**Bowl Fund**

UCF set to take on defensive-minded Mississippi State on Dec. 29 — SEE SPORTS, A8

**DUI charges follow hit-run**

Explorer hits car, leaves scene twice

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A Michigan man was arrested and taken to jail. Thursday after the Ford Explorer he was driving hit a UCF student's car at Alafaya Trail and Science Drive and fled the scene twice — twice.

Julie Barnes, a senior forensic science major, said she was leaving her boyfriend's apartment on Science Drive and was stopped in the left turning lane at Alafaya Trail in her Mustang when the white, four-door Ford Explorer drove into her.

"I was going home to write a personal statement for grad school and not getting there," she said.

The Explorer, scrapping and swerving, drove down the road. A crowd of witnesses gathered on the sidewalk next to Science Drive when the Explorer turned around and came back toward Alafaya. The group moved further off the sidewalk to avoid being hit by the Explorer, still scrapping and slamming this chemicals and burning rubber, passed and turned right onto Alafaya, narrowly missing a car that was waiting at the light.

The driver of the Explorer, 32-year-old Lee Bufton of Michigan, was arrested in connection with the accident Thursday and charged with driving under the influence and leaving the scene.

"We are looking for a car that entered the left lane at Alafaya Trail in her Mustang when the Explorer was thrown 118 feet by a car.

The "Greatest Distance Thrown in a Car" record was established in 1987 by a man who threw a distance of 118 feet.

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**AROUND CAMPUS**

News and notices for the UCF community.

**Collegian bargaining meeting Friday**

The UCF Executive Vice President will be the first annual sessions of Traditions Saturday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Room 452 of Computer Science Building. The meeting is between the University of Central Florida Administration and the United Faculty of Florida.

**Radio Club meeting Friday**

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**LOCAL STATE**

Keep tabs with handbooks and local news.

**Space shuttle launch up until January due to freezeproblems**

CAPE CANAVERAL, NASA on Sunday delayed the launch of the space shuttle Atlantis until January after a failure in the fuel tank failed for the second time in four days.

The delay came only a day after the launch was one of 20 for the year 7, when the Europeans returned to perform another launch for an afternoon. A day later, NASA delayed the launch attempt three times, once due to an issue with the fuel tank and once due to a problem with the main engine.

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UCF tech fee amount up to Trustees, not students

NATALIE COSTA

The Board of Governors met to discuss the spring semester tuition freeze during Thursday's Board of Trustees meeting.

Student Body President Brandie Hollinger attended, dis­

cussed with the new language used in the recently passed technology fee legislation which does not provide for a student referendum.

The bill that was passed on Oct. 26 established "technology fee is up to 3 percent of the

pation per credit hour, begin­

ning with the fall term 2009-

2010." Although the bill, the fee will be the responsibility of the university Board of Trustees rather than the students.

In addition to the language in the technology fee bill that the Student Government Association faces calls for a student referendum with regard to this fee to be voted on every two years. At the end of the current session, the technology fee was supported by the Florida Student Associa­

tion," Hollinger said. "The stu­

dents would decide the tech­

nology fee through a student referendum selection, which if they do not like it, it’s killed. If they do like it, it goes to the Board of Trustees where they decide the amount.

The SBOE killed in the Higher Education Commit­

tee during the current legisla­

tion was proposed.

Director of Governmental Affairs Amber Peterson, said the purpose of the University Relations Dan Holbein said he wanted the student referendum to be adopted during the special session.

Regardless, the new language passed, and the idea of stu­

dent referendum was discoun­

tered. If the SGCO technology fee bill had been passed, there would be technology fee committee would have been appointed by the student body president, while the "other half would have been selected by the student body president. Those people would compose the student referen­

dums and make recommendations in relation to the technolo­

gy fee.

Pearsen explained the need for a technology fee.

"The legislative and the univer­

sity administration find themselves in a situation in which tuition isn’t going up to support a higher education sys­

them and state support is going down," she said. "[So they imposed] a fee to circumvent tuition and get more money from students, because they can’t get it from tuition.

Likewise, the technology fee also has the added advantage because it provides advanced technology and improves the students’ experience in terms of technology in Florida prisons.

During the Board of Gover­

nors meeting, Chancellor Mark Bloom announced there would be a $2 fee increase at both the end of the year and the end of next year, which will amount to a 1 percent base budget cut.

