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On behalf of the *Central Florida Future* and the 2004 Orientation Team, welcome to the University of Central Florida.

We've put together a newspaper unlike any edition we produce during the year — a study guide for how to be a Knight. That's our mascot, if you haven't heard yet. This front section will tell you what made news in the year leading up to today, and what's to come for our nationally renown sports teams.

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Find a guide to what organizations will help you get the most out of college life in section C, "Key Organizations."

Our keep-it-with-you "Survival Guide" section is full of ideas for spending your free time in Orlando, from where to eat to where to see a movie or hear good music. You'll find a handy pull-out map in the center of section D, too.

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A whole different ballgame

Football team headlines conference farewell tour

ASHLEY BURNS Sports Editor

When new football coach George O'Leary was hired in December, he called UCF a "sleeping giant."

Over the past semester, those two words have become a catch phrase for all of the sports encompassed by UCF athletics. This past year has been arguably UCF's most successful ever for athletics as seven UCF sports took home Atlantic Sun Conference championships.

SGA denies flag funding

National focus came to UCF as the SGA Senate voted 20-to-13 against funding for American flags in all classrooms at UCF.

The measure, sponsored by campus-organization Rebuilding on a Conservative Kornerstone, would have used \$3,140 from the SGA budget to pay for the flags. The UCF Physical Plant offered to install the flags for free, and unltimately did.

Despite the failure in acquiring funding, ROCK President Heather Smith ominously said, "UCF students can rest assured that the flags will be placed in classrooms this fall."

SEPTEMBER 2003 Miss America plucked from UCF

UCF senior Ericka Dunlap became Miss America 2004, after entering history books as the first black Miss Florida winner at the state competition in St. Petersburg.

"It's so wonderful for me to be the first person to set the precedent," Dunlap said in July. She is the eighth black contestant to win the Miss America title.

The advertising and public relations major's singing of "If I could," won the talent portion of the

Dunlap

while clad in a lemon-yellow dress. Along with a year of public speaking obligations, Dunlap's crowning earned her \$50,000 in scholarship assistance.

Dunlap plans to continue her education by returning to UCF, getting her bachelor's degree and then pursuing a law doctorate.

DECEMBER 2003 O'Leary Knighted as coach

George O'Leary, the Minnesota Vikings' defensive coordinator, signed a contract in December to become the Knights'



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O'Leary

new football coach, giving hope to a tarnished team.

His hiring drew criticism from some UCF faculty for his lying on a resume, which cost O'Leary his coaching position at Notre Dame. The school defended O'Leary as a champion of strong academics, as he has been since leaving Notre Dame.

He brings the skill of an NFLlevel coach to UCF's team at a time of weakness. The program, moving to Conference-USA, has its final chance to leave a mark on the Mid-American Conference.

O'Leary is guaranteed \$700,000 a year in his five-year contract, but incentives for performance on and off the field could bump that figure up to \$1.1 million.

MARCH 2004 President Hitt fros down

A picture featuring UCF President John Hitt and Chairman of the UCF Board of Trustees Dick Nunis sporting Afro wigs ran on the front page of the *Future*, and soon after drew national media attention to the school.

Hitt explained that he and Nunis wore the Afros at the trustees meeting in honor of Dexter Lyons, whose hair is Afroteam, who had recently returned from NCAA competition. Hitt named off the squad members individually as they stood to applause from the audience during the trustees meeting.

However, some found the image of a white man wearing an Afro wig to be racially offensive and a throwback to the days of minstrel shows and segregation.



Knights center Josh Bodden

Basketball heads to NCAA Tourney

The men's basketball team capped off a phenomenal 25-5 season with a trip to the NCAA Tournament. Unfortunately, they were eliminated in a defensive battle with Pittsburg 53-44.

The season included a 13game winning streak and recordbreaking attendance at the UCF Arena. Fans could be spotted in the stands sporting Afro wigs in honor of player Dexter Lyons, who came to represent the oftenunderrated UCF team.

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- COMPILED BY BRANDON HARDIN

The Knights will only get one more shot to

repeat that success as all of UCF's A-Sun teams are entering their final season in the conference. Last fall, athletic director Steve Orsini proudly announced that UCF had found a home for all of its sports as 2005 would be the first year that all 17 sports would compete in Conference USA. Football also has only one shot left at leaving its mark on the



Mid-American Conference, where it enters its third and final season of competition.

UCF has surely shown that it rivals any school in Florida when it comes to academics. With the changes that have already been made and the changes that will be made within the next year, UCF's athletic programs are about to rise to the top as well.

O'Leary looks to rejuvenate football

The UCF football program is still young. The Knights have only been competing at the Division I-A level for the past eight years, but UCF is ready to step up to the big time. The program that brought Daunte Culpepper to the national spotlight has made moves to put UCF in the top 25 and finally send the Knights to a bowl game.

After one of the worst seasons in UCF football history in 2003, changes have been made. A brand new coaching staff and a young team that wants to prove its talent will take the field this season for the last time as a member of the MAC. In its first two seasons of MAC play, the UCF football team has been inconsistent. However, it has also shown that it is good enough to take the conference title.

On the field, the Knights are led by a young group of talented players. Sophomore Steven Moffett appears to be the man at the quarterback position heading into the fall, as the Orlandonative has shown that he has what it takes in the air and on the ground. Moffett has some quality company on the depth chart as Gerry Connell has emerged as the backup with his strong, confident personality and stronger arm.

PLEASE SEE BASKETBALL ON A18



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Fall academic calendar

Registration and add/drop*, ** April 5-August 22

Residence halls open August 18 at 11 a.m.

Registration for state employees, non-degree, transients and audits August 20 — begins at 3 p.m.

Registration for UCF employees, senior citizens audits and STEP August 20 — begins at 3:30 p.m.

Classes begin August 23

Late registration and add/drop*, ** August 23-27 — ends at 5 p.m. Aug. 27

Last day for full refund August 27 — ends at 5 p.m.

Grade forgiveness deadline August 27 — ends at 5 p.m.

Payment deadline* September 3 — ends at 5 p.m.

CLAST test (register by September 3) October 2

Registration appointment date and time for spring 2005 on POLARIS October 11

Withdrawal deadline October 22 — ends at 5 p.m.

Classes end; last day to remove incomplete*** December 4

Final examination period December 6-11

Residence halls close December 12 at noon

Commencement December 13-14

Grades available on POLARIS December 17 at 9 a.m.

* \$100 late payment fee applies to students who do not pay their fees or do not pay their fees by the due date. ** \$100 late registration fee applies to students who have not enrolled by the close of registration and add/drop. *** Incomplete grades must be removed within one year of the award date prior to graduation from the university, whichever comes first, or they will change to "F."

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A LOOK BACK: FALL '03 - SPRING '04



A year's worth of news in minutes

With a city-sized population, a lot can happen on campus

AUGUST 2003 Welcome back, now pay up

As students took a hike to the classroom, their tuition took a hike, too.

After the Florida Legislature cut requested funding for Florida's state universities by \$40 million and mandated an 8.5 percent tuition hike for all students, the UCF Board of Trustees voted 8-1 to tack on an optional 6.5 percent extra for all out-ofstate and graduate students. The sole dissenting vote came from then-Student Body President Brian Battles.

Trustee Conrad Santiago said the tuition was raised for out-of-state and graduate students because the cost to educate students in those programs was higher and UCF was priced below comparable universities.

Former professor faces deportation

denied the allegations.

Former UCF professor Hussam Jubara pleaded guilty to falsifying immigration documents. The charges were first brought

against him in March, and at the time he

According to the Orlando Sentinel, Jubara had previously identified himself as Hussam Abujbara, Hosam Jobara and Hussam Abou Jbara.



time, it was uncertain where Jubara and his immediate family, which consisted of his wife five children, would end up. Possible options included Jordan, Somalia and Sudan.

Jubara

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'What's up, G?' 'Jail time!'

A narcotics task force ended a local drug-ring investigation called Operation "What's up, G?" with 15 arrests. Four of those were UCF students.

The group was charged with manufacturing and selling GHB, commonly called the date-rape drug.

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New \$7 million facility for football

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Students Alexander Bacogiannis, John Gaspar, Allan Medina and Kenneth Pugliesi were among those arrested, along with UCF graduate Kristen Cabrera.

The sting involved 10 law enforcement agencies collectively known as the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation.

Officers estimated the street value of the drugs at \$405,000.

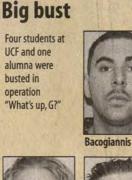
Football program gets new home

The new Wayne Densch Sports Center welcomed UCF's football players into its more than 45,000-square-foot bosom last fall. The facility features six screening rooms, a 10,000-square-foot strength and conditioning center, a 5,000-square-foot sports medicine hub, two in-ground whirlpools, a hydrotherapy pool and numerous other accoutrements.

It is hoped that the new, privately funded \$7 million facility will attract more football recruits to UCF.

Student charged with mail fraud

A UCF criminal justice major was charged in federal court with stealing mail and







credit cards from UCF students and others living in the off-campus Pegasus Landing complex.

Investigators alleged that Yolanda Terrell Flournah, a former mail clerk at the complex, stole credit-card applica-



were mailed out, intercepted them before

they reached their true addressee.

Four hundred credit cards were seized from her apartment, authorities said. The fraud was estimated to have cost \$285,000 and affected nearly 700 people.

Flournah pleaded not guilty.

Raspberry is the new strawberry

In a move that rocked students across campus, Scantrons changed color from "strawberry" to "raspberry."

The change was made because the strawberry forms, which used students' Social Security numbers for identification, posed a risk of ID theft. The new raspberry forms use students' Personal Identification Numbers, a randomly generated number.

New building open for business After a year and a half of

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To fill rising demand for business courses at UCF, a massive new business building that opened last August was built at a cost of \$10.7 million.

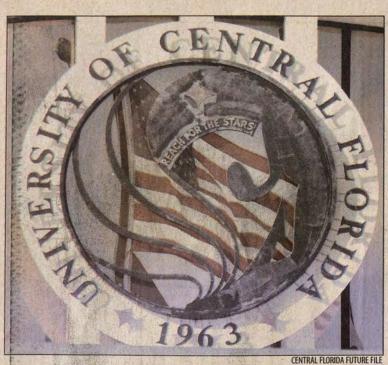






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Despite objections from SGA senators, flags were placed in UCF classrooms in September with the support of the UCF Administration.

> During the fall football season **Orlando police were** in full force to prevent tailgaters from drinking in parking lots. They hauled away kegs and emptied smaller ontainers outside the Citrus Bowl, to the chagrin of fans.

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Flags raised in classes thanks to radio host

FROM A4

construction, \$10.3 million in state funds and \$400,000 in local donations, the Business Administration II Building opened its doors to students.

state-of-the-art, The 60,000-square-foot facility boasts multimedia classrooms and a new career center.

"It was built with the student in mind," said Joanne Chive, director of communications and alumni relations for the College of Business.

V-Tech humbles UCF

The Hokies stomped on the Knights' football squad in Blacksburg, Va., soundly defeating them 49-28. It was UCF's first game of the season, and consequently the first loss.

The Knights actually ral-lied from a 28-point deficit, bringing the score to 28-21 Hokies by the third quarter. However, the rally fell short, and the Knights came home disappointed. As the season wore on, this would become a familiar feeling for UCF football fans.

SEPTEMBER 2003 Flags fly in classrooms After being denied funding for putting American flags in classrooms by the SGA Sen-ate, ROCK found a private, and controversial, donor.

Shannon Burke, a conservative talk-show host on WFLA-AM 540, raised the \$3,140 needed to buy the flags. Burke said the money came from the Florida Elks, a national civic fraternal organization.

As the flags were being delivered to the Student Union, members of the stu-dent group Campus Peace Action distributed fliers denouncing Burke's views and his involvement in the flag purchasing. Burke's statements, according to comments posted on the Web site http://stopshannon.com,

include, "It's impossible to be Muslim and not a terrorist," and "Palestinian people are apes." Some SGA senators showed disdain for ROCK's

action of getting private dona-

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Under new tailgating rules, no more kegs

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tions after being initially denied SGA funding.

Sen. Olu Aduloju, who voted for the flag funding, was disappointed in ROCK.

"[Getting funding after the SGA denied it] is wrong," he said. "That's basically [saying], if you don't like what Senate says, then find some other ways to do it. I don't like that at all."

Not all senators disapproved. Sen. Jared Schiller said, "If the water-ski team. comes here for a new boat and we deny it ... and some boat company decides to buy them a boat, you don't stop that."

Others said the matter was now out of the Senate's hands, and resides solely with UCF's administration, which has long supported the plan as long as ROCK could raise the money.

Rules grate tailgaters

New rules regarding tailgating put a damper on UCF football's home opener. The new rules of no kegs, no tents larger than 10 feet by 10 feet and no externally powered speakers dismayed many students. On top of that, lots were to be cleared 30 minutes after kickoff.

The rules were designed by the sports marketing department to help maintain order. UCF athletics offered an alternative atmosphere for celebrating called "Fan Faire," a gathering featuring free food and music. The Fan Faire event was hoped to boost attendance at football games.

"Come on down four hours early [and] have a great time," said Gert Garman, UCF's sports marketing director. But after kickoff, go inside the sta-

dium, she added.

Just remember to not bring a keg. Police drained and then seized kegs found in the lots surrounding the Citrus Bowl.

FA ... PHEW!

In their home opener, the Knights football team squeaked by Division I-AA FAU 33-29.

Late in the fourth quarter, the Owls drove 81 yards, scored a touchdown, made a twopoint conversion, grabbed an onside kick and drove inside UCF's 20-yard line before UCF's defense stopped them.

When all was said and done, UCF quarterback Ryan Schneider had 497 passing yards, 501 yards gained, 37 completions and 23 consecutive games with a touchdown pass.

"If we play the rest of the year like we played today, we will not win another game," a frustrated Schneider said. He was close: UCF would only win two more games that season.

\$11 million education center opens

The UCF Center for Teaching, Learning and Leadership opened its doors to students for the first time for the fall semester. The project took about two years to complete.

The center houses offices, classrooms and labs for both education professors and students. It's also home to two notable centers:

The Toni Jennings Exceptional Education Institute was created to develop educational opportunities and support for children and adults with special needs.

The Family Literacy and Reading Excellence Center uses scientific research to ensure adequate reading and writing skill levels for children in Florida.

OCTOBER 2003 Star-mangled banner

Vandals ripped American flags from their staffs in three buildings in the early morning of Oct. 7. Less than a month had passed since the controversial flags were installed.

At least nine flags in the Visual Arts, Communications, and Math and Physics buildings were torn down and stolen. Most of the damage was in the Math and Physics Building where flags were missing from each floor. All but one flag had been replaced before students arrived for classes on Wednesday, but that didn't stop the action from irking many.

"The person that did it ought to be punished. If he's a U.S. citizen, then we should prosecute the sucker for defacing the American flag," said John Cannon, a mathematics professor. "If he's a foreign student that's a guest in our country, then we should ship him right back to where he came from and we should say, 'Since you hate our guts, go join your foreign policy or your war department, and we'll kill your ass."

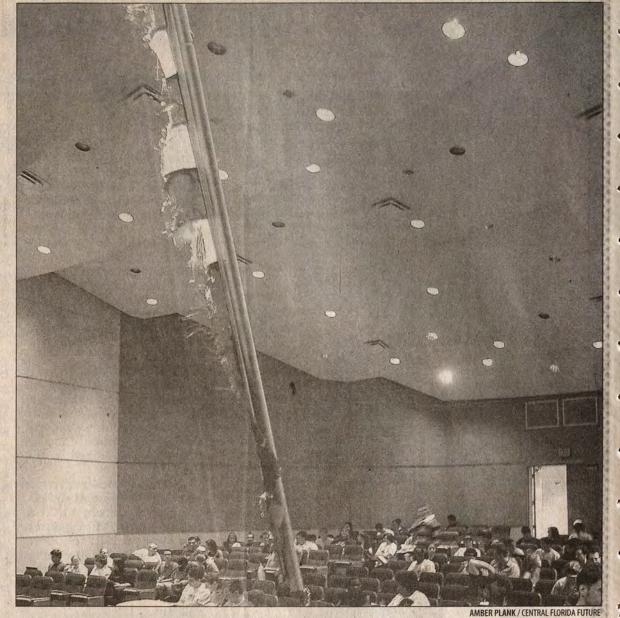
The flag installation project, initiated by ROCK, was 97percent completed when the vandalism occurred.

UCF football draws a blank

Troubles for the Knights continued on Oct. 11 as Ohio blanked UCF, 28-0. It was the first time the Knights were shut out since 1984, ending a 209-game streak.

The defeat put the Knights at 2-4 for the season.

"We're perplexed at how we came out," UCF Coach Mike Kruczek said. "It was a total breakdown across the board."



Vandals ripped flags from staffs mounted in several classrooms in October, about a month after they had been installed amid controversy.

Hazing suspected in collision

Sigma Alpha Epsilon came under investigation in late October after two pickup trucks collided head-on on Aquarius Agora Boulevard.

Fraternity pledges in the back of one truck ran from the accident with their hands bound by tape, and at least one pledge was limping, witnesses said. Another pledge nearly had his nose severed.

SAE was summarily suspended and could not participate in any Homecoming activities at UCF.

Also as a result of the collision, Interfraternity Council President Ryan O'Rourke stepped down from his position, saying he needed to be with his fellow SAE brothers j during their "time of crisis."

Faculty urges support for gays

The Faculty Senate unanimously approved a resolution asking UCF to expand its antidiscrimination policy to include protection for gays.

The vote went against the opinion voiced last fall by President John Hitt, who said that such a policy was not needed at UCF, where he felt gays faced no discrimination.

UCF students canned due to cuts

Feeling the pressure of a decreased operating budget, some departments on campus began cutting student assistants' hours, or eliminating their jobs outright. The cash-strapped College

of Arts and Sciences was forced to put into effect a hiring freeze, which had not happened since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

NOVEMBER 2003 Football team rapidly implodes

Almost all at once, the Knights found themselves missing five starters for the season.

Quarterback Ryan Schneider and center Cedric Gagne-Marcoux both were suspended for a violation of team rules, said Coach Mike Kruczek. However, sources close to the studentathletes reported that the two

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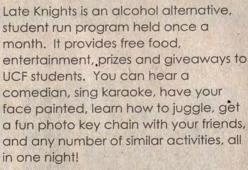


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Knights of the Round Table, or KORT, is available to advise, educate, and advocate for all clubs and organizations. Each term KORT hosts a Club Showcase, where clubs and organizations have an opportunity to meet new students and display their programs and activities. KORT also facilitates monthly Knights of the Round Table meetings where representatives of clubs and organizations discuss organizational issues and share upcoming events.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Get Involved! There are over 350 clubs and organizations at UCF, ranging from the Billiards Club to the Underwater Hunting Club to the Sushi Club and everywhere in between. If you want to find people with similar interests, there are plenty of opportunities in student organizations. You can have fun with group activities, getting involved in Homecoming, or taking on your first leadership role. If you don't find exactly what you are looking for, you can be the founder of your own organization.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD

Campus Activities Board is a student organization that selects and organizes activities for UCF students to enjoy. The board is made up of 10 student committees: Comedy and Variety, Concerts, Dance Marathon, Speakers, Special Events, Cinema, Spectacular Knights, Public Relations, Video Productions, and Cultural and Fine Arts. To become a member of CAB all you need to do is sign up on our web site or attend a meeting and get involved!

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The Volunteer UCF Center is dedicated to promoting community service and education on various social issues to the University of Central Florida, through a variety of programs, committees, events, and ongoing projects. VUCF links interested students with community organizations that best fit their interests, talents, and majors. We work with over 200 community agencies that utilize UCF student volunteers. Through volunteerism students can gain valuable knowledge and experience, have a great time, and meet new friends, all while benefiting the community.

MULTICULTURAL STUDENT CENTER

The Multicultural Student Center (MSC) provides a central location to create an environment at UCF that acknowledges, respects, and enhances multiculturalism and is charged with increasing awareness of diversity & inclusiveness through student programming. The goal of the MSC is to augment the University's efforts to make UCF a more diverse and inclusive institution. The MSC is made up of five student organizations: AASU (African American Student Union), CSA (Caribbean Student Association), Elements (Hip Hop Association), HASA (Hispanic American Student Association), and SANGAM (Indian Student Association).

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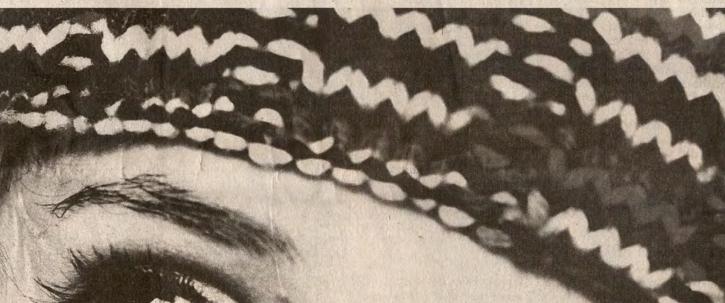
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nation considered legalizing gay marriage, UCF's GLBSU chapter held two mock gay weddings as a demonstration of support for equal rights to gays and lesbians.

