yarders. Smith ended with 299 rushing yards on the day. He leads the nation with 2,164 yards, but more important, he became the first member to Florida his-
tory to eclipse the 2,000-yard mark in the same season.

While Smith said he is blessed to be able to pull off such a feat, he said that almost any running back could get 2,000 yards if he had Smith's support.

"There is no line in the country better than my offen-
sive line, including my tight end, including my receivers," Smith said. "It's great. Forget all the sounds. We've got a championship, which is our goal. We just had to take care of the ball."

"I'm behind him, I'm in front of him," Guyton said. "I'm just holding ball, and they did a great job."

Final words

The Knights must have thought that it was Halloween weekend, not Thanksgiving, because the Knights outscored UTEP 22-20.

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"We took that to heart, we put that behind us," Guyton said. "We've got eight weeks left, we know that the game is going to be there."

Guyton summed up the game in which he returned his second interception of the season.

"It was the biggest day, but I didn't do it alone," Guyton said. "It took the whole defense."
**Privacy is setting back health research**

Florida last month was home to the annual meeting of the American Health Care Association. This year, one of the topics discussed was the impact of privacy laws on health research. The Consumer Health Protection Act of 2001, which requires HIPAA compliance, is being scrutinized by lawmakers as they consider making it easier to conduct research that uses protected health information.

Roberta B. Goldsmith, director of the University of Utah's Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, explained, "The simple fact is that the privacy rules are slowing down back health research. One in nine epidemiologists surveyed said they abandoned research using protected health information because privacy laws were too cumbersome to work with.

"The HIPAA Privacy Rule," Goldsmith noted, "was intended to protect patient privacy and maintain the confidentiality of health information. However, it has also raised concerns among researchers who are concerned that the privacy rules are too rigid, and that they are making it more difficult to conduct research that is important to public health."
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