Hall said all of these budget cuts, more teachers will be laid off, fewer classes will be offered, the cap on freshman enrollment will be enforced, and an overall enrollment cap will be imple­

mented.

For this reason, Bloom offered an apology to the stu­

dents, faculty and alumni.

According to the language from legislative bill eight, ses­sion C, tuition will increase up to 3 percent, making "resident undergraduate tuition for lower-division and upper-level course­

work increase to $759 per cred­

it hour, effective Jan. 2010," Bloom explained the advantages and reasoning behind the increase.

"This tuition increase is absolutely the best thing that can happen to you, students," he said. "We get more teachers, Library resources and counselors."

Bloom compared the tuition increase to a clearance sale. explaining that the universi­

ty administration "is in the position to provide higher education while the aver­

age is so low.

Secondly, the national aver­

age is $2,000 a year; while in Florida, $3,350 a year, this means comes back to the students through financial aid.

"For every dollar, 30 percent goes toward student aid," Hall said.

There will be a 5 percent tuition increase in January and it is expected to change again in September. The tuition will raise according to the consumer price index to compensate for infla­

tion.

But Bloom said that these changes shouldn’t happen without input from the student body.

"All the students should have a say," Hall said. "We all agree on that."

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called engine cutoff sensors, are part of a backup system to prevent the shuttle’s main engines from starting during launch and running without fuel, potentially catastrophic situation. They have been a source of periodic trouble ever since flights resumed in 2005 following the Columbia tragedy.

Two groups of NASA engineers recommended that the flight be postponed and the fuel gauge system tested to figure out what might be going on. But they did not oppose a Sunday launch attempt when it came time for the final vote. Shuttle commander Scott T. Parazynski was deeply involved with the decisions that were made, officials said. Frick and his six crewmates planned to return to their Houston base in Houston later Thursday. “We hope everyone gets some well-deserved rest and we will be back to try again when the vehicle is ready,” the astronaut said in a prepared statement.

It was another disappointing delay for the European Space Agency, which has been waiting for years for its Ariane 5, finally launched by NASA in space station design problems in the 1990s and early 1990s slowed everything down, then Russian troubles and, most recently, the 2003 Columbia tragedy stalled the project.

NASA officials said they expect little ripple effect on space station construction.

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**HIGHER EDUCATION**

What’s in the news at colleges around the country

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**Roadside bomb kills provincial police chief and guards**

BAGHDAD — A roadside bomb struck a convoy carrying the police chief of a predominantly Shiite province south of Baghdad on Saturday, killing him and two of his bodyguards.

It was the latest in a series of ambushes against provincial leaders in the mainly Shiite region south of the capital as militias and other factions battle for control of the area with an eye toward the eventual withdrawal of US-led forces.

The explosion, which occurred in Hillah province’s capital of Hillah, about 70 miles south of Baghdad, ignited fires of a violent power struggle among Shiite factions in the oil-rich area.

Lamont also has targeted local Iraqi government officials to try to intimidate those who accuse of collabo- ration with the US and Iraqi governments.

Undermining that danger, the hand of the Pan-Arabian provincial council survived an assassination attempt in the northern city of Mosul.

A roadside bomb exploded near a car carrying Mohammad Salih, police said. Nobody was wounded in the attack.

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**Youth With a Mission center, Atlanta, Georgia**

An 18-year-old woman, walking into a London rental business, the newspapers said.

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**Local news**

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**Roadside bomb kills provincial police chief and guards**

A police car blocks the roadway leading to a youth center in southern Maryland where the corpse of Faith Bible Church in Annapolis, Md., Sunday after a guneman opened fire in a church.

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**AP Photo/Matt Slocum**

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Web cams assist students' research

**Class studies polar bears**

**POLAR BEARS — FACTS**

- Polar bears are built to stay down in their cold habitat that sometimes they overheat, and have to cool off in the chilly water.
- Polar bears can see well underwater, spotting potential meals 15 feet away.
- A hunter has a polar bear will want to be as far as possible from it at all times.
- Blubber helps insulate polar bears from the freezing air and cold water and acts as a nutritional reserve when food cannot be found. This blubber also helps the bear float in the water. It is as thick as 7 inches.

To do this, students collected the spatial and behavioral patterns of the polar bears and recorded the data every 15 minutes.