UCF sports heading for Conference USA in '05

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failed to obtain signed documents that let their professors know beforehand they would miss classes due to road games. Meanwhile, cornerback Omar Laurence was suspended following an arrest on charges that he possessed two guns on

campus. Police officers found a 9 mm pistol in Laurence's pants and a 7.62 mm rifle with the serial number scratched off in the trunk of his car.

Later that week, two more players were suspended. Senior defensive tackle DeMarcus Johnson was suspended for the rest of the season, and redshirt freshman Dan Veenstra was suspended for one game. Johnson told the Orlando Sentinel in an interview that his suspension had to do with improperly signed attendance slips.

Goodbye A-Sun, hello C-USA

UCF accepted an all-sports bid into Conference USA starting in 2005-2006. This gives UCF's athletic programs a single home, except for women's rowing. Currently, football is in the -American Conference. while all other sports are in the Atlantic Sun Conference. The move comes at a price. UCF will have to pay \$2.6 million to buy out its remaining MAC and A-Sun contracts and move into C-USA. The school expects earnings made as a member of the new conference will offset the cost to change conferences.

Football coach fired

With his football team in shambles and in a losing 3-7 season, Coach Mike Kruczek was shown to the door after 18 years of service to UCF.

Athletic Director Steve Orsini made it clear a change was need-

ed in the struggling program. "He took it like a man," Orsini said. "He understood the job I had to. I respect the job he did. I felt it was my decision we weren't going in the right direction. He understood that."

Assistant Coach Alan Gooch took over as Kruczek's replacement for the remaining two games.

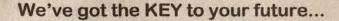
GLBSU hosts gay wedding

Two homosexual couples fictitiously tied the knot during the Big Fab Gay Wedding in front of the Student Union. Students Advocating for Equality, the political action committee of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Union, organized the event as an attempt to gain awareness and support for the issue of gay marriage.

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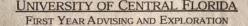
of cannabis and a switchblade in a Sumter Hall dormitory room. Aaron LoCascio was charged with a felony count of possessing more than 20 grams of cannabis, possession of cannabis on school grounds, possession of a weapon on school grounds, and possession of alcohol by a person less

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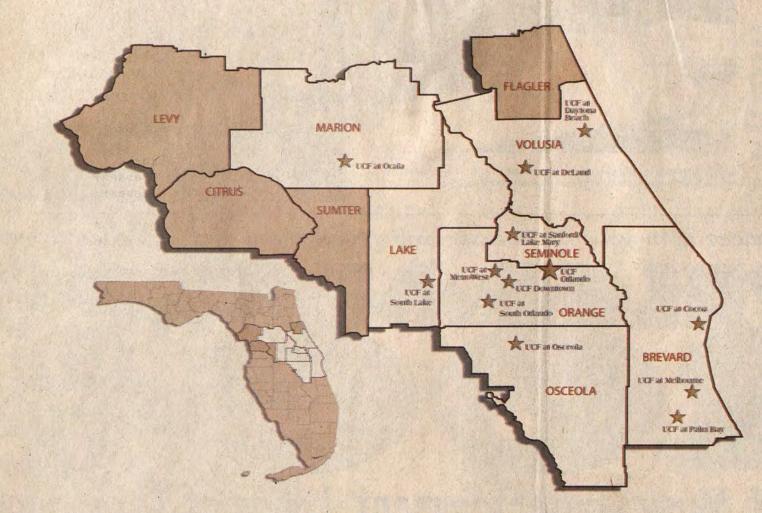
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"I listen to pretty much everything. On occasion I'll listen to our jazz station, especially when I'm studying."



MELODY DAVIDSON Psychology

"I only listen to the jazz station when it plays in the bathroom, but that's mainly because I don't listen to the radio much anyway."



ALESHA HARRIS Molecular & microbiology

"I actually listen to the jazz station on campus, but I mostly listen to hip hop and R&B."

'Will you go to the UCF prom or The **Passion of the Christ showing?'**



GEORGE KONG Business administration

"I'm probably going to end up going to the prom because I love Matt Shannon [the coordinator]."



JILLIAN COSTA Medical laboratory science

"I'm going to the prom because I like to dance. Plus, I'm not Christian, so I don't care to see The Passion."



ROXY MEADE Biology

"I'm probably going to go see The Passion since I didn't know about the prom. I don't want to have to worry about a dress. I've seen The Passion once already and I'd like to see it again."

'Should the government legalize medical marijuana?'



CHARLES BAY Criminal justice

"Since I've taken [the class] Drugs and Crime, I've changed my views. I now think that there are good uses for it. I think that a lot of the prescription pain relievers out there are worse than marijuana anyway."



Business "It will help pave the way to

legalizing pot altogether. So I'm for it."



MEARIE BENGGIO Electrical engineering

"The government would make money off of it because they can tax it. And it's not hurting anyone. So I say legalize it."

'What makes you happy?'



AL STERLING Social science education

"Chocolate chip cookies. Well, food in general... and most types of bourbon. Oh, and my girlfriend. Stuffed animals are cool, too."



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"My new fiancé as of a couple weeks ago. Also, music, friends and a beautiful day."

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JENNIFER APONTE Foreign language

"Family, friends and my boyfriend. A day off would make me very happy."

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"My family, love and life. I can't

think of any other things."



DAN FRIEDLAND Advertising and public relations

"Surfing and traveling outside of the country. Getting out of Florida makes me happy."



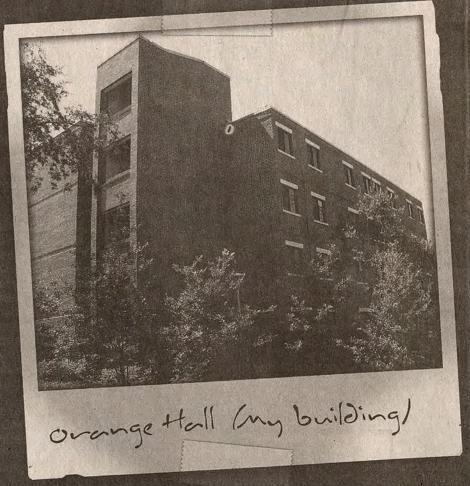
CARLOS CARRERA Forensic science

"Getting my pay check makes me happy. I spend it mostly on my car."





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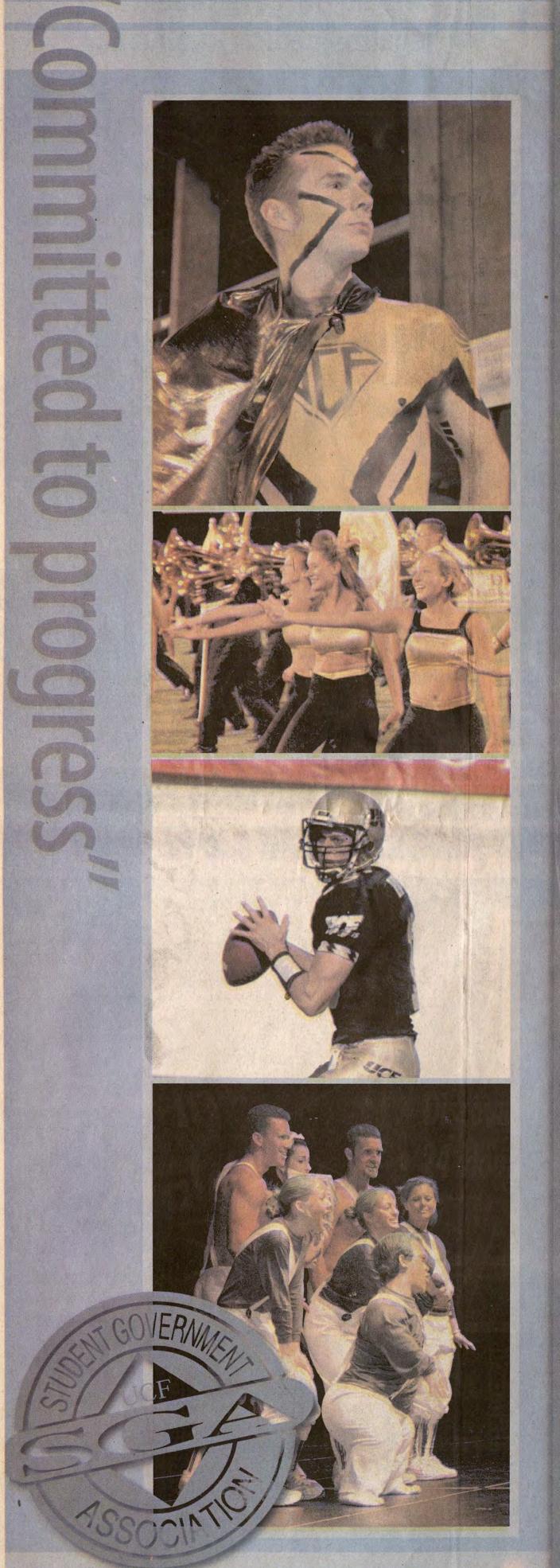
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Student Body President Kevin G. Peters

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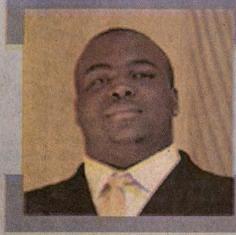
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The Who's Who at UCF publication - this is a scholarship program that awards \$50,000 to UCF's 100 top students. A magazine is also created annually that features the Top 100 students and biographies that is distrib uted to Fortune 500 companies, local and regional businesses, graduate, schools, and to local, state, and nationally elected officials.

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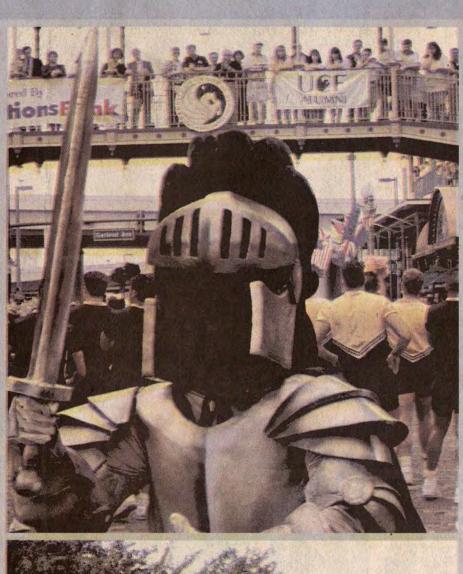
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Volleyball slams yet another A-Sun title

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than 21 years of age because people found a bottle of Southern Comfort in his room. According to police, LoCascio bought the cannabis for \$3,800 and he brought it back to UCF to break up and sell. He told police he planned on selling 15 30-gram baggies of weed for \$280 to \$300 each.

A separate drug bust netted another 240 grams of cannabis, bringing the total to 690 grams confiscated within a four-day period.

Students head to Miami to protest

Forty-seven UCF students boarded a bus at 5:30 a.m. to join a rally already in progress in Miami to protest at the Free Trade Area of the Americas conference. The protesters said the deal would lead to environmental destruction and exploitation of workers in poor nations.

The students joined thousands upon thousands of others from across the nation who marched in a 2.2-mile loop around downtown Miami during the height of the international conference. A police force of about 2,500 kept the peace all throughout the protest.

'Experiment' crashes UCF network

A program designed by a computer science major crashed the UCF computer network for almost three hours. Then-senior Saad Laassel designed the data-flooding program for a class demonstration. He said it was only supposed to target certain computers he had permission to shut down. However, the program flooded the entire UCF network.

Volleyball claims third-straight A-Sun title

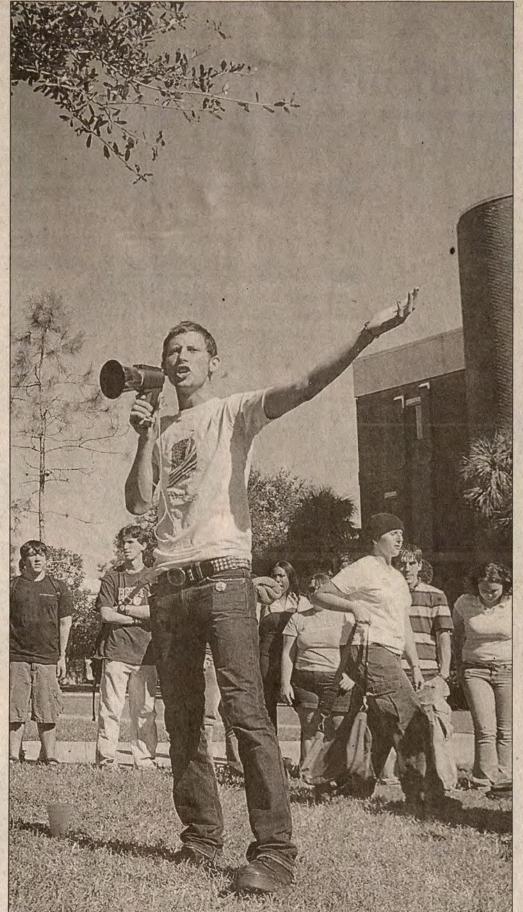
The Knights capped off a 22-6 season by winning the A-Sun title against secondseeded Georgia State 30-21, 30-23, 25-30, 30-25.

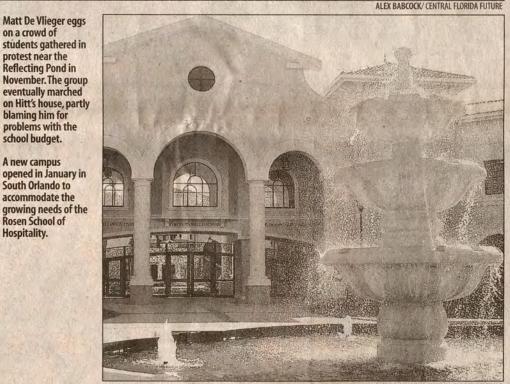
The season included an 11-game winning streak that was snapped only when FSU came to town. The Knights rebounded though, and won six of the next seven games - a strong finish to a season that started 1-3.

They also won the regular-season title.

Protest pins blame on Hitt

Upset about budget cuts, a group of students organized a rally to exhort UCF's administration to re-examine how it was spending money. More than 100 students and even a few teachers attended.







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Most protesters were concerned with the amount of money being spent on sports, the cutting of classes and the loss of some student functions. Many attacked UCF President John Hitt personally for what ralliers termed "the screwing of students."

The rally eventually moved from the free-speech lawn to outside the gates of Hitt's house, where the protesters called for Hitt's resignation.

DECEMBER 2003 Faculty furious over administrative raises

Frustrations about large administrative raises coupled with recent budget cuts boiled over in a packed Pegasus Grand Ballroom as UCF faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences grilled UCF President John Hitt and Provost Terry Hickey about their decisions.

Salary figures in 2002 showed the average administrative salary rose 9.37 percent, from \$107,506 to \$117,833.

At the same meeting, Hitt told faculty that UCF plans to give teachers a pay cut in the summer. Normally, teachers are paid 11 percent of their annual salary for working over the summer. After the cut, they would receive only 9 percent.

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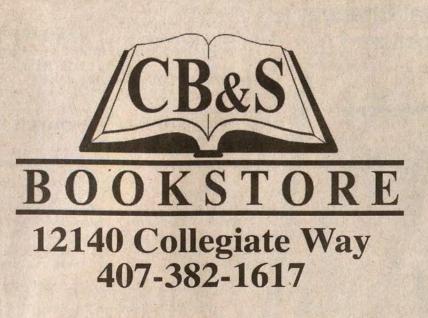
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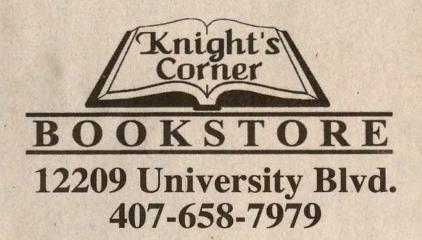
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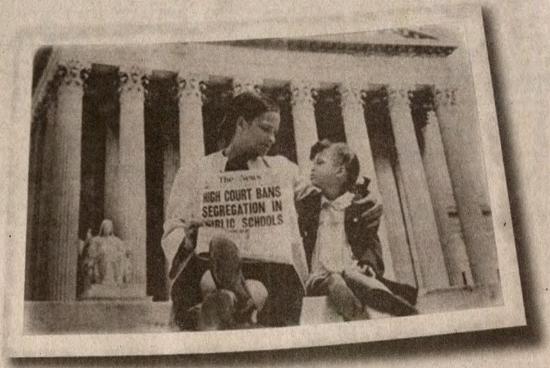
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Highest spring enrollment ever

UCF marked its highest spring enrollment ever at 40,242 students. This number was slightly down from the fall figure of 41,102 students. The small drop in students is expected each year by UCF administration, and is figured into the budget.

FEBRUARY 2004 WebMed helps health — online

A new online program made UCF the first college in the nation to help students treat their own medical ailments at any time.

The program, titled 24/7 WebMed, lets students enter their symptoms and receive automated advice on self-care 24 hours a day, seven days a week, instead of visiting the Student Health Center. It also allows medical help when the center is closed.

Patriot Act resolution voted down Ending a series of stalled debates, a symbolic resolution condemning parts of the federal government's Patriot Act went up for a tentative vote at

went up for a tentative vote at the SGA Senate, and was voted down 13-24. If the resolution had passed,

the Senate would have asked the UCF Library to post a sign advising that library records could be seized by federal agents without students' knowledge. The resolution also would have asked campus administration to inform international students when the government requested their educational records.

Peters triumphs in SGA runoff

Kevin Peters and running mate Willie Bentley defeated Pavan Talakala and his running mate Alex Sigal in the Student Government Association presidential elections.

The Peters/Bentley ticket won with 3,088 votes to the opposition's 2,762 votes in a runoff election.

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Immediately after winning the election, Peters did the only thing one could do: "I'm calling my mom," he said.

Faculty Union files charges

UCF's teacher's union filed a complaint with the state Feb. 4, alleging that UCF is distributing money unfairly and ignoring the collective bargaining process currently in session.

The United Faculty of Florida's UCF chapter filed the complaint because UCF has been selectively handing out raises to some faculty members, sidestepping the bargaining process, said Dawn Trouard, president of UCF's chapter of UFF.

MARCH 2004

Spike TV gets Extreme at UCF Spike TV came onto the UCF campus with promises to make UCF students stars. Or, if not that, it promised to provide them with a healthy dose of pain and humiliation.

The self-proclaimed "First Network for Men" came looking for contestants for the firstever U.S.-cast Most Extreme Elimination Challenge, to be filmed at Universal Studios. Students had to run on balance beams and ride tricycles for their chance at 15 minutes of fame.

Wrestlers return national champs

The UCF wrestling team stunned defending champions Grand Valley in Richardson, Texas, as it won the National Collegiate Wrestling Association National Championship.

The Knights knocked off the defending two-time champions by the closest margin in the short history of the tournament. UCF finished with a total score of 166, while Grand Valley fell to second with 163.6 points. Wrestling Coach Johnny Rouse joined his wrestlers in triumph by taking home NCWA "Coach of the Year" honors. Fraternity lands in sticky situation UCF police found a fraternity member covered in plastic wrap and tied to a tree behind the Pi Beta Phi sorority house on Sunday night.

Sean Pierce, the plasticwrapped member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, also was decorated in shaving cream, marshmallows, chocolate syrup and vegetable oil, and had permanent marker writings on his body and face, according to the form that referred the incident to the Student Conduct Board. Pierce told police his fraternity brothers did this to him because he "lavaliered" his girlfriend — gave her a necklace charm bearing the Greek letters of his fraternity - the previous night.

APRIL 2004 Nut Fest rocks UCF

MTV invaded the UCF campus and rocked its face with Hoobastank, LostProphets and Ima Robot. For good measure, it brought along a half-pipe and BMX riders and skateboarders.

MTV's Campus Invasion Tour was just part of the Campus Activities Board's Nut Fest 2004, a day of music and activities free for UCF students. The event was well received by UCF students, as noted by Hoobastank's manager Brendon Brown when he said, "UCF was one of the best crowds on the tour."

Passion brings 1,500 to UCF Arena

Nearly 1,500 people attended a free screening of director Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* at the UCF Arena. The film, hosted by Campus Crusade for Christ, was brought to UCF largely due to a contribution of \$40,000 from Ray and Mary Barryman, local philanthropists.

The event had support from Mel Gibson himself, who had expressed interest in attending the screening until other obligations forced him to decline, according to Campus Crusade for Christ staff.



Atlantic Sun titles return home

Men's tennis and women's track and field garnered top A-Sun honors by besting all competition in Macon, Ga.

The men's tennis team dished out a 4-0 beatdown to Campbell in the final round of the A-Sun tournament.

Meanwhile, the women's track and field team earned its fifth-straight A-Sun championship, scoring 127 points — beating secondplace Florida Atlantic by 24 points.

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Students write out Valentines Day cards to send to American troops overseas in February, top. Above, a skateboarding competition was only part of the day-long Nutfest in April.



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All eyes will be on new football coach George O'Leary, center, in white hat, with hopes of a dramatic turnaround for a team that had a losing record last season.

Basketball nets trip to the NCAA Tournament

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UCF has mostly been known for its strong passing game, but two running backs plan to put that in the past. Senior Alex Haynes and junior Dontavius Wilcox teamed up last year to provide the only real offense for the Knights. The tandem is back this year, and should only be stronger under offensive coordinator Tim Salem's run-oriented offense. Haynes, who had been limited due to injuries last season, is still on track to become the Knights' most prolific rusher since Marquette Smith in the 1990s.

Too much is never enough for good football players, and that certainly could be said at the wide receiver position. Senior Tavaris Capers returns as the Knights' leading receiver from last season, but is joined by a crop of underclassmen that are hungry to prove their worth.

Two years ago, led by once-Heisman-hopeful quarterback Ryan Schneider, the Knights stormed onto the MAC football scene with a 5-2 conference record. That year wasn't only the Knights' first year in the MAC, but their first year in any conference. Prior to 2002 the Knights had spent each year of Division I-A play as an independent team. Last season, the Knights fought off a number of off-field problems and barely

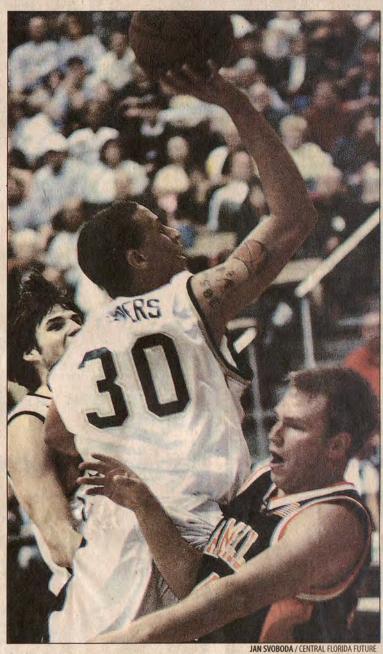
2005. Last year's conference shake-ups opened spots in C-USA for UCF and MAC rival Marshall. They'll join 10 other schools in what will be the newest addition to the list of conferences with a conference championship game. Plans are still in the works, but it appears that C-USA will split into two divisions and show the rest of the nation why it belongs with the big boys.

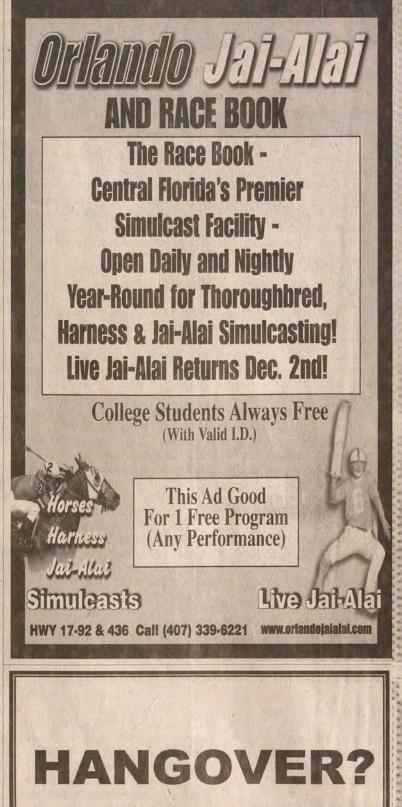
Men's basketball hopes for Cinderella repeat

After a football season to be forgotten, the men's basketball team came out of nowhere and put a new face on UCF athletics. The Knights captured the attention and hearts of UCF fans everywhere as they stormed through the A-Sun, made a name for themselves nationally and almost pulled off a huge upset in the NCAA Tournament.

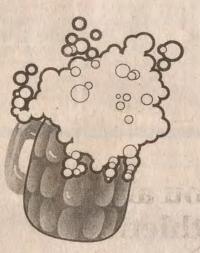
Led by departing senior Dexter Lyons, this year's Knights ran up 13 straight wins and showed up on ESPN's radar of Cinderella teams en route to a program-best 25-6 record. Lyons, a junior college transfer, not only became a fan favorite at UCF, but he became the program's first-ever superstar. His trademark Afro caught the eye of the student and alumni populations and helped roll in crowds that UCF basketball had never before seen.

The Knights dominated





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managed a 3-9 record, with the only wins over Buffalo, Central Michigan and Division I-AA Florida Atlantic.

program Because the seemed to be heading for troubled waters, Orsini stepped in and made a monumental decision. UCF would bring in a toptier coach and do whatever it took to get him. After traveling the nation and looking far and wide, Orsini found his man in O'Leary. O'Leary spent the last two years with the NFL Minnesota Vikings as a defensive coordinator, but has a fabled college career under his belt as well.

O'Leary helped turn a bottom-dwelling Georgia Tech team into national champions and is also a former Bobby Dodd "National Coach of the Year" recipient. O'Leary left behind the NFL for his real passion of college coaching and has vowed to take UCF football to the Top 25 and beyond.

The Knights will enter a

their conference opponents all season, but also made an impact on one of the best teams in the nation. UCF and Florida had an early-season matchup in Jacksonville. The Gators were ranked No. 2 in the country at the time, but that didn't matter to the Knights at all. The Knights lost that game, scoring only 39 points against the Gators. But UCF put its stamp on the theme of this year's Cinderella run: defense. The Knights held the Gators to 59 points. Whether the Gators admit it or not, UCF revealed the flaws in Florida's game and their season was never the same, as they slid from the No. 1 spot all the way to 22 and beyond.

While UCF held most of its opponents to less than 60 points all season, the true defensive test came in the first round of the NCAA Tournament as the 14-seed Knights faced the three-seed Pittsburgh Panthers in a battle of teams new-look Conference USA in that felt they should have been

Josh Peppers will be a key part of UCF's championship-defending season next spring. He will help fill the large shoes left behind by departing stars Dexter Lyons and Roberto Morentin.

ranked higher. The Knights and Panthers swapped leads for most of the game and when it finally appeared to be out of reach for UCF, back-to-back three-pointers by Rob Ross brought the Knights back into the game. UCF eventually lost 54-43, but a point was made: UCF basketball is for real.

Coach Kirk Speraw has wasted no time in this off-season bringing a new group of recruits to fill the holes left by Lyons and his fellow seniors. Despite the departure of the seniors, defensive talents Mar-Avant and Will cus Bakanowsky remain, while play-caller Gary Johnson and UCF's next offensive threat Josh Peppers remain.

Women's hoops lead the pack

Year in and year out, the women's basketball team at UCF is always favored to be at

the top of the A-Sun in the beginning and the end. Last season, the Knights didn't fare as well as they would have hoped with a 17-13 overall record, but they're young. So young, in fact, that the team only lost one player to graduation this year. Despite the lackluster record, UCF still made a hard charge in the conference tournament, but the Knights were edged out by Lipscomb on two final second freethrows. The close loss proved that any early-season problems and losses were simply a fluke. The Knights are returning a córe group of underclassmen this year and will certainly be at the top of the preseason polls once again. The Knights are led by big-time scoring threats Takira Allen at center and guard Celeste Hudson, who

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Men's soccer scores big with tough defense, bests competition in A-Sun

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turned into the biggest one-two punch in the A-Sun this year.

Baseball earns national respect

UCF baseball and Coach Jay Bergman have a time-honored tradition of winning. Unfortunately that didn't hold up last season. In 2003, the Knights finished with one of their more disappointing records in the past decade and failed to make the A-Sun tournament.

Despite the poor results, losing became a catalyst for change this season, as the Knights turned in one of the best seasons in the program's history. The preseason polls had UCF finishing no better than third this year, and the Knight's showed why the polls are a joke as they took home the A-Sun regular season championship, burying conference favorite Florida Atlantic. The Knights finished the season with 44 wins, but a few of the wins spoke louder than others. In the first series of the sea-

son, the Knights hosted then-

ranked No. 2 LSU. The Tigers came to Orlando expecting UCF to be a pushover. The Knights didn't agree and almost took the first game of the series, but a bad call at the plate foiled their upset plans. LSU easily took the second game, but UCF took advantage of bad fieldwork by the Tigers and walked away with game three of the series. Later in the season, the Knights visited No. 13 Clemson and gave the Atlantic Coast Conference powerhouse a taste of A-Sun underdog upset. UCF took two games from the Tigers and walked away with the Knights' biggest series win of the year.

Baseball is another program led by youth, as junior and sophomore pitchers Matt Fox and Kyle Bono emerged as two of the best pitchers in the nation. With a regular season record of 12-2, Fox walked away with the A-Sun "Pitcher of the Year" award. Outfielders Dee Brown and Clay Timpner led the Knights offensively and were rewarded with A-Sun First Team All-Conference honors.

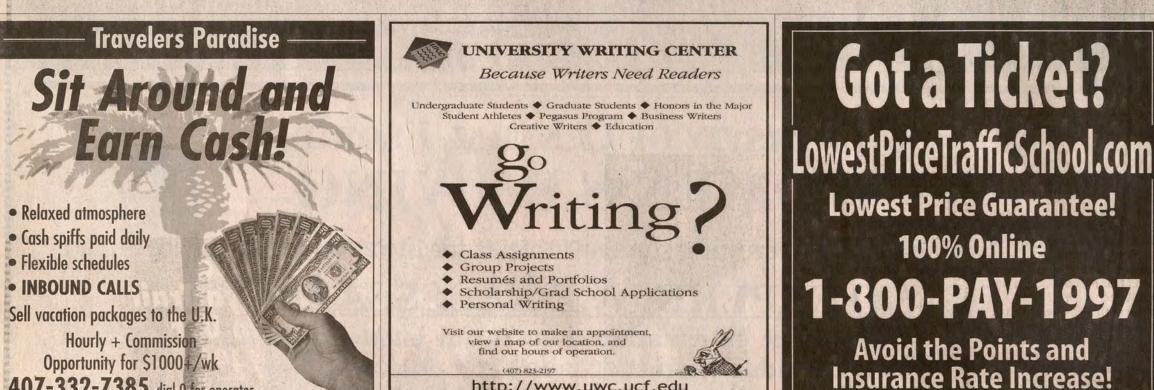
Only two seniors will leave the UCF baseball team this year, meaning the Knights' last season of A-Sun play should be even more dominant.

Volleyball serves up NCAA upset

UCF volleyball knows a thing or two about winning. The Knights won their third-consecutive A-Sun title this year. But the conference title wasn't enough. UCF volleyball wanted to make an impact at the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the team's history.

The Knights faced three-seed Cincinnati in the first round of the tournament and dropped the first two games to the Bearcats. Yet if an impact is what they were looking for, they certainly found it. The Knights bounced back in the final three games to stun the Bearcats and advance to take on the Florida Gators. The Gators eventually toppled the Knights, but the damage was done and UCF proved that it could hang with the top pro-

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Sophomore pitching sensation Matt Fox will help lead the Knights through postseason play this summer and into next year.

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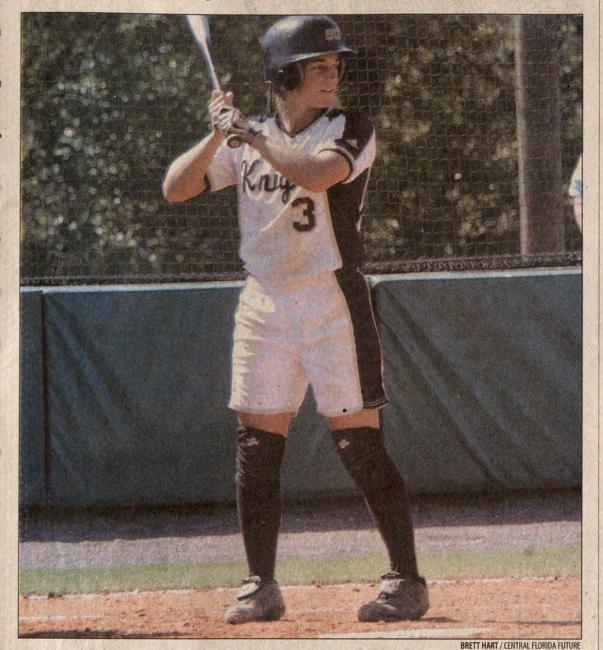
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Softball plays hardball for 42 wins



Standout shortstop Stephanie Best will come back for one more year to help the Knights win an A-Sun championship.

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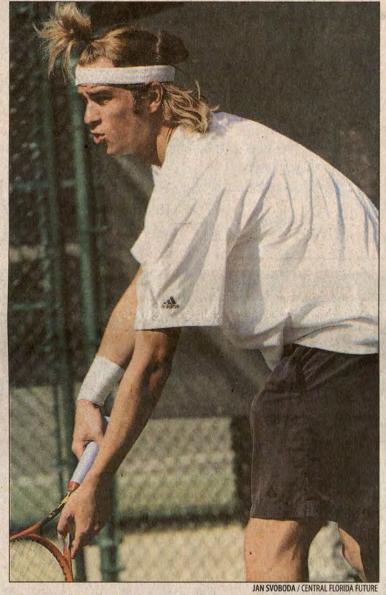
UCF made its way to the NCAA Tournament behind the strong play of A-Sun "Player of the Year" Jenny Frank and standout sophomore Emily Watts. The Knights put up an overall record of 23-7, which included an ll-game winning streak.

While Frank has graduated, Watts and senior Tonya Jarvis remain to lead the team back to NCAA Tournament glory.

Men's soccer gets defensive

The UCF men's soccer team is so good that when the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer came calling for an exhibition this spring, the Knights had no problem taking on the pros. When the game was over and the dust had settled, UCF tied the professional soccer franchise 0-0.

The Knights' defense sums their entire 2003 campaign as a stingy UCF defense helped the men earn an A-Sun title. The Knights finished with an overall record of 12-6-3, behind A-Sun "Player of the Year" and goalkeeper Ryan McIntosh. McIntosh led a defense that allowed less than a goal a game, and marched through the conference beginning to end. The best part is that McIntosh is only a junior and will enter this season with a title under his belt and the opportunity to leave the A-Sun as one of the best goalies in conference history.



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Youth powers women's soccer

If youth is a theme for UCF athletics, then women's soccer is the poster child. The Knights won the A-Sun title last season behind a team with only three seniors. What's more is that the Knights posted a 16-5-1 record with only three juniors as well. Freshmen and sophomores dominated the field for last year's women's soccer team and will likely do the same this year.

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The Knights are led defensively by a two-pronged goalie attack of sophomores Julie Snaman and Beth Harless. Last season's offensive star Becca Eshelman returns alongside standout junior Jen Montgomery and midfielders Allison Blagriff and Courtney Baines. The Knights are favored heavily year in and year out to walk away with the conference title and they'll have one last chance to leave their mark on the A-Sun as a powerhouse of women's soccer.

Softball gets better and better

The UCF softball program is only three years old. Unlike any three-year old, though, the team acts like they've been running the diamond for the past 50 years. What makes this group any different from the next is that they back up their confidence with even stronger Gabriel Strangberg's unusual hair style is just part of the legacy he'll leave behind.

play on the field. In each season since the program's inception, the Knights have posted better and better records. This past season UCF cracked the 40win mark for the first time and lost out on its first A-Sun championship by one run to heavy preseason favorite FAU.

UCF has only one chance left to take home an A-Sun title, and the Knights lost three key seniors this year. However, a crop of incoming freshmen and a team with a bitter taste in its collective mouth will be ready to run the show come next spring. UCF softball features one of the best players in the country in shortstop Stephanie Best. Best has also improved each season, as she finished top five in the nation this year in both batting average and slugging percentage. Best, a twotime recipient of the A-Sun "Player of the Year" award, returns for one final season alongside pitcher Lindsay Enders, UCF's all-time leader for single season wins, and multiple offensive threat Jania Shinhoster.

Track and field runs the show

Women's track and field knows nothing else than how to win in the A-Sun. The Knights took home their fifthconsecutive A-Sun title this year and show no signs of slowing down in the final season of A-Sun membership. Led by freshman high jumper LesSundra Ford and sophomore hammer throw standout Tiffany Roebuck, the Knights sent eight student-athletes to the NCAA Regionals this year.

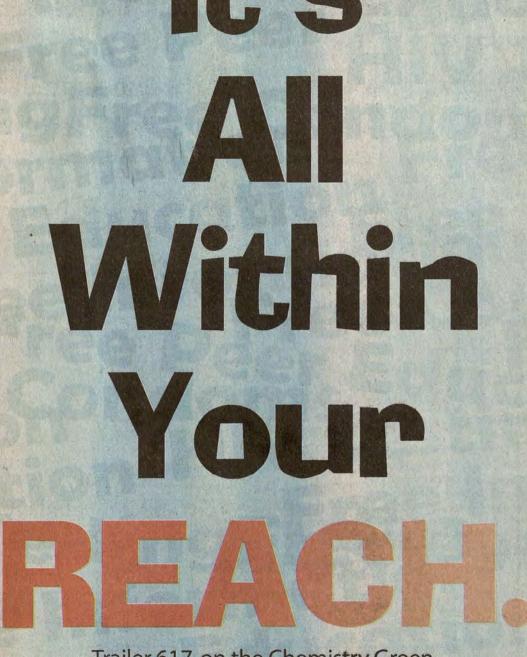
Men's golf back on top

After an eight-year drought with no A-Sun titles, the UCF men's golf team is back on top. A-Sun "Golfer of the Year" Barry Roof led the charge as UCF recaptured the A-Sun championship. Roof is moving on to hopefully join fellow UCF alum Robert Damron on the PGA tour, but the Knights will have a group of talented and experienced underclassmen remaining. Sophomores Sonny Nimkhum and Stefan Wistorf will help junior Andreas Hoegberg make sure that this year's A-Sun title isn't the Knights' last.

Men's tennis building a dynasty

Of all programs at UCF, the men's tennis team is losing arguably the two most important players. Seniors Catalin Bradu and Gabriel Strangberg came to UCF four years ago and helped build the program to where it is now. With top-ofthe-line facilities and two consecutive A-Sun titles under their belts, the Knights will need to move on for one last conference run without their leaders.

Despite the loss, men's tennis remains strong and dominant behind Antonio Sierra and Ener Gursoy. The men's tennis team is perhaps the one program at UCF that isn't led by underclassmen, as all of the returning student-athletes are juniors and seniors.



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We have been eagerly awaiting your arrival. Being a member of the Orientation Team is an invaluable opportunity to become involved with our campus and learn much more about it. If you have questions, please feel free to ask any O-Teamer. We are here to assist you.

To help you be successful students, we have provided this special edition in conjunction with the Central Florida Future to serve as an additional resource for your college career. Please take a few minutes to read through the articles. They will provide you with valuable information.

Your college years are your opportunity to shine. You are now a part of the team – find your niche and leave your mark at UCF.