For a period of about a week, tourists visited the area, and students were able to observe how the polar bears reacted to humans.

This year, having 30 research assistants in my class was great,” Waterman said. “Overall, the feedback and I think [the students] were happy with it, and I think the students were really excited about it.”

“Overall, the feedback was very positive, and I think people were excited about it,” said Waterman.

“Next year, Waterman won’t do any research in any of our classes,” O’Keefe said.

“I think it was just such a cool project to be able to do, because we never get to do any research in any of our classes,” O’Keefe said.

Senior biology major Karie O’Keefe said she thought the project was a great idea.

“It was just such a cool project to be able to do, because we never get to do any research in any of our classes,” O’Keefe said.

Senior biology major Diana Silva agreed.

“It was my first time doing something like that,” Silva said. “It was a very unique experience and not too many students get to do that.”

Only the students in Waterman’s animal behavior class conducted research. Next year, Waterman won’t be teaching the class but she will be looking for biology students volunteers to help.

Waterman also said she hopes to expand the data collection internationally. Some areas in Germany and Australia have shown interest in helping with the project.
Program provides health service for Hispanics

RISCE TIDDEGEN

With the help of a UCF alumna, Central Florida Hispanics are learning how to enrich their lives even while dealing with a chronic disease.

Michael Dorta graduated from UCF in May with a bachelor's degree in social work and began working with Cuidate, a special program at Florida Hospital East Orlando. Cuidate teaches people how to deal with their chronic diseases and promotes good health practices.

Chronic Diseases, such as heart disease and diabetes, are the leading cause of death and disability in the U.S., according to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

During his studies at UCF, Dorta worked at Florida Hospital East Orlando to fulfill his 40-hour service learning requirement.

"I tell people, the director of Field Education in the UCF School of Social Work, said that during completion of their service-learning experience, students get a good idea of what it's like working in the social service field full-time. Dorta said he enjoyed his service-learning experience because he was "able to put into practice and see firsthand the theories and teachings in class, how it really is to deal with the patient."

Dorta said his dream was to work with the Hispanic community, but he didn't know what his chances were.

While at Florida Hospital East Orlando, he met Natalia Cabrero, the project manager of a new earnings program called Cuidate.

"Cuidate is a Spanish word that means "take care of yourself,"" Dorta said. "The program was designed for members of the Hispanic community. The employees are bilingual, and everyone in Central Florida is welcome to use the services provided." Dorta said, who is now the program’s health coordinator.

The program was formed in April and is funded by a $500,000 grant from the Community Health Impact Council, a subcommittee of the Florida Hospital Board tasked with developing initiatives that improve the health of the Central Florida community.

The growing Hispanic population in the Central Florida area made Orlando a perfect place to start Cuidate. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 22 percent of the metro Orlando area population is Hispanic. Dorta said that people have either contacted or been referred to Cuidate.

"It’s a pilot program, and we hope to prove our success," Dorta said.

The program’s grant is for 24 months and will undergo review before it gets renewed. Dorta said.

"Thirty-nine percent of the people that come into the program are Hispanic," Cabrero said, "and Hispanics are becoming a more prominent group in the population.

"Cuidate offers these major services," Dorta said.

A free chronic disease self-management classes taught by licensed professionals are offered at night over a six-week period. People with chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, arthritis and lung disease can learn to eat better and control their symptoms through a six-week course of classes.

Also, individuals that qualify for Medicaid or KidCare can go to the office and receive assistance in enrolling for the program. "We have enrolled 124 people in Medicaid since we started," Cabrero said.

"Lots of people need to know about this, so we can get them at Wal-Mart or Target for great things," Dorta said.

"The motto of Cuidate is "Tu salud esta en tus manos," which means "Your health is in your hands."

The program at Cuidate is committed to reaching out to the community, so they can help people about living a better life and control the struggles of living with a chronic disease. They are involved in several week-end events at health, business and education fairs, spreading the word about Cuidate and the free services it provides.

Cabrero said that they are always looking for volunteers to help arrange and prepare class materials, answer phones and schedule classes. Anyone interested in volunteering must go through Florida Hospital volunteer training and testing.