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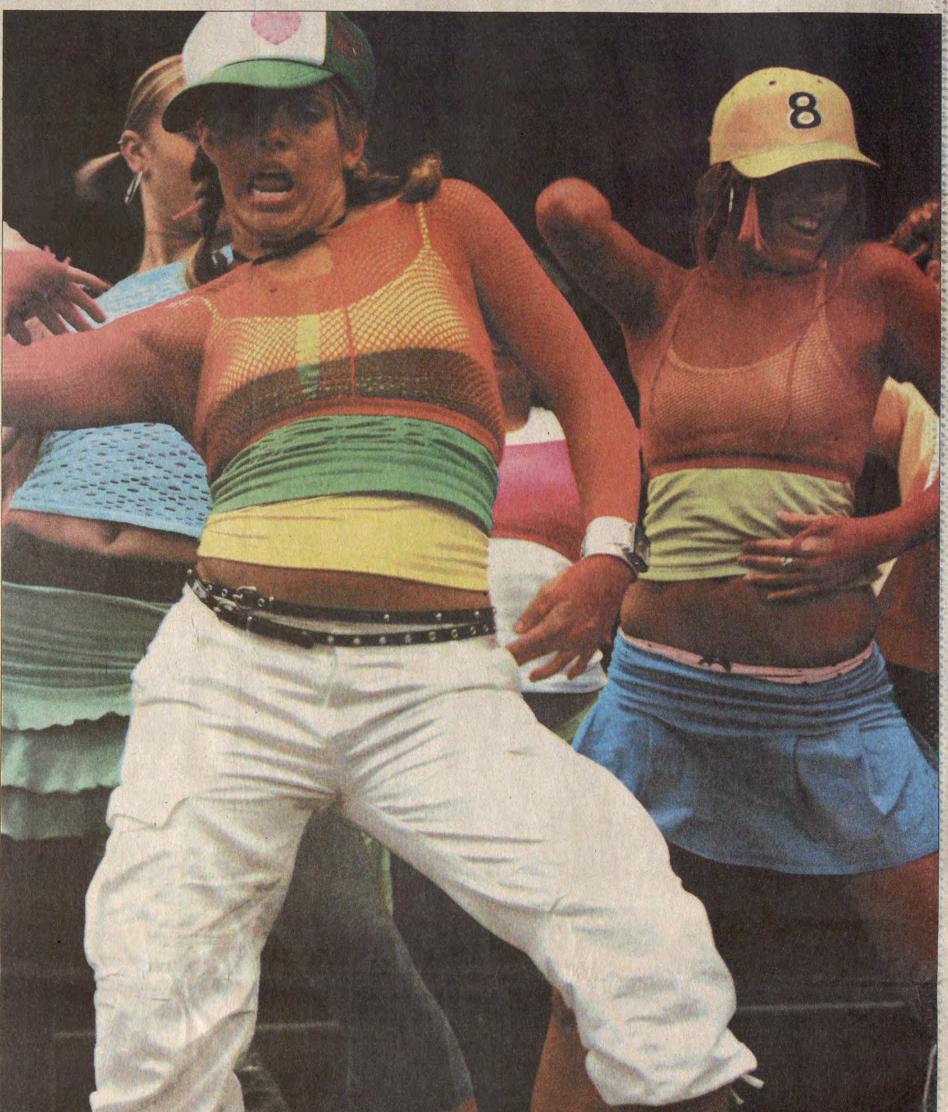
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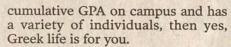
SOCIALIZING Greek Life

Greeks hold some of the largest parties on campus including the annual Kappa Delta Shakedown.



are we here? No, we're not talking about orientation, but college in general. We have all made the choice to leave home, saying goodbye to friends and family and making the biggest transition some of us have ever experienced. But for what reason? Together we could come up with an infinite number of individual reasons, but the one we all share is to get that college degree. We are all here at this prestigious university in Central Florida to get our eager hands on that priceless piece of paper marked with Florida's state seal. We have all come to realize that a degree is almost a requirement to be a successful person in the working world. Now while you're enrolled in a university, you must also understand that a lot of what is learned in the next four or more





Greek life can offer you more than 40 groups to choose from that can help enrich your college experience. Each group offers a variety of scholastic support systems, leadership opportunities, social activities and friendships that will last a lifetime. Greek life is a steppingstone into many other opportunities for campus involvement.

This is why you can take notice of the number of Greeks intertwined

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years is going to be learned outside the classroom.

There are basically two types of college students: the ones with a predictable routine, and those that want variety in their lives. You can wake up, go to class, study and go to bed, or you can use your extra time to enjoy the college experience. People don't call it the best years of your life for nothing. Now what type of student would you be?

There are many clubs and organizations that will help you get involved on campus, each showing you a different aspect of the university. If you'd like to be a part of a group of organizations that has the highest

Board, the Presidents' Leadership Council and a number of intramural sports. It is the solid foundation of

training, responsibilities of involvement and opportunities that can make you stand out to future employers. Greek life also fills your calendar with entertaining events. Socials with other fraternities and sororities happen all year, giving you many chances to improve one of your social skills. Whether it's a night on the town or a formal ball, the Greek community knows how to get a full experience out of college life. Greek life creates a common ground for

diverse individuals. Not only does

Greek life provide members with a way to get involved in campus and

the community, but it also builds life-

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erhood. From the outside looking in,

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Check out section C to learn about many of the fraternities and sororities and how to get involved in Greek Life, pg. 10-11.

Tail gaters filled the lots around the Citrus Bowl ag in last fall for pre-game partying — including this Tau Kappa Epsiloh fraternity gathering at right. Constance Katsafanas of Kappa Alpha Theta, lower right, directs

children at another annual Greek event, the

Greekster Egg Hunt.

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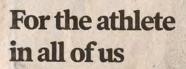
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o you yearn for the excitement of a roaring crowd? The feelings of adrenaline pumping as you run down the field to score a winning goal? Then you will definitely want to check out Intramural Sports at UCF. Intramurals may not have the

roaring crowds, but it got you interested in the article. Intramural Sports, or IM Sports, is a system of organized sports leagues that allow students the chance to play against one another at a non-competitive level. Though these sports are not as serious as league sports, competition does exist. But most people join intramural sports for fun, relaxation and exercise.

IM Sports offers sports ranging from the traditional to the non-traditional. You can play a game of football, basketball or baseball, but also partake in some dodgeball, inner tube water polo or IM Sports trivia. As you can

see there are many ways to get involved in the IM Sports scene. Feeling up to a challenge? Become a captain, round up your best buddies and start a team.

If a captain position is not your style you can attend the free agent meetings for every sport and IM Sports' friendly staff will place you on a team. Many organizations also form teams. Clubs, fraternities, sororities and even some resident assistants offer to form teams

within your residence hall floor. If you are looking to join a team or be a captain you must sign up on the IM sports page at http://imsports.ucf.edu for each sport you are interested in. This Web site is also the place to go for any other questions or concerns you may have, and if you need some extra cash, check out the job openings for referees. One suggestion: Never forget to bring your UCF ID card to every game you play, because you cannot

play without it. So now you are out and playing sports on the IM fields, but you also are having an urge to support our great UCF athletic teams. Do not fear — there is an

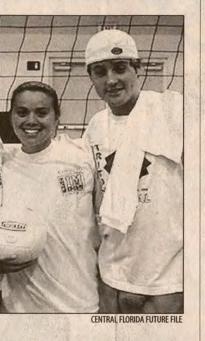
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organization out there for the diehard sports fan in all of you. You are welcome to join the Knights' biggest fans, a group called the Rowdy Knights.

These rabid fans attend most of UCF's major sporting events; they event went to Milwaukee, Wisc., this spring to support the men's basketball team in the NCAA tournament.

When they cannot go to the game you can probably find them in Wackadoo's at the Student Union watching it on the big screen. They a have a great time rooting for the Golden Knights as well as heckling the other team. To join the Rowdy Knights check out their Web site at http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/-rk/ home.html. There is a \$10 fee to join, but you get a Rowdy Knights shirt and the opportunity to hang out with die-hard sports fans to watch great UCF athletics. BRETT HART / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTU

Flag football, top and volleyball, bottom, are among the many intramural sports offered by UCF's IM Sports organization.



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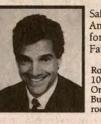
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Campus leadership

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> t UCF, being a campus leader has its perks. The president of the Student Goyernment Associa-

tion, for example, receives an annual salary of about \$18,000, has access to a golf cart to drive around campus, and has a big say in how the \$10.8 million SGA budget is allocated.

The SGA president isn't the only leader at UCF to get VIP treatment, however. Students who sit on planning committees of SGA agencies, housed in the Office of Student Involvement, or OSI, often receive special access to famous performers. Students on the executive board for UCF's Knightmare – a weeklong Homecoming celebration that was named "Best Homecoming in Florida" by Florida Leader magazine - visited with Sean Paul and Uncle Kracker before they performed for students in fall 2003. Board members developed leadership skills while working with Knightmare's \$350,000 budget to make it a suc-

Getting involved in SGA agencies is easy. In fact, there are many organizations that exist specifically for creating student leaders and instilling leadership qualities. One such organization is Every Knight Can Excel in Leadership. Its mission is to cultivate student leaders at UCF through training, mentoring and consulting.

Aside from organizations overseen by SGA, leadership positions extend to the residence halls. Each residence community

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> has an area council board that plans and facilitates the community's events and decides how funding in that community should be used.

Another way students can get involved as campus leaders is through their Greek fraternities and sororities. Whether working as leaders within their own chapters, or by coordinating service projects with the greater UCF community — like the annual "Greek"ster Egg Hunt held at Lake Claire — members of Greek organizations have many opportunities to excel as campus leaders and develop essential leadership skills.

Michael Henry, for instance, earned a high leadership position the same semester he joined a fraternity. "The older members showed me the ropes of running for SGA Senate. I won the election and now I'm the chair[man] of the Operations Review Committee," Henry said. He isn't the only Greek involved in SGA. In fact, SGA officials estimate at least 70 percent of those involved in SGA are Greek.

Students also have the option of paving their own way into student leadership. Any student attending UCF has the right to start his or her own club — and start clubs they do. There are about 350 clubs registered with the Office of Student Involvement. Clubs range from students who like eating cereal to students who build robots.

If a student cannot find a suitable club, making a new one only requires 12 students and the filing of some paperwork with OSI in room 208 of the Student Union. More information on joining SGA agencies and paperwork for starting clubs is available at OSI's Web site: http://www.osa.ucf.edu. Find information on running for SGA at http://www.sga.ucf.edu.

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SOCIALIZING Tips for meeting new people

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ollege is a new, exciting experience for all new students. So many different thoughts and feelings are going through your head. One thought that may elicit the most concern is, "How am I going to meet people at such a large university?" Surprisingly, meeting people is not all that difficult with a little bit of

planning. There are many opportunities at UCF to become involved and make new friends. Get together with other people in your community. You can go to events that your resident assistant is planning, such as floor or community socials. The good thing about this is that at the

socials, if you meet new people they'll already be living close enough that you can hang out all the time.

Another way to get to know peo-



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ple is through classes and lectures. Take the initiative and talk to classmates. It may seem weird at first, but chances are that they're just as confused with the material as you are, and maybe you can help one another out. Form study groups with people in your classes. This way you can meet outside of class to review material in places such as the bookstore coffee shop or lounge areas. Once you have gotten to know them, you can study at someone's home or room making it easier to get to know people outside of class. Also, if you're majoring in the same subject, it's likely that you'll see the people same people in other classes. Another opportunity is volunteering. Volunteering not only helps other people but could help you as well. You can get involved with Volunteer UCF, located in the Office of Student Involvement on the second

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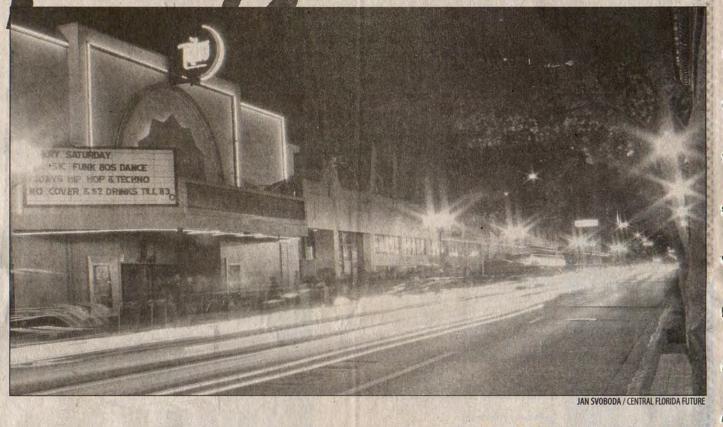
floor of the Student Union. If you love

ove zations intended to help people get

Finding friends is easy with the many clubs and restaurants near UCF.



New friends and old got together at Don Pablo's annual back-to-school bash last fall, top. Below, Tabu is among the dozens of nightclubs throughout the Orlando area.



everything from volleyball to floor what different events are going on

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to volunteer, this is a great way to find out what Orlando has to offer in the way of volunteering projects. Volunteers are needed on a consistent basis to assist and go to events, fairs and schools, so you'll be having a good time while helping others and meeting new people.

UCF is a world of opportunity! There are hundreds clubs and organiinvolved and find out what their interests may be. There's something for everyone. With all of UCF's different interest groups, you're bound to find something you like and meet people who share your interests. Find out more about VUCF and student organizations at http://www.osa.ucf.edu.

Intramural sports are a very popular event at UCF. The school has hockey. Everyone is allowed to play, and if you don't have a team there is help to find one perfect for you. Not only will you be meeting new people, but you will be exercising and staying in great shape. Find more info at http://www.imsports.ucf.edu.

Check out the Office of Student Activities calendar. You can find it at http://www.osa.ucf.edu. It shows around campus. You can also check out the Campus Activities Board Web site at http://www.cab.ucf.edu, which shows upcoming events.

Remember, try to get out of your room as much as you can and avoid talking to the same old friends from back home. Before you know it, you'll be so involved that you won't have time to feel lonely!



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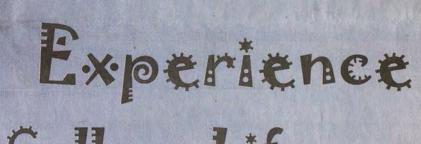
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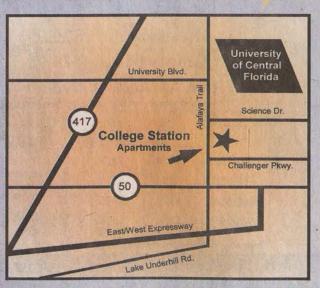
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ou walk in and you notice there are posters of condoms on the wall, pamphlets about sexually transmitted infections, a bowl full of free condoms and a friendly face asking if you need any assistance. This is not your high school sex education class - this is the REACH trailer.

The Responsible Education and Action for Campus Health program is at UCF to help students make responsible decisions during their college life about everything from sex to drugs and alcohol. REACH not only gives out condoms, the program also educates students through a variety of programs and workshops, and resources about college health issues.

Unlike most sex education classes, REACH strives to educate rather than preach to students. The program offers workshops on safer sex, alcohol, drugs, sexually transmitted infections and the body. Presentations and workshops are hosted by peer educators who are UCF students. The peer educators go to residence halls, student organizations and local middle and high schools, teaching students about these important issues. REACH offers programs and workshops about safer sex and dealing with sexually transmitted infections. Straight Talk is an interactive program for both women and their partners that educates students about birth control methods and sexually transmitted infections. Every person who enrolls receives a \$10 discount



on birth control. There is also a program just for women that discusses sexual health issues concerning women and birth control.

The most popular workshop and the one most commonly seen in residence halls and student organizations is the Safer Sex Interactive Workshop. Students are taught hands-on about what safer sex is and how to have it. The workshop is guaranteed to have lots of laughs and lots of free condoms for everybody in attendance. REACH also puts on the annual event "Block it out with a Beat." The event is designed to increase HIV/AIDS awareness among students. The event uses hiphop music to spread the word on the disease. Comedians, live performers and poets help to keep the crowd engaged and entertained. Vouchers for free HIV tests are available at the event. REACH offers HIV tests on campus for \$10. Call 407-823-AIDS for more information about the HIV test that REACH offers.

Alcohol is one of the most evident college health issues today and the peer educators at REACH strive to promote healthy college living. One program that REACH puts on is called ADAPT - Alcohol Drug Awareness Prevention Training. It is a three-part program that was created for students who have violated the campus alcohol and drug policy. Instead of being preached to about the dangers of alcohol, students who have violated the rules are educated about the harmful effects of their actions. This program allows students to make educated choices the next time they are in a situation involving drugs and alcohol.

Does becoming a peer educator sound interesting to you? "Sex, Drugs, and Three Credit Hours!" or HLP 2701 is the first step in becoming a Peer Educator. The course is taught by a professional health educator and teaches in-depth about health issues facing college students. Call 407-823-5457 for more questions about becoming a peer educator or the programs offered to UCF students through REACH. Students can also visit MOD 617 located on the chemistry green. REACH is here to make your experience here at UCF safe and healthy through education.

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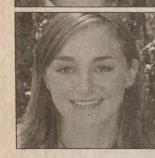
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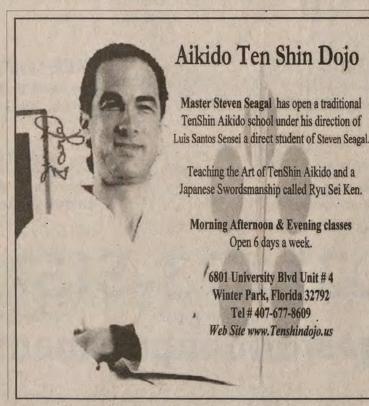
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> numerous theme parks? This spring the Student Government Association gave away 12,000 Islands of Adventure tickets free to students with a valid ID.

Even better, less than two days later students were given free tickets to Wet n' Wild with a valid student ID, and they even kept the water park open four hours later just for the Knights. Then about a week after these awesome events, MTV's invaded campus with Hoobastank as well as other live acts free of charge to UCF students on campus.

There have been countless comedians. world-famous



program began in the fall of 2003 with huge success. Learning and Interacting with New Knights is a program for firstyear students that awards "LINK Loot" to students who attended various UCF events. At the end of each semester, an auction is held where students place their accumulated LINK loot on prizes such as free tuition, trips, televisions and other electronics. The student with the most loot on any particular prize wins it. So by now you're probably

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UCF traditions and their importance

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raditions are an extremely important part of student life at UCF. Traditions add meaning and excitement to the college experience. Three main traditions the student body holds close to its heart are Knightmare, Black and Gold Fridays and protecting the Pegasus seal.

Homecoming Week at UCF is known as Knightmare. Knightmare takes place the week before the Homecoming football game. Each day has its own theme.

Knightmare begins on Sunday with a concert in downtown Orlando at Church Street Station, featuring a well-known national act. On Monday, hundreds of students lounge on the lawn surrounding the reflecting pond for Movie Knight, a free film screening outside on a huge projection screen. Tuesday is Carnival Knight, when the Arena parking lot fills with carnival rides, games and food. Campus clubs and organizations perform themed skits for an arena filled with students on Wednesday's Skit Knight. The groups compete for Homecoming Spirit Points that will lead to an award at the football game on Satur-

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ebration of UCF each year. This is the one and only time of the year that the public is allowed in the Reflecting Pond. Students and faculty splash around in the water while being entertained by UCF cheerleaders and dance teams. President John Hitt and UCF mascot Knightro are also there to join in on the festivities. Hundreds of free UCF spirit items, including foam Knightros and T-shirts, are thrown into the pond for the students to catch. A musical act performs in front of Millican Hall following the spirited celebrations.

Saturday morning, students, facul-

game. The stands of the Citrus Bowl are filled with screaming fans, ready to cheer the Golden Knights on to victory.

Another tradition that is valued by UCF students all year long is Black and Gold Fridays. Every Friday, students and faculty wear their school colors with pride. Knightro and his spirit police hand out citations to unspirited students; this includes a coupon for discounted Knightwear at the UCF bookstore.

When walking through the Student Union, students honor another UCF tradition by not walking on the

Resident Assistants

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ne of the most untapped and unused resources at UCF is your RA. RA stands for resident assistant, and if you live on campus or in affiliated housing you have one. Your RA is a wonderful tool. RAs help bring community to UCF and help you adjust to college life.

Some students may feel that RAs are intimidating and unapproachable,



club? Talk to your RA. Want to know were to go if you need help with your homework or need assistance with something? Talk to your RA.

Your RA also puts on awesome programs designed for their fellow residents. These events range from activities for community education, social interaction, community building and just plain fun. These events can teach you valuable skills or just help you to meet some of the people you live with. They are wonderful ways to interact with your RA.

A few notable programs are movie nights, cooking 101, "Drunk, Drunker and Impaired," barbecues, sex and chocolate, sushi nights, comedy night and much more. One of the best things at these programs by far is that

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at all of these events there is free food! These events will feed you and save you from having to cook or eat another bowl of ramen noodles. Trust us if you haven't learned the meaning of free or appreci-

but these helpful members of the UCF ate it yet, you will, because you are now a college student and saving take time out of their day and talk money is vital. Have an idea for a program and want to see it happen? Tell your RA. If anything, at least know your RA's phone number or where they are located, because you never know when you may need them.



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Thursday is Variety Knight. Once again, the arena is filled with students to be entertained by various comedians or musical acts, free of charge. Spirit Splash, held on Friday, was rated the No. 1 tradition in the state of Florida by Florida Leader magazine. Thousands of UCF students and alumni fill the Reflecting Pond in cel-

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ty, alumni and community residents fill the streets of downtown Orlando for the viewing of the Homecoming parade. The parade features President Hitt, the Homecoming Court and numerous floats from UCF organizations and area businesses. The grand finale of Knightmare is, of course, the Homecoming football

Pegasus, displayed in a tile mosaic on the floor in the atrium. Tradition says that students who walk on the Pegasus will receive bad grades in their classes. By participating in these traditions, students add memories to their college experience and ensure that the traditions will be passed on for years to come.

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> Choosing a place to live isn't just oncampus versus off-campus. It's which dorm or apartment.

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Parking

The hunt for parking

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efore venturing into forth the labyrinths of despair known as the UCF parking lots, one thing must be understood. The parking permit that costs a lot of money isn't so much a permit as it is a "hunter's license" of sorts. Any student can tell you just how difficult it can be to find a good parking space.

Often, by the time one is found, students are so late that it isn't even needed anymore. Yet, students still endure the daily parking search. There is hope in this desperate situation. Armed with knowledge and experience, it is possible to reduce the time spent searching for a parking space and get to class on time.

First things first - students should leave for class one hour early! This provides ample time to find that perfect space and make it to



class before the teacher passes the attendance sheet.

The following side tips should also be kept in mind on the hunt for a space. If a parking garage is the destina-tion and it is between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., students should head straight for the top floor because it's doubtful a space will be found anywhere else. On the way up, just keep your eyes peeled for cars pulling out of spaces. After 5:30 p.m. or 7 p.m., depending upon the lot, and until 7 a.m., faculty and staff parking

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> spaces become fair game, as long as you have a student pass. This is always a good place to start looking because the majority of professors and staff are leaving.

When coming home late from a long night of studying (after 11 p.m.), it's usually best to head straight to the parking garages because the residential parking lots are usually full. Students must keep one thing in mind at all times while searching — don't ever park anywhere that is not a designated parking space. Even if you are away from the car for only five minutes, you will most likely be ticketed. In an effort to get parking. during peak hours, every student must eventually master this fine art.

If students are really desperate for a space, they watch the side of the parking lot nearest to the building in which they need to go, watching for people on foot entering the parking lot on the way back from class. Being sure to maintain dignity and personal space stalking is impolite, but it's worse if your bumper is on your target's ankles. It helps to ask the person you intend to follow if they're actually leaving. It's nice, and you'll know right away if you're wasting your time. This is an opportunity to find out if they have the worst spot in the lot, too.

Getting the lone parking space is made even more interesting when two people are following the same unsuspecting driver. As daunting as it may seem, it is possible to find parking on the UCF campus. Keeping these tips in mind along with a little trial and error is sure to land any student a great, or not so great, space every day.



nsure of whether or not to live on campus? Although on-campus housing is slightly more expensive than housing off campus, there are many benefits that are included with the on-campus living experience.

Students who reside on campus tend to be better informed of activities taking place at and around UCF. Resident assistants frequently promote such events, which can result lead to you getting more involved with the university.

Does free food sound good? When living in the residence halls, it is one of many things that can be found at the activities and programs put on by the RAs.

Some students feel that there are too many rules and regulations restricting their freedom while living in the residence halls. These rules are simply guidelines that are set in order to ensure resident safety. If an emergency should ever occur there are several people who are able to be contacted for immediate assistance, such as the on-campus police and fire department, Resident Assistants, and the Department of Housing and Residence Life. One thing found to be an inconvenience of on-campus living is the laundry facilities. At certain times, you may find the laundry rooms crowded with students, which might result in some students having to wait for others to finish. There is also a small fee to use these facilities. On the other hand, students off campus are generally supplied with their own washer and dryer. Students on campus have the luxury of housekeeping services, though, which maintains the cleanliness of each individual room on a weekly basis. Unlike students who live off campus, class is just a hop, skip and a jump away from the residence halls. Students have the convenience to literally roll out of bed fifteen minutes before class starts and still make it on time. However, off-campus residents are forced to wake up earlier in order to drive, park and then walk to class. With housing, it's simply a matter of preference of which lifestyle suits you better. No matter where a student may choose to live durthe collegiate ing experience, there are many pros and cons for wherever a residence is established. UCF students have already made the right decision to become a Golden Knight, so no matter where they choose to live, they're guaranteed to have the optimum college experience!





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Picking a major: the limited edition

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ew UCF students file into registration at every orientation to find an interesting word next to their intended major - pending. What does that mean?

Certain majors, because of such a large number of applicants and limited facilities, are designated as "limited access" majors. Limited access simply means that there is an application process before you can take





certain upper-division courses in the major.

The first thing is to find out if you are in a limited access major. To do this, simply go to the POLARIS Web site at https://connect.ucf.edu and click on the enroll/drop/withdraw button or degree audit button. The best way to start the process of getting into a limited access major is to seek out the advisor for the major. The advisor can help with how to apply to the specific major, what to do to get accepted and what to take until acceptance is obtained.

Professors for the major are also a very useful resource in determining whether a major is useful for a desired career. Examples of limited access majors are radio/TV, journalism and cardiopulmonary sciences.

Picking majors is one of the most important decisions students make at UCF, which in turn makes it one of the most difficult. It sometimes feels as if the walls are closing in when other students have majors and you still aren't sure about what to do for the "rest of your life." Despite this daunting task, there are more than just advisers to help.

The Career Resource Center (CRC) also aids in picking majors and career planning. It holds several programs throughout the year with topics such as "Choosing and Changing Majors," "Connecting Majors and Careers," "What Can I

Do with This Major?" and "Career Planning Process." The CRC also High school: A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts uses personalitests tv to determine that areas match interests, personalities, values and skills. It also assesses each

individual with major regards to the types of jobs students can get and the skills they learn through

classes. The CRC also has different services to offer students in certain majors.

It can help you with your resume and improve your job interview skills through workshops, so you'll be ready when graduation rolls around. The advisers, offices, tests and programs will aid and assist, but ultimately the final decision of what to major in and what to make a career out of lies with the student.

The First Year Advising and Exploration Office, located in Phillips Hall, provides help for a successful transition into college life.



Advisers Why your college adviser is important

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ollege can be pretty overwhelming at this time, especially when students have to balance monetary funds, work schedule, social time and other obligations. So if students are always busy, how do they know which classes they should take in order to graduate on time? That's one reason why advisers are so important. They are here to help students through their college days and make sure students are on the right track to success.

The traditional role of the college adviser has been to help students select classes for the upcoming semester. They help identify which classes the student's major requires. Advisers even point out other classes that will satisfy graduation requirements or may be of interest to the student. Not only can they help with classes, they can also refer students to specialized counselors if students have problems that go beyond the realm of Polaris or their advisers' capacities.



If students have already declared their major, then the college adviser is for them. Advisers can clearly discuss a student's future plans and determine all the right classes needed to take in order to obtain a degree. The well-trained staff helps students to identify and register for all the necessary classes in a way more clearly understood than if the student only used the UCF catalog. Also, by seeing an adviser, students will be able to ask any question their heart desires in regards to their major.

For those students who haven't already declared a major, college advisers are also for them. There is

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no need to rush in and declare major right away, and the advisers know that. They are here to help students choose career path by offering spe-"undecial clared workshops." These programs are helpful since they find a major that best

suits students'

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interests. Once a major is finally declared, that's one less thing that both the student and the adviser have to do.

Even the "all-knowing genius" type can benefit from meeting with an adviser. Advisers are able to better explain the UCF catalog and even share information in addition to the catalog that would be useful to the student. And how hard is it just to stop in and say that you're doing OK?

College can be confusing and overwhelming at times. That's why students have advisers. They're here to help guide students throughout these years to make sure that everyone makes the most of their college experience.

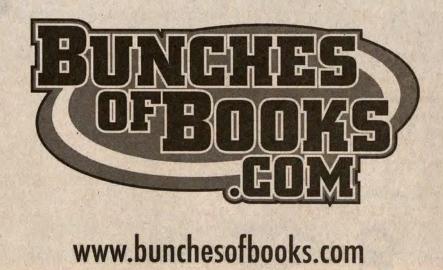


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What are some effective study tips I can put to good use?

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Studying

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f you think you can get by with the same old lackadaisical, unorganized, last minute approach to studying, then you are sadly mistaken. This is college; higher education that requires a higher standard of studying techniques. Above all else, there are a few key suggestions that can be helpful throughout your college experience.

First, it is a great idea to become familiar with your professors and their way of testing. For example, some professors are partial to multiple-choice tests, while others prefer true-or-false test formats. Essay, short answer or fill-in-the-blank tests are always in the mix as well. Knowing the type of test beforehand will aid you in effectively studying for it, helping you get the much desired A.

In high school you were graded on many things over the course of a semester (tests, quizzes, homework, participation, etc.), but you will come to find that college

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The first week of classes can be overwhelming to many freshmen; 350 students in one lecture hall can be unfamiliar and nerve-racking. However, that first week is crucial in making connections and contacts with fellow classmates as well as understanding the profes-sors' expectations. Be sure to make a friend in each class to take notes in your place in case of an emergency. Devel-oping bonds in class is part of the college experience and can lead to ... study groups! Study groups are so beneficial because sometimes it is easier to learn from a peer who can put things in words you can understand.

The last tip to offer is: be prepared! College professors won't keep up with your personal progress in the class. Each student is expected to read the assigned readings and come to class prepared to speak knowledgeably about the subject matter. It is also a good idea to review your notes after the class meets, just to refresh and clarify the information you are given. More importantly, the best way to be prepared and keep up with the fast pace of things is to attend class. By attending class you are assured the exposure of all the material discussed in class - which is possible test material.

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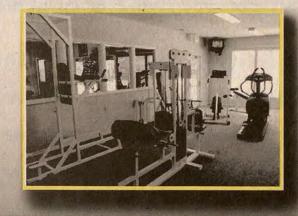
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id you know that the average college student has more than 11 hours of "free" time every day? This

is time spent on activities other than sleeping, class, studying and working. With all this free time it is hard to imagine anyone having trouble finding enough time in their schedules for both school and work. Unfortunately, this is a problem that many college freshmen face.

There are a few ways to keep a balance in your life with all of that free time, successfully tackling work and having a social life while keeping the high GPA.

If students plan on working while taking classes, be sure to know what work load is manageable. The College of Health and Public Affairs at UCF recommends that students who are taking a full load, which is 15 credit hours, work a maximum of 20 hours per week. Students who are going full time (12 credit hours) should only work between 20 and 30 hours. Students who are planning on



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working 40 hours a week at their job should take a maximum of nine credit hours.

When planning a schedule for the semester, be sure to allow adequate time for working full shifts. Schedule classes only on Monday/Wednesday/Friday or Tuesday/Thursday to allow "off" days for work. If this is not possible, try scheduling all morning or evening classes so that working the opposite shift is a possibility.

The next important thing to consider is the location of employment. It is imperative to find a job that is willing to be flexible with scheduling. Obviously, on-campus jobs are generally the most accommodating with scheduling around classes. However, there are several job opportunities off campus that are just as flexible.

Finally, just having good study habits is the best way to manage time. Use a planner! It is an amazing tool that will help keep a student organized and completing all assignments on time. Schedule study time; this will give a student more free time in the end because cramming the night before a big test won't be necessary. Study during down time between classes or on a break at work. Finally, if time management is still a struggle, be sure to attend a time management workshop offered the Student Academic by Resource Center, also known as SARC.

Trouble with time management is something all college students face, not just freshmen. Remember that with patience and planning, anyone can juggle school and work like an old pro.

Your resume: A doorway to the future

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t is probably hard to believe that you have already finished high school. College graduation will seem to come twice as fast as high school graduation did. Life at UCF will become a whirlwind of classes, friendships, tests, romances and just good times. Along the way, however, it is important not to forget the main reason you are at college: to get a degree.

Your resume will become an set in your life, especially as graduation nears. The main role of your resume is to show someone else your personal and professional qualifications. There are two main audiences you will be catering to when writing your resume: employ-ers and graduate schools. They'll both be looking for people with leadership and teamwork skills. Both will want to see a history of leadership involvement in college, but the employers will look more at your work experience. UCF has an infinite number of resources and places for you to build your resume. Getting involved is essential to your success as a student and as a future professional. Joining an organization will give you instant connections and friendship. More importantly, you'll learn what makes a strong leader and communicator. Volunteerism is not only a noble and worthwhile activity, but it is one of the most impressive aspects of any resume. Employers and admissions representatives like to see that a student has freely given his or , her time for a better cause. Volunteer UCF offers a multitude of opportunities for volunteering at UCF and in the surrounding community. Several VUCF members even participate in an alternative spring break program that allows students to travel all over the United States to help people in need. Other organizations, such as fraternities and sororities, also offer service opportunities. To build a strong resume, you'll need leadership experience, and UCF has a variety of programs to students to get that experience in. The LEAD scholars program offers a two-year leadership development program to incoming freshmen. Becoming a resident assistant (RA) offers the opportunity to help develop a community, and members of the Orientation Team serve as role models and

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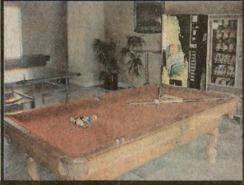
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iving on campus and bored already? Get out! There is so much to do in the Orlando area, how can you resist?

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Don't miss out on the Orlando arts scene either. Loch Haven Park houses the Orlando Museum of Art (check out the Festival of Trees before winter break) and the Orlando Repertory Theater (home of the Shakespeare Festival). Bigger shows can be found at the Bob Carr Performing Arts Center and for laughs try the SAK Comedy Lab. If just hanging out suits you better, check out Lake Eola (famous for its fall and spring fiesta festivals).

Need something a bit more thrilling? You're also just a short drive from Walt Disney World, Universal Studies (check out Halloween Horror Nights and Mardi Gras) and GityWalk. Downtown Orlando is a hub for the nightlife, especially on Church Street. The people are as diverse as the places and things to do. Church Street has a number of clubs and restaurants. There is something for everyone especially if you like the fast paced feel of a big city.

A college favorite for laughs on Church Street is the Orlando Improv. The Improv has hosted such national acts as Dave Chappelle, Jerry Seinfeld and Carlos Garcia. The best part about this comedy



club is the intimate setting. You can see a national act that might sell out an entire concert hall of 1,000 people or more, but here in Orlando the club only seats about 300 people, which gives you the up-close-andpersonal feel. The downtown area also offers seasonal parades and some amazing concerts. Definitely check out the live music at The Social on Orange Avenue and the House of Blues at Downtown Disney.

If downtown is not your thing, then maybe the local scene is what you're looking for. Within 10 minutes of UCF, there are excellent restaurants and clubs to hang out at. Many hold open mike nights and there is always some place to dance any night of the week. Bottom line, UCF is not the extent of your social life as a CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE FILE Orlando is world renowned for its theme parks, such as Islands of Adventure, above, but comedy clubs and nightclubs like Roxy on State Road 50, below, abound as well.

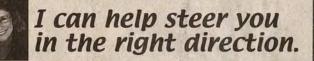
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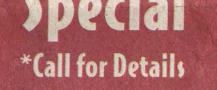
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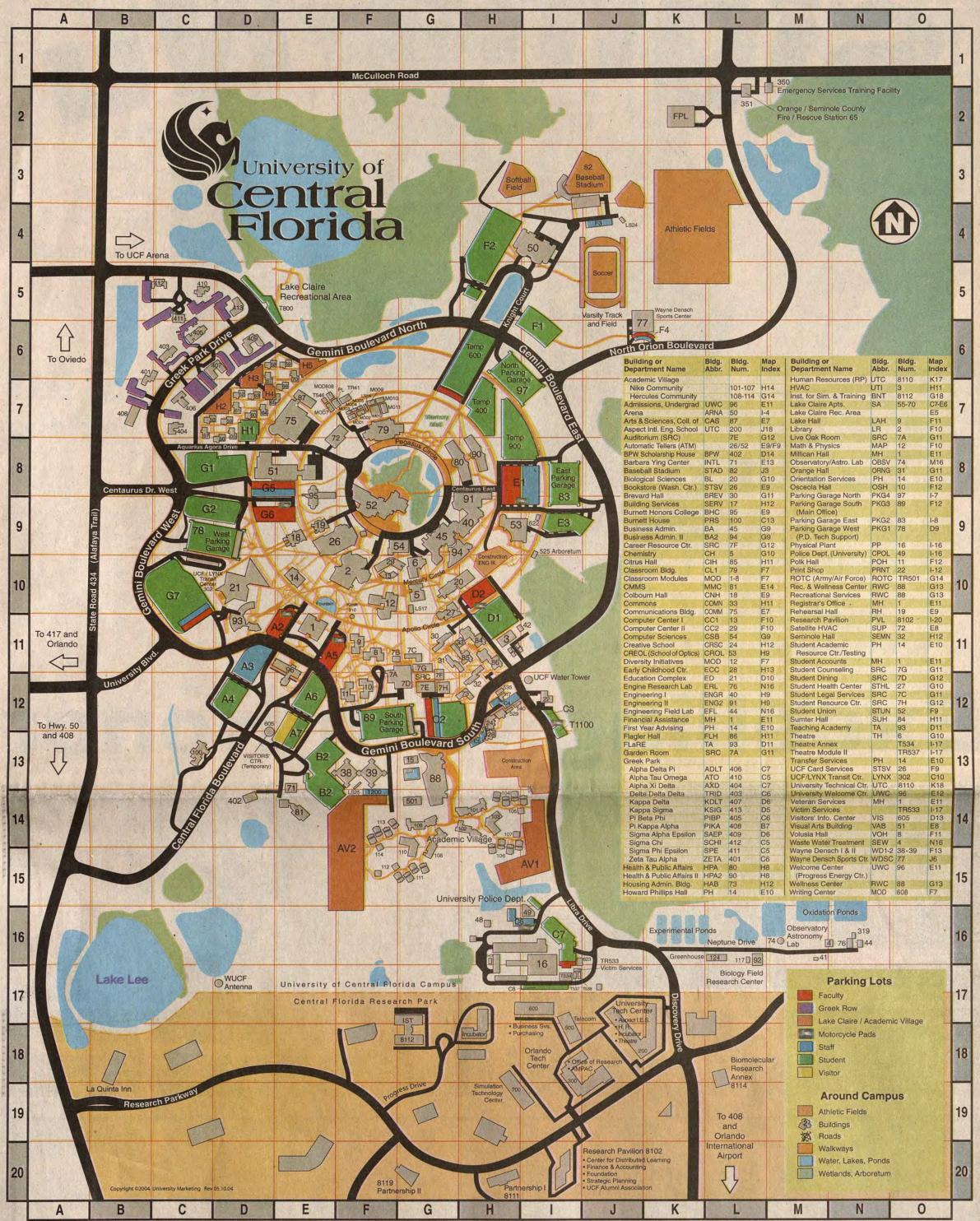


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LAURA WALTRIP Assistant Director of Student Involvement

ant activities on campus? The Office of Student Involvement provides entertainment programming, community service opportunities and leadership development options that enhance student life at the university.

Three student agencies operate out of the office: Campus Activities Board, Homecoming and Volunteer UCF. In addition, OSI advises more than 350 student organizations through the Knights of the Round Table, coordinates the Multicultural Student Center and works with the Student Government Association. During the last few years,

big names like comedians Mark Curry and Dave Attell; bands Hoobastank and Nappy Roots; speakers Dr. Drew and the creators of HomestarRunner.com; and hypnotist Tom DeLuca have all visited UCF with the help of the Campus Activities Board.

CAB is a student-run board composed of 10 committees that entertain, educate and enlighten UCF students through sponsored activities. Each committee plans, coordinates, promotes and implements the various programs in its area. The board of directors, composed of the directors of the 10 committees, oversees the CAB operations of: cinema, comedy and variety, concerts, cultural and fine arts, dance



Comedian Darrell Hammond, above, kept the crowd roaring at 2003's Homecoming Comedy Knight. OSI plans and hosts comedy and music events throughout the school year.

Top OSI events

Homecoming parade Comedy Knight Knightstock Prom Dance Marathon Nutfest Movie Knight Downtown concert

marathon, promotions, special events, speakers, Spectacular Knights and video producto make decisions that allow the planning board to coordinate the week's events to be more inclusive and representative of our campus as a whole. The Homecoming Executive board consists of 17 students who volunteer to coordinate and execute the events of the week. While the students must work for almost an entire year to plan one week, the results are well worth it to all students. Knightmare 2003 was

Knightmare 2003 was shown to be the best ever for UCF and was voted the best Homecoming in the state of Florida by *Florida Leader* mag-

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tions.

Homecoming is a program dedicated to designing and implementing the annual week of Knightmare. At the beginning of each spring semester a group of 19 students representing various areas of the UCF campus come together as the Homecoming Task Force and begins working in preparation for our week of Knightmare. These students come together

azine. It was no surprise that happened after all of the hard work and dedication put in by our student leaders last year. Students were able to enjoy a concert in the middle of downtown Orlando featuring Sean Paul and Uncle Kracker to start the week. Other events included a carnival, Movie Knight, Variety Knight, Skit Knight,

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Health center helps when you're well, too



BOB FAUST Director of Student Health Services

t's the last thing in the world you need to have happen to you: the "big exam" is tomorrow morning and you feel yourself coming down with one of those mega sore throats. Or - two days before the beach weekend - your ankle goes "pop" when you try to make a lay-up.

One of the few organizations on the UCF campus that hopes you don't often need them is Student Health Ser-

From Flu shots to X-rays, the Student Health Center offers a full array of medical services.

vices. But for those times when you can hardly drag yourself to class because of a sore throat, stomach problem or that twisted ankle, there is hardly a better place to have close by.