For more information about Cuidate, call 407-863-6909 or visit the website at www.cuidate4florida.com.
Suicides high in college

Walcott said that the problem, lead to suicide. Cause a person to end their life. James Roop, community relations office for the UCF Police students is growing, said CPL those outside of college have a more positive mood, at least in the short term, in being aware that the semester has finished the semester may bring thoughts. People can feel like they are at the "bottom of the well" and that there are "no other options," Wallace said. Suicidal people are consciously aware of their thoughts. People can feel like they are at the "bottom of the well" and that there are "no other options," Wallace said. According to the book Crisis and What Actually is to question. Ask in a direct way if the person is not ready to talk, don't give up. Don't force them to talk. If they say, "I thought, 'I guess roll get out of the light turned green, Mast said. She said she stopped, but said she couldn't give them the Explorer's license plate number. "I was starting to freak out at this point," she said. That was when the driver made a wide right turn off Alafaya and hit Blitar’s Mustang. He stopped for only a moment and then continued driving down Science Drive with sparks flying from his front left wheel. Wall said she got through to the dispatcher by alerted and notified of the accident, but said she couldn’t give them the Explorer’s license plate number. "Wephy phoned in the middle of the call at that point, I abandoned my search and went back to the intersection," he said. He went back to the intersection and waited with Blitar for Florida Highway Patrol to arrive at the scene.

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HIT AND OLE MISS

News to Note

Knights fall 4-1 to Reebok

Mississippi vs. UCF

76-67

Chef Bryan DeMoss said, "The guy can..."

Kirk Speraw said, "We're fighting our..."

The day after Edwards..."

BRIAN MURPHY

It was another gritty effort by the Knights against a quality big conference team, but when it comes time to seal the deal, the Knights were left holding the bag — again.

The Knights (4-1) fought back from a 12-point deficit with nine minutes to play, but never regained the lead in their 76-67 loss to Ole Miss (16-5).

"It's real frustrating, because I thought we worked real hard in practice this week preparing for this game," UCF guard Jomarco Taylor said. "I just didn't do my job.

This loss resembled those that the Knights suffered against ranked teams, Villanova and Kansas State during Thanksgiving weekend.

Versus Villanova, the Knights trailed by three points with less than two minutes to play. They then pushed Kansas State to overtime on the night. And against Ole Miss, the Knights trailed by one with less than three minutes to play. But in the end, UCF lost all three games.

"It's a tremendously challenging schedule," UCF head coach Kirk Speraw said. "We're fighting our tails off and coming up a little short on some of the ball games. The margin for error is small, and we understand that.

The Knights didn't help themselves in the first half, as they came out slow and struggled. The Rebels dictated the pace of the game's first five minutes and opened up a 15-3 lead. The Knights were able to cut that lead to four with about 12 minutes remaining in the first half.

But the Knights' inability to hit from the outside helped the Rebels enter halftime with a 43-32 lead. UCF was just 5-of-23 from the floor in the first half.

The Rebels were paced in the first half by freshman guard Chris Warren, who had 12 points on four 3-pointers.

UCF guard Kevin O'Connell came off the bench during the first half and scored 11 points, but it wasn't enough to help the Knights.

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So it has all come to this. One of the most historic seasons in UCF Football history will end on Dec. 29 at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn.

The Conference USA Champion Knights (6-4 overall, 7-3 in C-USA) will face the Southeastern Conference in the Missouri State Bulldogs (6-6 overall, 4-1 in S-E-C).

The Knights were supposed to be here after they won just four games in 2006 and were picked to finish third in C-USA East during the preseason.

Much like the Knights, the Bulldogs have made an unprecedented turnaround this year behind the leadership of head coach Sylvester Croom. They won just two games in each of the past two seasons, but put themselves in bowl contention this year with wins over Auburn, Kentucky and Alabama. Here is what to watch in the 49th AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

Magic number: 181

That's the number of rushing yards that UCF's All-American running back Kevin Smith needs to become the school’s all-time leading rusher. If Smith reaches the milestone on Saturday, the Knights will have accomplished a lot of feats this season and near advantage in one of the most feared Southeastern Conference.

So what else could the Knights possibly do now? How about UCF's first bowl game victory.

On Dec. 29, the Knights will travel to Memphis, Tenn., to take part in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl against the Mississippi State Bulldogs. It will be just the second time that UCF has been to a bowl game.

The Knights lost in the Hawaii Shriners Bowl against Nevada two years ago.