The Student Health Center, located next to the Biological Sciences Building, offers students a modern, complete medical clinic. Yes, we're talking real doctors and other experienced health-care pro-

fessionals. It's what you might call "one-stop medical shop-

ping." Without having to leave the building, you can get your lab work done, get an X-ray or sonogram and pick up that prescription. Some of these "extra" services are provided at an extra charge (usually much cheaper than anywhere else, by the way) but the health fee that you already paid at registration covers your basic office visit.

Need an allergy shot? Call the Health Center. Going overseas to vacation or study? Call

Health the Center (Travel Clinic). Ladies, need a physical checkup? Call Health the Center (Woman's Clinic). talk And

about convenient. If you call ahead for an appointment and that's always the best thing to do, if you can - you will usually be seen within a few minutes of arriving and can be on your way to class or work (or back to bed) before you know it.

No cash? No problem! The Health Center takes most major credit cards, as well as personal checks. They will

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also check with your PPO (insurance company) for possible payment or will place the charges on your student account for later payment.

But you say you're in great health? Excellent. Not all the Student Health Services are for sick or injured Knights. Campus Wellness, located in the Recreation and Wellness Center, can help you stay lean and mean. Well, at least lean ...

Why not stop by and ask about the CHAMP, the Comprehensive Health Assessment Motivation Program? This will give you a great idea of your lifestyle and its impact on your fitness.

Following that, you may want to consult with trained members of the Wellness staff: Talk to a bio-feedback specialist to help you relax (especially during exams!), enjoy therapeutic massage or let your own personal trainer get you started on a program. Also available are nutritionists who can help you choose or cook food that's healthier, cheaper and tastes great. The nutritionists are weight-loss counselors,

What's the bottom line? Student Health Services at UCF wants to help keep you healthy and in the classroom. They are truly "Dedicated to Healthy Knights."

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OSI Spirit Splash: one wet, wild party



A teeming mass of students fill the Reflecting Pond in front of the Library for Spirit Splash 2004, the one time of year the public is allowed into UCF's iconic fountain. Cheerleaders at a pep rally held during this Homecoming week event threw T-shirts into the eager crowd.

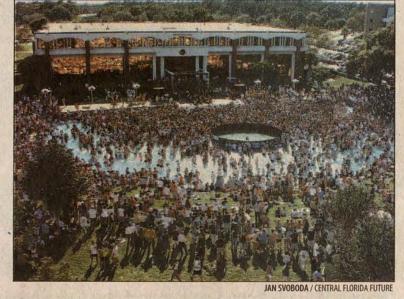
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Spirit Splash and a parade down Orange Avenue to finish up the week, with UCF student Ericka Dunlap, Miss America 2004, as the grand marshal.

Other performers during the week included comedians Darrell Hammond, Pablo Francisco and Gary Owen. All of our events were great nights of entertainment for the record-breaking number of students who showed up.

During Knightmare, clubs and organizations from around campus teamed up to try and win spirit awards. The competition helped promote Knightmare throughout campus and created an excitement in the air.

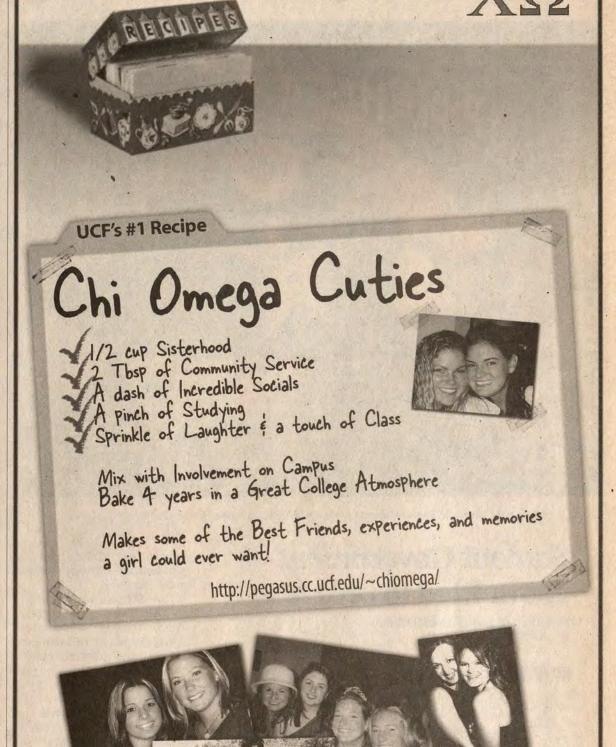
Those teams also participated in our most successful philanthropy ever. Teams collected aluminum cans for recycling along with wish list items for people in need. More than 5,000 pounds of cans were redeemed and donated to the Mustard Seed of Central Florida, while truckloads of wish list items were donated to the Salvation Army. For more information on how you can be involved and to see what is going on in next year's Knightmare, log on http://www.ucfknightto mare.com. Late Knights is a monthly alcohol alternative program. This program allows UCF.students to participate in fun and exciting novelty activities, watch comedians, listen to bands, and eat great food - all for free. Late Knights also allows clubs and organizations an opportunity to highlight their upcoming activities and promote their organizations. The events draw an average of 1,500 students per night. The Late Knights student board decides on a theme for each program and works diligently with various campus resources such as the Student Union and Recreation and Wellness Center to make each event a success. The committee also works very closely with the Campus Activities Board to bring great entertainment such as Hypnotist Tom DeLuca and a live reenactment of the movie Chicago. Volunteer UCF (VUCF) is dedicated to promoting community service and the education and awareness of social issues on the UCF campus. Through a variety of programs and committees, VUCF links interested students with community organizations and projects that best fit their interests, talents and majors. VUCF has strong ties to the Orlando community, with more than 250 agencies in its database. These agencies represent the following categories: arts and recreation, organ and tissue donation awareness, mentoring, children and education, human rights, domestic violence, animal care and the environment, elderly awareness, health, mental health, hunger and



homelessness, and literacy issues. Students are welcome to come by the office to research agencies or sign up for an event planned by VUCF student volunteers.

The 2003-2004 VUCF board consists of 16 student coordinators who organize events collaboratively with local agencies. Through volunteerism, students can gain valuable knowledge and experience, have a great time and meet new friends - all while benefiting the community. Some of the biggest projects hosted by VUCF this past year included an annual Hunger Banquet, the Get Carded Organ and Tissue Donation Fair and Green Ribbon Gala, Chill with Children and two expos where local agencies visited campus to offer community volunteer opportunities to UCF students. Other activities include afternoons with the Boys and Girls Club, mornings at Lake Eola distributing food and clothing to the homeless with the Ripple Effect, beach cleanups, bingo with retirement communities, cell phone collection for victims of domestic violence, UCF basketball and baseball games and tailgating with children with special needs, and blood drives. The opportunities are endless. For the 2003-2004 school year, more than 10,700 volunteer hours were recorded for

668 individuals and student organizations. As hours are completed and confirmed, they are logged into a computer tracking system designed by the office. The tracking system for individuals and groups is a service provided to all students. In the spring, VUCF hosts an awards banquet recognizing students' commitment to volunteering through the hours logged in the system.





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OSI coordinates registration for campus organizations and provides educational opportunities for individual students and student organizations. Other services available to organizations include budget assistance, program development and leadership training.

Knights of the Round Table is available to advise, educate, and advocate for all clubs and organizations. Each term. KoRT hosts a club showcase, where clubs and organizations have an opportunity to meet new students and display their programs and activities. KoRT facilitates monthly also Knights of the Round Table meetings where representatives of clubs and organizations discuss organizational issues and share upcoming events.

Call OSI at 407-823-6471, visit http://osi.sdes.ucf.edu or come to the Student Union Room 208 for more information on any of these areas.

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Captain America greets UCF students to Universal Islands of Adventure in April. SGA paid for more than 12,000 students to get in free.

Student Government committed to progress

KEVIN PETERS & WILLIE BENTLEY, JR. SGA President and Vice President

ernment Association (SGA) is your voice, the voice of the student body. This small group of your peers works to bring concerts to campus, start clubs and make sure everyone gets the justice they deserve. With your input, we can have another great year at UCF. If you have any interest in student government, consider getting involved. You can run for a senate seat, or come to one of several monthly meetings. Feel free to stop by the SGA offices in the Student Union and say "Hi." Student government is here to serve you.

The primary function of your SGA is to oversee the Activity and Service Fee Budget, money collected from every student through a fee paid for every class you take. tions government Student eceived more than \$10.5 mil-

he Student Gov- keeping the entire student body in tune with what's

going on in student government. The legislative branch is composed of 52 elected student senators. The senators are elected every fall semester from a specific college, and serve one-year terms. The senate's primary func-

tion is to vote on fiscal matters and make resolutions on certain issues. The senate is also broken into various committees: Legislative, Judicial and

Rules (LJR); Organizations, Appropriation and Finance (OAF); Elecand Appoints

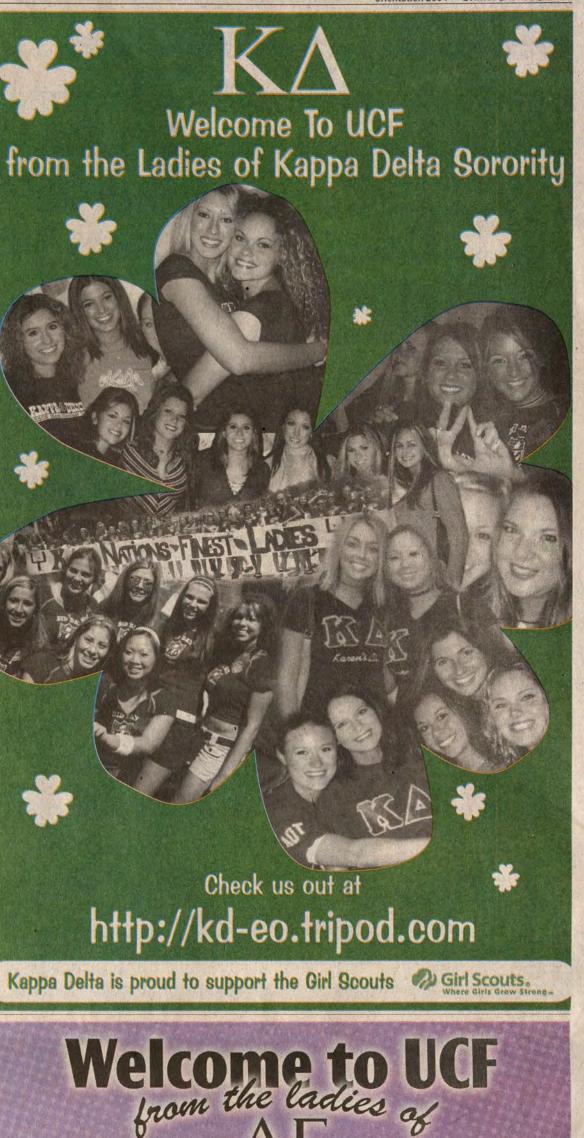
tation of the student body and become a strong voice for the students.

The PBJ platform is broken into four major categories; student advocacy, multicultural initiatives, services, and governmental affairs.

Student advocacy

•Free 24-hour legal advice •Judicial advising •Bimonthly open forums •Student run conduct board •Extend the withdrawal deadline •Improve relations between

police and students



lion last budget year, all vices and Pubredistributed to fill student lic Relations needs.

The Student Government Association is made up of three braches of government. SGA's composition is similar to the government on both the state and federal level. There is an executive, legislative and judicial branch.

The executive branch includes the offices of the president and the vice president. This branch also houses the SGA executive cabinet. The cabinet is responsible for four major units: advocacy, campus life, governmental affairs and public relations. These four units work together to ensure an exciting, yet healthy environment for our student body. Some of the primary objectives for these units are student's rights and responsibilities; creating a bold and positive UCF presence throughout the campus, community, and on a state and federal level; creating activities and programs that are both educational and entertaining; and

(ECA);(SPR); Clubs and Organizations (C&O); Operations

> Review (ORC); Governmental Affairs (GAC); and Industrial

The Judicial Branch is composed of 12 student justices and two alternate justices appointed on staggered presidential terms. The purpose of this branch is to ensure the rights of students through the interpretation of the student body constitution.

The Peters/Bentley Jr. administration

SGA President Kevin Peters and Vice President Willie Bentley Jr. took office at noon on May 8. With the slogan "Committed to Progress," the Peters/Bentley Jr. (PBJ) administration is committed to upholding the integrity of the entire student body. The PBJ mission is to serve as a positive represen-

Kevin Peters and Willie Bentley, Jr.

Multicultural initiatives •Multicultural Student Affairs (IAC). Center scholarships •Expand the MSC

 Promote cultural awareness Services Airport transportation •Extended library hours •Create more student jobs •Create more student

internships •Create more student scholarships •Continue the SafeRide program

 Continue on-campus transportation

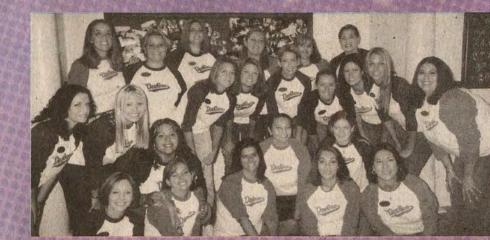
Governmental affairs

- Lobby to keep bright futures
- •Create a student
- government representative congress
- •Host local, state and federal government speakers



SGA President Kevin Peters, right, speaks to the senate shortly after his inauguration on May 8, as Speaker of the Senate Pete Cimino, left, and SGA Adviser Shane Juntunen look on. Peters will need senate support to help fund his administration's platform goals.

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REACH guest contestants play a Jeopardy-like game show as part of an HIV awareness event on the Student Union stage. REACH promotes safety and responsibility for college students.

Responsible choices don't end the fun

LAURA RIDDLE

Director of Alcohol and Other Drug Programming

speeches he are through, the tours have come to an end, and now you are about to embark on the amazing college journey, an experience in which your wildest dreams, or nightmares, could come true. Being aware of your surroundings and the potential risks associated with this new environment could prove worthwhile and beneficial.

That's where we come into the

picture. The students and staff who work at the REACH Peer Health Education Program and the Alcohol and Other Drug Programming Office provide the information essential to a healthy college atmosphere through workshops, presentations, expos and a number of other campus programs. REACH (Responsible Education and Action for Campus Health), is a full resource center for students. We cover the gambit of college social health issues such as alcohol and other drug abuse, sexual assault and sexual violence, eating disorders and safer sex. We have a knowledgeable and friendly HIV testing and counseling staff.

We give you the information and awareness you need to make

low risk and healthy choices. College can be an unforgettable experience. Whether the experience is positive or a bummer is determined by your decisions. Use good judgment, know the rules and remember that college is a whole new world. We are here to help you make the most of your time here.

Conveniently located on the Chemistry greens in Trailer 617, **REACH** Peer Health Education and Alcohol and Other Drug Counseling is within walking distance to most of the dorms and is open five days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or if the face-to-face routine is too intruding, you can call 407-823-5457/2437. Have fun, be safe, and enjoy all UCF has to offer!

LINK connects new **Knights to UCF**

Freshman get help to hit the ground running through luaus and loot

REBECCA MORALES Coordinator for Residence Education

he LINK Program is a first-year experience pro-gram at UCF. It is designed to help first-year students cope with the stressful transition to the university's academic community. LINK helps first-year students get involved in programs and activities that will complement their classroom experience.

The LINK Program offers a series of programs and activities specifically designed for freshmen to make the most of their firstyear in college. LINK is about having fun, meeting people and getting connected to the campus community. LINK exposes freshmen to experiences that will enhance their success and satisfaction at UCF. From events such as the New Student Convocation, LINK Luau, Late Knights and the Majors Fair, to Freshmen Frenzy, Homecoming, residence hall programs and late night tutoring, LINK helps freshmen acclimate to UCF.

There are seven key abilities that new Knights can expect to develop by participating in the LINK Program:

• Intellectual, physical and interpersonal competence

 Self-sufficiency Emotional maturity

Self-awareness Relationship-building

 Career and social-life structuring

· Responsibility for yourself and others

The LINK Program is incentive-based. So when a first-year student attends a LINK connected program, they will receive LINK Loot. LINK Loot is funny money that is used to bid on prizes at an auction held at the end of each semester. The more LINK-connected programs a first-year students attends, the more LINK Loot that student will earn, which will increase their chances of winning a prize at the auction. One of the items that the LINK Program auctions each semester is tuition valued up to \$1,300.

First-year students will have an opportunity to learn more about the LINK Program during their Orientation session. LINK will be hosting an ice cream social along with Orientation Services and the Office of Student Involvement. Students can begin earning LINK Loot at the ice cream social and can participate in an activity to win door prizes. LINK will kick off the year with the LINK Luau at 6 p.m. Aug. 21. The LINK Luau will feature barbecue free to all students, a live DJ, inflatable bounce houses, interactive games, prizes and give-aways.

For more information about the LINK Program, call 407-882-7005 or visit http://www.link.ucf.edu.

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GREEK LIFE

UCF's fraternities and sororities: The start of a lifelong experience

Greek community draws waves of new students each year RYAN O'ROUKE, MARCEE MANGLARDI & MARK LIM Greek Life

t is safe to say that few collegiate experiences exist that can match those of membership in a fraternity or sorority. With 41 national fraternities and sororities, UCF's award-winning Greek community provides something for everyone. At UCF, fraternities and sororities provide students with a unique opportunity for leadership, growth, development and involvement. As a new student to UCF, you may be asking yourself several of the following questions:

•Will I fit in and make new friends?

•Will I succeed academically? •Will I be able to get involved in campus organizations and bet-

ter my leadership skills? •Will I be able to prepare and network for a career?

•Will I feel like a part of the campus community (or just a number)?



They never would have survived for more than 200 years and would not continue to exist at UCF if they resembled the images projected in pop culture.

To put things in perspective

Fraternities and sororities have been at UCF since 1971 - when UCF was still called Florida Technological University, before CDs and DVDs were invented, before

Greeks take a big role in the Homecoming parade each year. Chi Omega, Fiji and Tau Kappa Epsilon joined forces to make the winning float, designed with a Futurama TV-show theme.

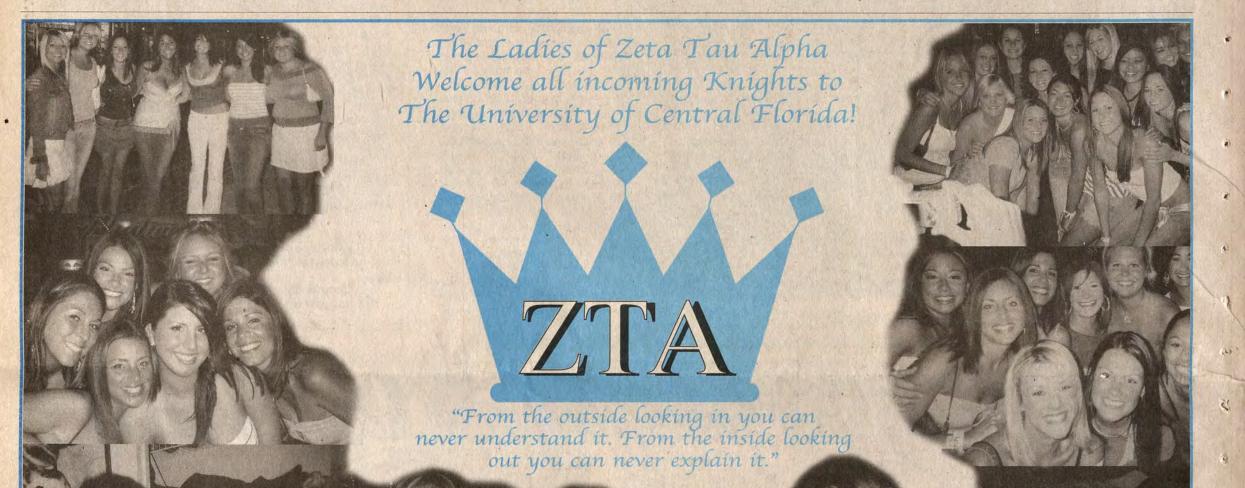
cell phones existed and before UCF had a football team.

Scholastic achievement

The UCF Greek community continually encourages academic success. In other words, students have to maintain certain grade point averages in order to remain active members of their chapters.

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Fraternity and sorority life can

personalize your UCF experience

and provide a home away from

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But what is fraternity

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Strong bonds, leadership experience and fun-filled semesters — is this life for you?

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The average GPA of fraternity and sorority members generally ranks above the overall student population. This spring, nearly 30 percent of sorority women were on the dean's list, earning a 3.5 GPA or higher. Nine sororities averaged at least a 3.0 GPA or higher. Thirteen fraternities earned a 2.7 or higher.

For academic support, Greek members are provided with structured study halls, educational programs, scholarships, tutorial programs and awards and incentives to challenge members to reach their full potential.

A 1999 University of Minnesota study reported that members of fraternities and sororities are more likely to obtain a degree and stay in school than non-affiliated students.

Leadership

Few, if any, other entities, can match the potential leadership training that students can obtain when they join a fraternity or sorority.

Each chapter elects officers to manage the operations of their organization, and these officers are assisted by members serving on committees.

The national headquarters of each organization has leadership conferences and programs where students can learn a variety of leadership skills. Alumni members play an important role as advisers and mentors, and alumni organizations help students network for employment opportunities after graduation.

Community service

Community service is an important aspect of fraternity and sorority membership.

From volunteering in elementary schools to raising money for charities - the American Heart Association, Muscular Dystrophy Associa-tion, Ronald McDonald House or the Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital - UCF's fraternities and sororities lend a helping hand.

nity service and raised thousands of dollars for charity.

events.

Believe it or not, fraternities and sororities have stricter social policies than most other clubs and organizations.

Students also have the opportunity to get involved with the risk management and peer education organizations such as Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol.

Fraternities and sororities can offer a family atmosphere and go beyond ordinary friendships ... and they often last a lifetime.

Campus involvement and school spirit

Joining a fraternity or sorority can be one of the best ways to get involved in other organizations at UCF. Many campus leaders - from the President's Leadership Council to student government members - are Greek.

Fraternities and sororities also sponsor teams to participate in various intramural sports and other fraternity and sorority philanthropic tournaments. Some of these sports include flag football, soccer, basketball, tennis, softball and floor hockey. Fraternities and sororities also have members who are varsity athletes in football, volleyball, tennis, waterskiing, crew and cheerleading.

Fraternity and sorority members are truly instrumental in providing a significant portion of the school spirit at UCF.

•90 percent of all past student body presidents are members of a fraternity/sorority

•49 percent of the 2004-2005 President's Leadership Council are members of a fraternity/sorority

•44 percent of the 2004-2005 Orientation Team are members of a fraternity/sorori-

•More 50 percent of the UCF Alumni Board of Directors are affiliated with a fraternity or sorority

•Yet "Greeks" make up only about 10 percent of the undergraduate enrollment!

Is there hazing at UCF?

Fortunately, hazing is Last year they completed banned by UCF, national Greek nearly 10,000 hours of commu- organizations and by state laws. UCF's chapters recognize that hazing has no place in their organizations. Those campus organizations that engage in such behavior are dealt with in a serious manner. (Yes, this subject is not just limited to Greek-letter organizations.) UCF has a zero-tolerance policy and works with alumni and chapter members in an

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effort to provide a positive and rewarding experience. Most new-member programs are a fun way to learn the history of the chapter and national organization and are not "degrading" to students. New members simply attend weekly meetings and get involved with chapter activities that provide a great way to make new friends.

Are fraternities and sororities expensive?

Members pay for dues and membership, but the price is affordable. The majority of UCF fraternity and sorority members also hold part-time jobs outside of taking classes.

Housing arrangements vary greatly, from fraternity chapin apartment-style ters quadraplexes to on-campus houses in Greek Park, which are owned and operated by the individual chapters' alumni corporations.

Living arrangements differ from chapter to chapter. Some chapters with houses in Greek Park have meal plans and cooks, while others employ caterers to serve periodic meals. Last year, the average cost of living in a house in Greek Park was \$2,200, including dues, rent and meal plan.

Total rent and meals for residence halls and off-campus apartments average between \$2,400 and \$2,800 per semester. In many instances, Greek housing is less expensive than living in the residence halls or an off-campus apartment. The Governor and State Cabinet recently approved the university's master plan with additional land for the construction of more fraternity and sorority houses.

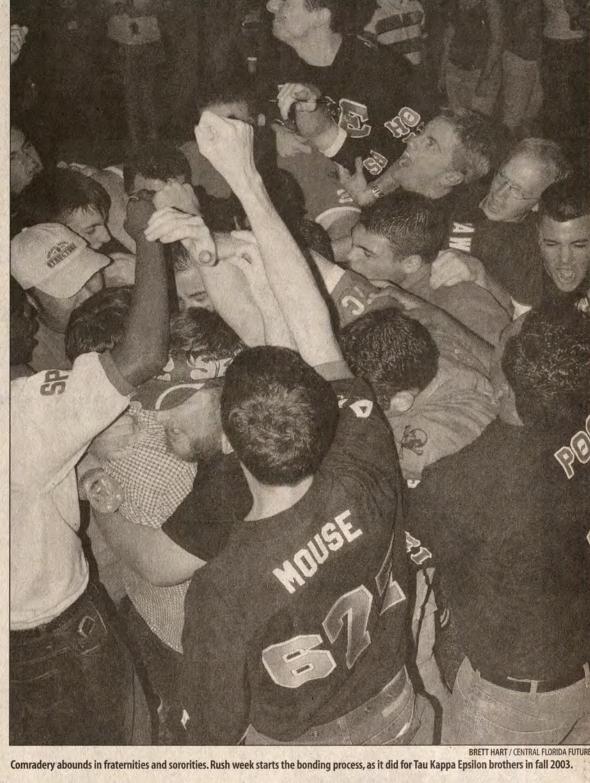
Just 'buying your friends?'

How can anyone simply "buy" their friends? Besides, it cost money to join clubs and teams in high school; did you buy your friends then, too?

As one fraternity leader put it, "How can I possibly buy my friends? They are priceless. If I had to pay for them, I would be in debt the rest of my life!"

Simply put, you are not buying your friends - you are investing in your future.

Aren't fraternities and sororities



and multicultural sororities, two historically African-American fraternities and a historically Jewish fraternity for students who want to culturally identify with those from similar races, ethnicities and religions. Regardless, the chapters are made up of members from all types of backgrounds.

Who joins fraternities and sororities?

While certain values, rules and procedures are very much a part of Greek Life, as in any organization, fraternity and

ly Latin fraternities, three Latin rock band member, a pre-medicine major, Miss America, a resident assistant, a pilot, an actress or actor, a varsity athlete, a student senator, a LEAD Scholar, a member of the President's Leadership Council, a member of the Campus Activities Board, a peer educator, a student body president, a College Republican, a College Democrat, a business major, a film major, an Orientation Team member, an education major, an ROTC cadet, a friend and most of all — a UCF Greek is you.

istering for recruitment, as it is one of the best ways to meet

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other students on campus. There is no obligation to join a fraternity or sorority by registering for recruitment.

Pan-Hellenic National Council (historically African-American Greek-letter organizations) and Diversified Greek Council organizations have recruitment at different times of the year. Typically, National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations hold intake processes twice a year, with freshmen becoming involved after their

first semester.

Social activities

For many students, the Greek social life helps make college a more fulfilling experience. Greek organizations provide a calendar of social activiincluding formals, ties. Homecoming, Skit Nights, mixers and other special

just cookie-cutter organizations?

UCF's Greek system has grown tremendously in the past 10 years. To accommodate this growth, the system has added new fraternity and sorority chapters. Students at UCF have an opportunity to build upon these organizations.

During the past 10 years, the UCF Greek community has expanded with three historical-

sorority members respect students' individual talents, interests and accomplishments. A Greek is difficult to stereotype, despite what you may hear.

Members of fraternities and sororities are students from different cultural, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds. UCF's fraternity and sorority members include: a USA Today All-American Scholar, a How do I get involved?

The best way to become involved is to register for the fraternity or sorority recruitment called Rush or Recruitment. Recruitment is a mutual selection procedure — a time for students to ask questions and define time commitments, financial obligations and membership requirements.

We highly recommend reg-

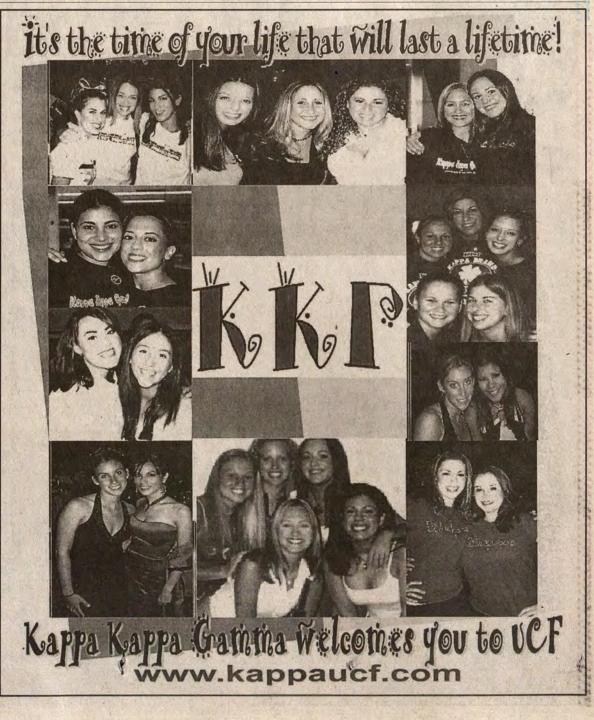
Whether or not you decide to join a Greek organization, recruitment is a great way to meet people and get acquainted with life at UCF.

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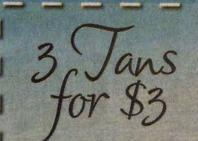
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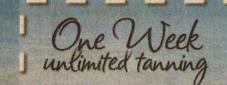


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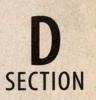
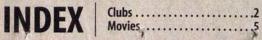




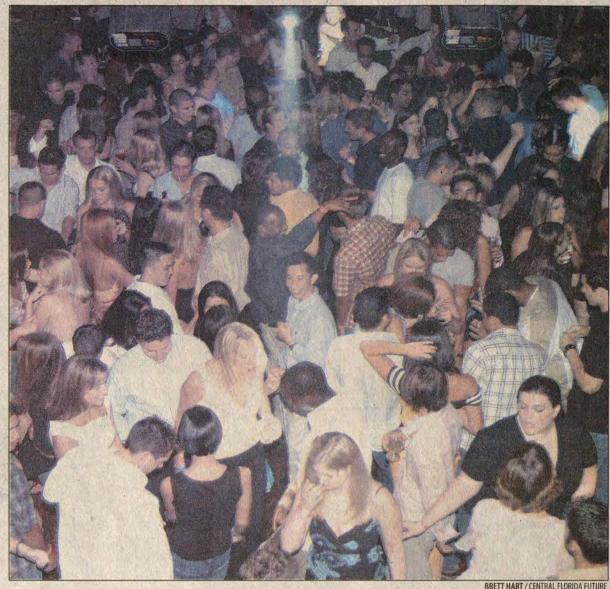
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CLUBS

Orlando's nightlife is full of music, lights and crowded club districts.



Roxy is one of dozens of clubs packed on the weekends. The club continues to draw crowds despite its location away from downtown.

Bright lights, big city

are the coolest places to go if I like Hip-hop? For

all you Hip Hop heads looking for some blazin' beats and a slammin atmosphere, "Phat Fridays" at The Roxy nightclub on Friday nights is the place to go.

While it won't cost you "50 cent" to get "In da Club," before 11 p.m., for a \$8 cover after that you can "P.I.M.P." your "Magic Stick" until 2 a.m. The age requirement is 21-and-up for everyone. Leave your T-shirts and jeans at home because The Roxy enforces a strict dress code.

... Country? If you love to line dance, throw on your cowboy hat and head down to Cowboys country club. Open Thursday through Saturday, this is Orlan-



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do's most popular country nightclub.

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.. Latin? If you are in search of a Hispanic spot hotter than J-Lo's "I'm Glad" video, then sweat it out in The Club at Firestone. Its oversized dance floor and second-story glass chamber for voyeuristic viewing make it "muy caliente." Friday is latin ladies night, with reggaeton, salsa, merengue, bachata and hip hop to get you moving. If your non-dancing friends need a bit more encouragement, the multiple video screens, lighting effects, and pulsating lasers are enough to stir up vibrations in even the most rhythm-challenged individuals.

Admission ranges from \$5 to \$10; 18-and-up ladies, 21-and-up guys.

... Karaoke? Attention all shower singers! This one's Four major club districts offer plenty of choices — in both people and music.

screamin' your name.

For the bold and the intoxicated, Friendly Confines in the Waterford Lakes Town Center offers an intimate setting where budding American Idols can belt out their favorite tunes. No cover; 18-and-up. ... Jazz & Blues? In a blue

mood? Then jazz up your dull evening with an unforgettable night at the upscale CityJazz located at Universal Studios CityWalk.

Purple hues, dim lighting and elegant decor make this a perfect first-date haven. The nightclub also offers jazz enthusiasts a slice of history with a museum that displays 500 pieces of jazz memorabilia.

Cover is \$5; 18-and-up. .. Punk? The beer-and-wineonly Will's Pub is one of the

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and features 'the area's better punk acts. Located on Mills Avenue, the quaint watering hole prides itself on being the antidowntown hangout. A jukebox, pool tables and an air hockey table make this bar an ideal place to attend any night of the week.

Cover varies; 18-and-up.

... Techno? The bi-level Icon dance club features a spacious downstairs dance floor while a spaceship-like DJ booth overlooks dancers as Orlando's top DJs spin the best big-beat techno in town.

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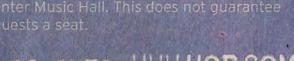
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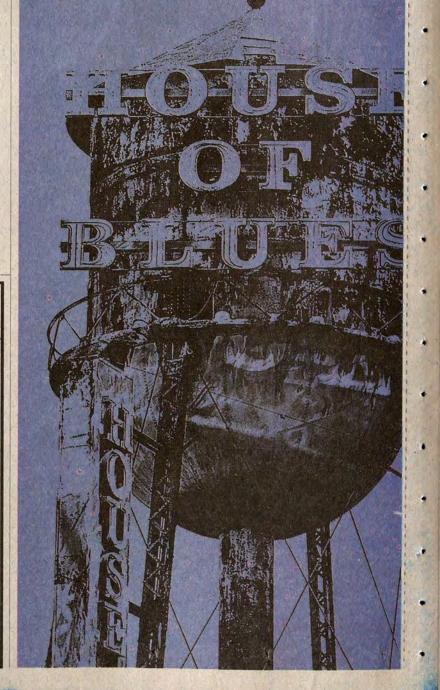
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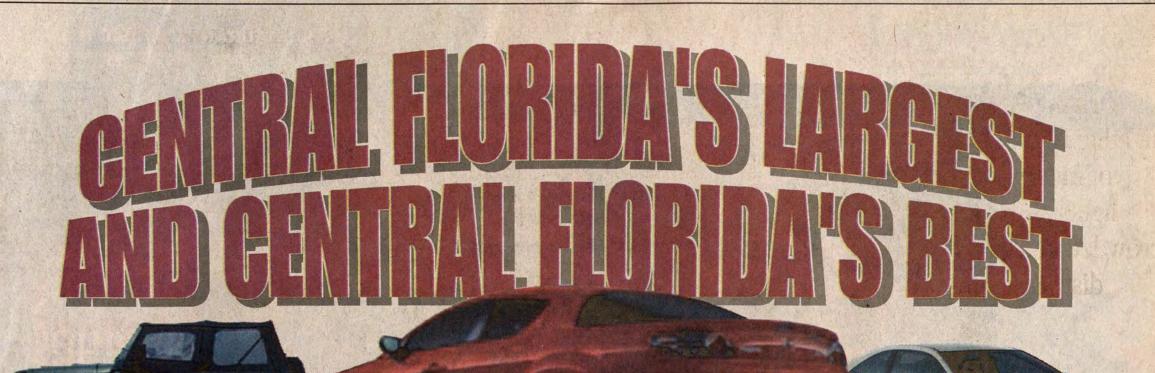


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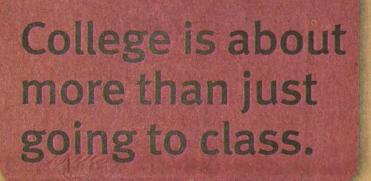


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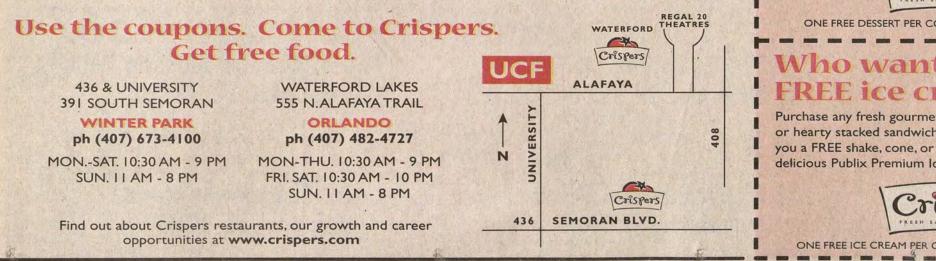
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Student deals abound at local theaters

o, you're bored. Or you and your friends are bored. Or you've got a hot date. Or you feel like forking over copious amounts of U.S. currency for junk food. Well, my friend, it sounds like you need to go to the movies.

For your standard, run-ofthe-mill movies that feature car chases, girls in bikinis and alien invasions (alongside typical chick flicks and Oscar hopefuls), you have three theater choices within 15 minutes of campus — Regal Cinemas Oviedo Marketplace 22, Carmike University 8 and Regal Cinemas Waterford Lakes 20.

If you'd rather see art films or foreign films - in other words, independent films head to the Enzian Cinema Café in Winter Park. Although the Enzian only has one screen, they run movies that other theaters don't and also serve up some great food. Prices for all Regal theaters are \$6.50 for students with a valid UCF ID. The Enzian charges \$5.50. Carmike charges \$4 for matinees and \$5 for shows after 6 p.m.

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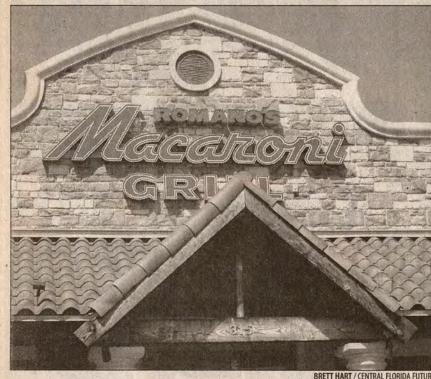
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RESTAURANTS





University Boulevard and Waterford Lakes Town Center are filled with an assortment of restaurants.

Tastes around town

50 eateries sit within one mile of campus

n-campus cuisine tasting bland? If you're ready for real food, visit our local favorites. If you are looking for ethnic dining, try El Cerro, an authentic Mexican restaurant with big portions and low prices. El Cerro is located on University Boulevard across the street

from UCF's main entrance. Another great choice for Mexican is Tijuana Flats, launched in 1995 by Brian Wheeler, a UCF alumnus.

The chain has since expanded to more than a dozen Florida locations, including the original at University Boulevard and State Road 551. A recent addition to the University Boulevard restaurant list is Chipotle, specializing in very large, very filling burritos.

ping plaza off University Boulevard. Offering everything from gyros to shawarmas, this hideaway café was voted best Middle Eastern cuisine in the Orlando Sentinel.

Feelin' a little Thai? Two restaurants within 10 minutes' of each other should satisfy your cravings.

Blue Elephant Thai Cuisine is located on Alafaya Trail next to Subway, across the street from campus. Thai Singha is in the Waterford Lakes Town Center.

These are just a sampling of the available restaurants near







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- CHRISTINE DELLERT

ART GALLERIES

Feast vour eyes

you're searching for fantastic art, look no further than UCF's Art Gallery in the Visual Arts Building. Each month the gallery showcases a different artist's work, including student artists and UCF professors. The Gallery at Avalon

Island on Magnolia Street in downtown Orlando exhibits art pieces inside a "true" art

house, Orlando's historic Rogers Building.

Like UCF's art gallery, the exhibits at Avalon are free, and new exhibits open the first Friday of every month. But this gallery is unique because it sits next door to Guinevere's -acoffeehouse featuring live music performances and poetry readings several nights a week. Patrons can pass between the gallery and coffeehouse freely sipping lattes and while gazing at their favorite masterpieces.

Downtown also houses the OVAL Gallery on Orange Avenue. Doubling as a gallery and a work studio for artists,

the OVAL Gallery allows spectators to mingle within the gallery and watch independent artists create masterpieces before their very eyes.

The gallery hosts a show every third Thursday of the month with free food and drinks, so head out for the culture and stay for the munchies.

The Scott Laurent Galleries, off Today Park Avenue in Winter Park, is one of the only galleries in the area that features affordable art. Items here range from \$10-\$1,000, featuring everything from coffee tables to hand-painted silk ties.

- JOE HARLESS

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BEACHES This is the **Sunshine State**

h, the beach. The prefect place to go during a holiday, on a weekend or - let's face it - instead of class. Luckily Orlando is not too far from the coast, and boasts four popular beach options.