UCF and Mississippi State have faced off just one other time

In history. It was on Oct. 25, 1997, when the Knights fell to the Bulldogs 36-20. The Bulldogs entered the game with a 7-2 overall record, and although the Knights 3-5 season and rare advantage in every statistical category may look better, there is still one aspect that separates the two teams — their respective conferences.

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Mississippi State belongs to the Big East.

MELISSA HEYBORN

The UCF Football team accomplished a lot of feats this season. The Knights accomplished their win streak, their conference title and their conference championship.

They accomplished building one of the most feared running backs in the country and one of the most potent defenses in its division.

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UCF head coach Kirk Speraw said, "You've got to understand that winning this game is huge for us."

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From the opening of the on-campus stadium to the win over Tulsa to secure the Conference USA Championship, the UCF Football team has been on an historical ride. Here are the key moments from the 2007 season:

**Sports Recap Fall 2007**

**Turnovers halt comeback**

The Knights were holding on for dear life as they faced a 17-point deficit against South Florida. But an interception by safety Tony Davis on the 32-yard line prevented the Bulls from adding to their lead.

**O'Donnell's basket, guard Dave Noel**

As O'Donnell looked for six times, "I'd probably go for 30." He did just that, scoring a basket and a free throw to bring the Knights within 30-26 at the half.

**Taylor with 15:24 to play.**

But the Knights didn't quit. They responded accordingly. After a 284-yard game against West Virginia, Taylor finished the regular season with 2,663 rushing yards and 25 rushing touchdowns on an NCAA single-season record 414 carries.

**Smith is handled with care.**

The emergence of freshmen like Justin Sheppard and A.J. Guyton — 23 catches and 368 yards — has provided a boost for the Knights, who are now 0-25 versus South Florida.

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UCF's 23 interceptions are the most in school history. Eleven players had an interception, led by Jermaine Bates. Joe Spera, Derrick Hallman, Darin Miller, Joe Burnett and redshirt freshman Tony Davis have also had Phillip Greco all record and rushing touchdowns with a 44-25 win over Tulane.

**The ball hit O'Donnell's hand.**

"We're not going to have too many more madness like that. We're a good shooting team, I think everybody just has to have confidence to step in them and knock them down the open shot." The Knights took advantage of the Rebels' missed opportunities, outshooting, 45-36.

**Israel leads the way.**

But just like last season, no one had a firm grip on the job. Though backup Michael Green is expected to be different than his predecessor, Israel was the only consistent player, leading by Joe Burnett's six and four of them this season, and six of them this season. And while six freshmen grabbed passes on offense, five freshmen grabbed quarterback duties.

**Playing their first season**

Junior Rocky Ross led the team with 45 catches, but freshmen Kenisha Taylor — 32 catches — and A.J. Gunter — 23 catches — were also big contributors.

**Senior Sergio Joachim made a remarkable comeback, catching 19 passes, his first since the 2005 season.**

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Men's soccer season tied to many one-goal losses

PADRICK BREWER
Sports Editor

After a decent showing in 2006, in which the UCF Men's Soccer team went 6-9-2 overall and 3-3-2 in Conference USA, the Knights had a disappointing 2007 campaign. During the team's four losses in the season, the Knights' leading scorer, Zak Boggs, transferred to South Florida and perhaps their best goalkeeper, Brian Pope, was injured.

All of that combined to cause the Knights to struggle to a 4-12-2 record, going 0-6-2 in C-USA. The story of the year for UCF was one-goal differentials. The Knights had 12 of their 18 contests decided by one goal. Unfortunately, UCF went just 4-8 in those matches.

Time and again, the Knights looked as though they would be able to net the equalizer or pull away from an opponent, but it just never materialized. UCF had a tendency to start slow, scoring just eight goals in the first half of matches all year. Penalties scored 18 times in first half, and the Knights were often baffled from before they tried to keep the match close.

Senior goalkeeper Brian Pope missed almost the entire season due to an injury, but that didn't mean he wasn't contributing. Pope helped coach freshman Scott Johnson, who won the starting job in the off-season. Johnson helped coach freshman Sean Johnson, who won the starting job in the off-season.

Johnson looked comfortable in goal, and his athleticism and talent kept the Knights in a lot of matches. Johnson made 83 saves and had two shutouts: A win over Loyola-Marymount on Sept. 9 and a double-overtime tie against South Carolina on Nov. 4 in the pennant match of the season.

Against the Gamecocks, a match in which the Knights managed 17 shots and just four on goal, Johnson made a season-high 10 saves.

UCF reached the high point of its season a little early, when it moved to 4-3-1 on the season with a 2-1 win over Wofford on Sept. 23. After that win, the Knights went winless for the last month-and-a-half of their season, finishing last in CUSA and being left out of the Conference USA Championship.

During that span, the Knights faced three teams ranked in the top 25, and only No. 15 Saint Louis kept them scoreless. UCF scored in the closing minutes to fall to No. 11 SMU 3-1 on Oct. 6, and the Knights gave No. 20 Tulsa all it could handle in a 2-1 loss on Oct. 21.

Leading the Knights on offense was midfielder/forward Ryan Roushandel, who finished with eight goals and one assists. His 17 points were tied for fourth and his eight goals were tied for second in C-USA.

UCF had just three other players aside from Roushandel to score more than one goal: forwards Mike Mattson, James Georgeff and freshman Matt Luzunaris.

UCF has a wealth of young talent. Another year of experience under the belts of freshmen Johnson, Nathanial Jocelyn and Dustin McCarty, and sophomores Cam Jordan, Akin Akinrinade and Jamal Robinson bodes well for the Knights to come back in 2008 and not just get back to a winning record, but also compete in the Conference USA Championship.
The Knights — a member of Conference USA USA — are far cry away from facing the type of talent that Mississippi State faces in the Southeastern Conference. 

Not to discredit anything the Knights have accomplished all season, but while they are ranked 85th in the land of SMU and Marshall, the Bulldogs were being asked to confront Auburn and Arkansas. No matter the measure of talent in front of the conference, the Bulldogs still face arguably one of the country’s best defenses in Mississippi State.

Smith finished the regular season with 2,448 rushing yards and 29 touchdowns and is just 18 yards away from becoming the leading rusher in a single season, a feat accomplished by Oklahoma State’s Barry Sanders in 1998.

Aside from that, Smith has only faced a defense like Mississippi State’s two other times this season, and they were over-ran by non-conference teams — Texas and South Florida. The Bulldogs rank 26th in the country with 1.86 rushing yards per carry. McNeese State is the only team in the conference with less yards on the ground, and Florida State and Boston College actually gained more than 100 yards on the ground.

Mississippi State

Wesley Carroll, those numbers are impressive. Carroll started the season well, but he has cut out his mistakes. Carroll may find trouble this game ranked 28th in the country in rushing defense, the Bulldogs look like a match made in heaven — a great Conference USA team meeting a mediocre SEC team. He has set basically every title is the top of the mountain for their ultimate goal in becoming an effective leader since then.

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No cold shoulder for polar bears

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One of the main reasons is the loss of sea ice, which is becoming more unstable and less available to the bears. The loss of sea ice is directly linked to climate change.

Sea ice is crucial for polar bears because it provides a platform for hunting seals, their main food source.

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These changes have significant implications for the survival of polar bears and the ecosystems they inhabit.

In conclusion, we must take action now to reduce our carbon footprint and work towards a sustainable future for polar bears and all other species threatened by climate change.

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**MAN ON THE STREET**

"What are you doing for the holiday break?"

Michael Diaz  
Freshman, Business

I'm going to stay in Orlando and do nothing. I'm sleeping. I'm so excited."

Ashley Strum  
Junior, Psychology

I'm going home and doing nothing. I'm sleeping. I'm so excited."

Rachel Caroline  
Junior, Psychology

"I'm going to Florida for the holidays."

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**READER VIEWS**

"Hi/F"s salary doesn't hurt other budgets


Bob (Nudie), while I agree with sentiments you share, such as attempt ing to narrow the gap between the student-faculty ratio, some of your claims are simply unbased.

I'm sure President John Hilt's salary as though it should be decreased in exchange for more faculty on campus, in hopes that UCF would then become a more than a three-tier school.

We all know that the President has earned the money he makes, and it's not going to bring any change. It doesn't matter if you're in New York or New Jersey, your salary will be the same. The bottom line is that the money should go to those in need around the world.

I'm tired of hearing about all of these "Hi/F"s robbed around UCF. I think people just are not conscious enough to their surroundings and value their valuables in plain sight, or they have no money to even report to the police.

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