Although Daytona Beach is wildest and craziest during Spring Break, it's an ideal place to visit almost anytime of the year. Daytona is known for far more than its beaches. Each year it lures NASCAR enthusiasts for Speed Week and bikers for Bike Week. But the excitement doesn't stop when the sun goes down. Clubs like Razzles and 600 North provide an exciting life for visitors and locals.

If you're looking for a more tranquil beach atmosphere look no further than New Smyrna Beach. It's a great place to surf, roam around quaint shops or just meet people. It's the best beach to take your family when they come to town.

Like to surf, or wish you could? Cocoa Beach is considered a surfer's mecca. Professional surfers say the waves are best on Cocoa Beach and amateurs can't get enough of Ron Jon's - Cocoa's best-known surf landmark and one of the largest surf shops in the world.

If you can't surf, you'll be sure to find



someone on Cocoa Beach who can teach you how.

Professional surfers have booths located right on the beach and are prepared to offer lessons and rent surf boards for a minimal fee.

For the surf pros, Cocoa Beach hosts several surf competitions throughout the year, including one on Easter Sunday.

Feeling feisty? Then Playalinda is the beach for you. Here, the beach-goers aren't

afraid to bare it all, and you'd better not be either if you go.

Playalinda is one of the only beaches in the area that allows you to tan topless or naked; however, it isn't legal. There is a law on the book in Brevard County that outlaws this but it goes largely unenforced. So take caution.

Sun block is a must at this beach.

-TRINA PRIORE

Several beaches convenient to UCF offer escape on the weekends.

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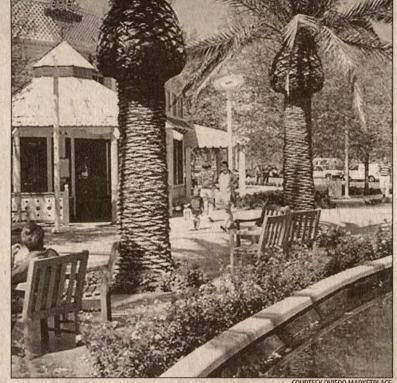
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MALLS Big-league shopping



The Mall at Millenia offers an upscale shopping alternative with stores like Nieman Marcus and Bloomingdale's.

uring your time at UCF, you may never need to venture into the library (thanks to the Internet), the Student Union or even some of your classrooms.



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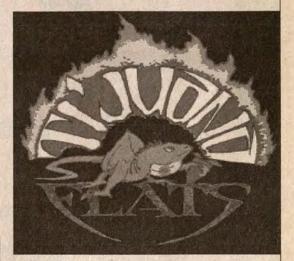
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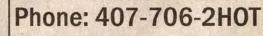
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However, you'll certainly need to shop and you'll need to know where.

On East Colonial Drive you'll find the Orlando Fashion Square mall. This is an average-sized, decent mall with a variety of stores for girls and guys.

If you just need to grab a cute shirt for the night or some new sneakers to play ball, visit the Oviedo Marketplace mall on Red Bug Lake Road. It's the closest indoor mall to UCF, though a bit small compared to other malls. It has an impressive movie theater though, and essential stores such as Pacific Sunwear, Express, Wet Seal and Footlocker.

Dozens of stores, restaurants and bars lie south of campus in the Waterford Lakes Town Center, an outdoor mall with as much or more variety than indoor malls in town. Stores such as Best Buy, Super-Target and PetsMart fill this massive shopping center, along with restaurants including Crispers, Chick-Fil-A, Thai Singha and the Ale House. There's even a 20-screen movie theater. Oviedo Marketplace is the closest indoor mall to UCF and boasts a stadium-seating theater.

If you're in the mood to spend major money and shop like the rich and famous, the Mall at Millenia, at Conroy Road and I-4, has a Macy's, Neiman Marcus, Bloomingdale's and Gucci. A littleknown secret is XI (e.g. "Forever 21") upstairs, which is a popular women's apparel store with reasonable prices and huge sales — and it cannot be

If you're in the mood to found anywhere else in Orlanend major money and shop do.

> Last but not least, the Florida Mall is located at Sand Lake Road and South Orange Blossom Trail. This mall connects to an Adams Mark hotel and has stores such as Saks Fifth Avenue, Guess and Champs Sports.

> > - TRINA PRIORE

LOCAL FESTIVALS

Find drama nirvana he weekend has arrived, and you have no plans. No parties in your apartment complex. No football games to catch on the tube. No interesting flicks on the big screen. What can you do?

Orland offers several festivals throughout the year to keep you entertained. If you didn't fall asleep

If you didn't fall asleep while reading *Macbeth* in high school, the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival will satisfy the literature-lover in you. Many of its plays throughout the year feature

he weekend has arrived, and you have no plans. No parties in your apartment comfootball games to UCF theater majors, and each spring it performs beside downtown Orlando's beautiful Lake Eola. Students with a valid. UCF ID can purchase discount tickets.

Don't want to hear Romeo and Juliet profess their love for one another by committing suicide? Head for the Bob Marley Reggae Festival at Universal Studios CityWalk. Each February, CityWalk features reggae bands and Jamaican food during the twoday event that costs \$23 for one day or \$30 for both days. Soft Drink \$1.25

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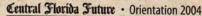
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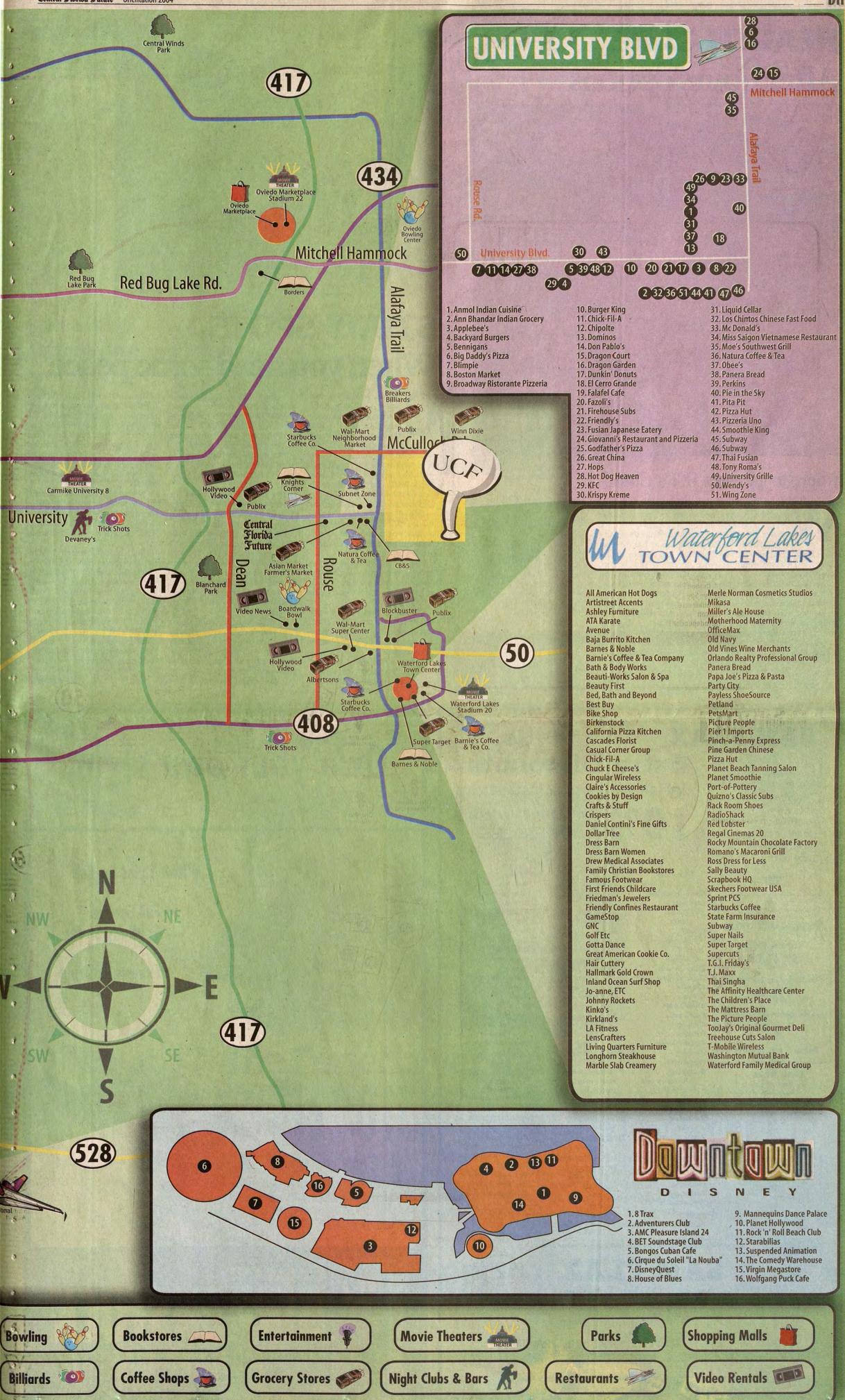
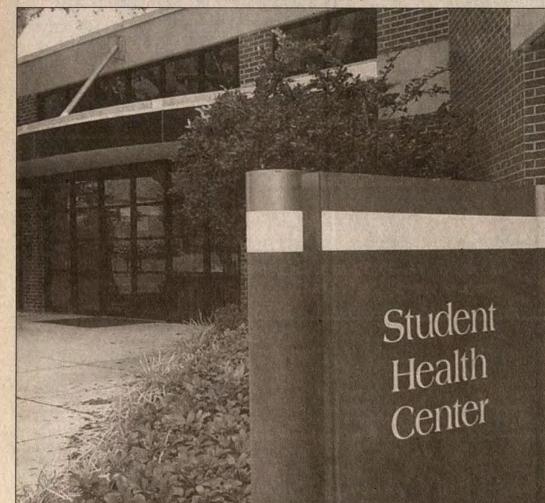


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HEALTH CARE After hours options



Where to go when UCF's closed

down the stairs or come down with the flu, you have a few different first-aid options when the Health Center is closed or crowded.

For fast, nearby service, try the University Walk-In Medical Center, conveniently located on University Boulevard. However, be prepared to write a hefty check for the office visit, although your health insurance will eventually reimburse you. The clinic is open 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday though Fri-

hether you fall day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday; call (407) 282-2044.

> If it's the middle of the night, Orlando has several hospitals to choose from. One choice is the Winter Park Hospital, located on North Lakemont Avenue and Aloma Boulevard, whose 24hour emergency room employs an efficient and friendly staff. It is about 25 minutes away from campus, but is worth the drive for the non-wait; call (407) 646-7000.

> > - NICOL JENKINS

CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE FILE Other health centers pick up where UCF's center leaves off.



STUDY SPOTS When you need some peace

sometimes you have to study. In fact, finding the ideal place to study - free of the distractions that make college life fun - could be the key to keeping your grades up. Tucked away from the bustle

of foot traffic through the main floor of the Student Union, the plainly named "Main Lounge" on the third floor is a great hideaway. Filled with long, comfortable couches, chairs and work tables, this sun-lit refuge is both comfortable and convenient.

The lounge is open during Union hours: 7 a.m. to midnight Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to midnight Saturday and 11 a.m. to midnight Sunday.

On the second floor of the Union, two couches in a nook around the corner from the elevators provide a secluded study environment.

A few steps away (on the northeast corner of the second floor) is the Student Government

ollege isn't all parties Computer Lab — the most well-and TV-watching; equipped of the campus computer labs. The SGA lab has necessary office supplies like a stapler, hole-puncher, pencil sharpener, and, best of all, free printing.

Macintosh computer fans will be pleased to know that the SGA lab also has several Macs available.

Just outside the back of the Union, a cypress forest surrounds another excellent daytime study spot - the boardwalk.

Enveloped in nature, the benches that dot the stilted boardwalk give students an open-air opportunity to escape the oftensterile campus buildings. Squirrels and breezes may distract you, but the boardwalk is tough to beat for those seeking a natural study habitat.

In the library, the third floor's little-known stained-glass window offers students a spiritually inspiring study area. Also adorned with couches, this area is as good for a nap as it is for studying. The library basement also

offers a unique and peaceful floor for those who crave the sun and the quiet. At the far end of the floor, opposite the staircase and elevators, is an open area (just past the last row of bookshelves) with couches and short circular tables; above them are skylights which bathe the room in soft sunlight.

Next to this spot are several meeting rooms that are available for students to reserve at the main desk near the library entrance. These rooms are ideal for study groups

Within the Classroom I Building on the second and third floors, you'll find plenty of places to focus on your classes in relative peace. Refracted sunlight illuminates artsy, room-length desks on either end of the building on both floors. Odd protrusions of plastic (which serve the triple-purpose of chairs, beds and desks) can be found throughout the building as well, near the corners.

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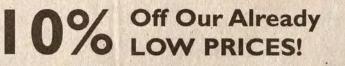
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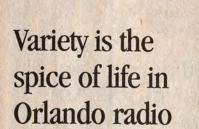
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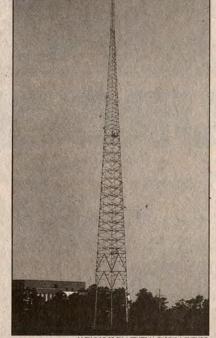


rom Tom Petty to Travis Tritt, there's a radio station featuring nearly every musical taste in Orlando.

One of the most popular radio stations is XL 106.7 FM, the obligatory top 40 pop station. This is the station to pre-set if you're into whatever is hot on MTV this week.

For what was big throughout the '90s, as well as currently, tune into the soft rock radio stations like Magic 107.7 FM or WMMO at 98.9 FM. These stations play the most memorable in Sheryl Crow, Fleetwood Mac, Phil Collins and other well-recognized songs. Also, check out Mix 105.1 for recent and current hits from almost every genre, as well as '80s weekends with the best (and worst) from the 1980s.

Alternative rock can be found on either Real Rock 101.1 FM or O-Rock at 105.9. Classic rock like AC/DC, Van Halen, Boston and Styx plays on WHTQ 96.5 FM. For oldies, tune into Big 100.3 for music from the '50s through the '70s.



ALEX BABCOCK / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE UCF has its own on-campus full-power station, WUCF, which plays Jazz and other genres.

Hip-hop and R&B fans have two options for music: Power 95.3 FM and 102 JAMZ at 101.9. Those looking for smoother R&B or some classic soul, check out STAR 94.5 FM. This station has everything from Luther Vandross to Mary J. Blige on its airwaves.

Jazz fans will be interested in UCF's own station, WUCF at 89.9 FM with its blend of jazz and National Public Radio news. WLOQ 103.1 FM serves as an alternative for those looking for smooth jazz.

Country fans can listen to popular country music on K92 at 92.3 FM.

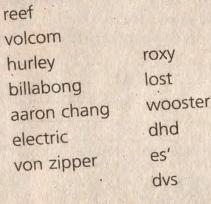
National Public Radio at 90.7 FM also plays classical music for those interested in Vivaldi and Shubert.

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Guide to Orlando's FM radio stations

WPOZ - 88.3 Positive hits WWKQ - 89.1 Spanish Religion WUCF — 89.9 Jazz/NPR WWKA --- 92.3 (K92) Country WPRK - 91.5 Rollins College classical, talk WCFB ---- 94.5 (Star 94.5) Smooth **R&B** and classic soul WPY0 - 95.3 (Power 95.3) Hip-hop and R&B WHTQ - 96.5 Classic Rock WMMO - 98.9 Soft Rock and Adult Contemporary WSHE - 100.3 (Big 100.3) '50s-'70s Oldies WJRR - 101.1 (Real Rock) Alternative rock WJHM - 101.9 (102 Jamz) Hip-hop WLOO - 103.1 Smooth Jazz WTKS — 104.1 (Real Radio) Talk, alternative music weekends WOMX - 105.1 (Mix 105.1) Adult contemporary WOCL - 105.9 (O-Rock 105.9) Alternative rock WXXL ---- 106.7 (XL 106.7) Top 40 WMGF — 107.7 (Magic 107.7) Adult contemporary

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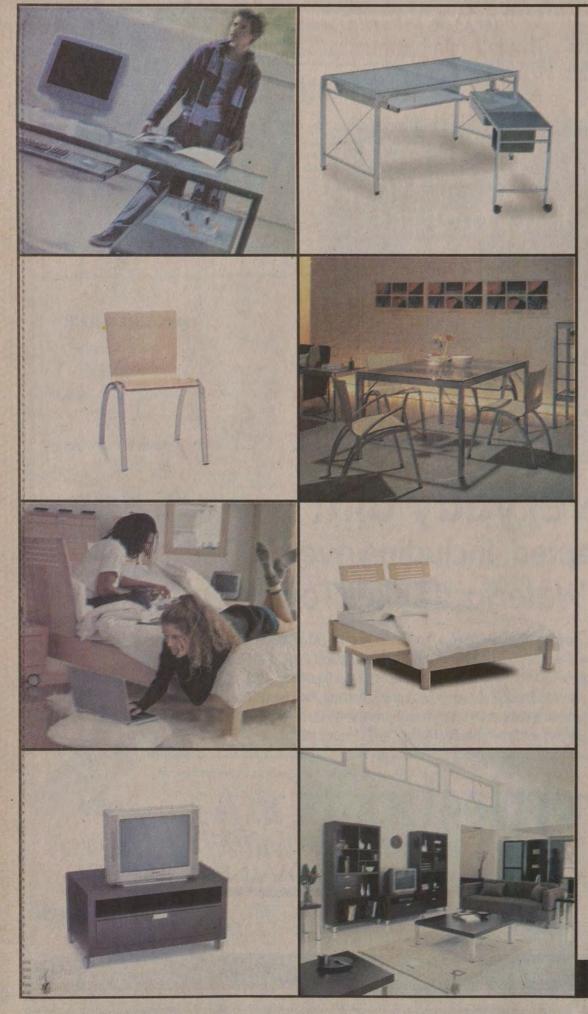
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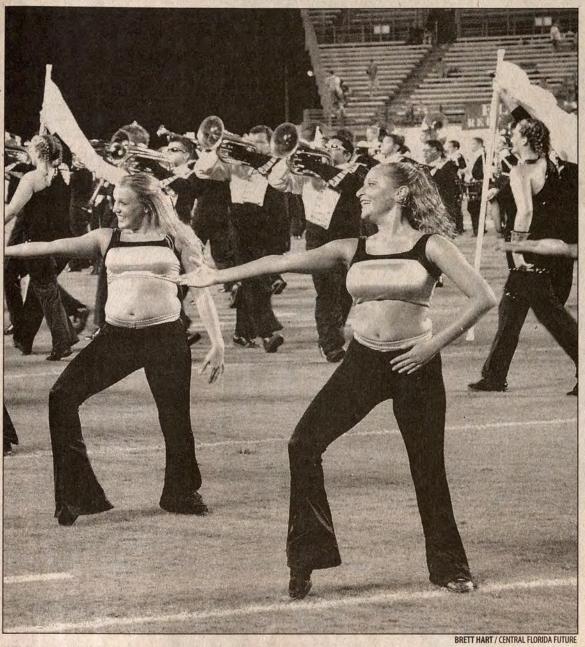
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Built in 1935 to seat 10,000 people, the facility was originally named Orlando Stadium. In 1947, it was renamed the Tangerine Bowl, which coincided

he Florida Citrus with the name of a New Year's Day college football game played at the stadium. In 1952, seating was bumped to 12,000. It was increased a second time in 1968 to 17,000 and once again in 1976 to 52,000. The New Year's Day game and the stadium both were rechristened the Florida Citrus Bowl in 1983.

Following a \$30 million renovation in 1989, the stadium today can hold 65,000 people for concerts and events, including the Capital One Bowl game, which is the renamed New

Year's Day contest.

To find the stadium, drive south on Alafaya Trail until you get to State Road 408, also known as the East-West Expressway. Turn right and merge onto 408 West. Exit on Orange Blossom Trail and turn right as you come off the exit. At Church Street, turn left.

Game days are usually packed, so a bit of aimless driving will probably be necessary to find a spot near the stadium. UCF students may park for free in designated stadium parking spots with a valid UCF ID, or may park in area spots for around \$5.

- BRANDON HARDIN



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For the nights you stay in



Two Blockbuster locations and three competitors nearby keep video prices affordable for college students.

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ometimes you just want to stay home regardless of the club specials, concerts and new blockbusters at the theaters.

When you just want to rent a good movie, there are plenty of nearby places to choose from.

The closest shop to campus is a Blockbuster next to the Publix on the north side of UCF, which offers new releases on VHS and DVD for \$3.99. They stay open until midnight most nights; 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights.

Another Blockbuster is also located on Alafaya Trail, on the north side of the intersection with State Road 50. This one is open every day from 10 a.m. to midnight. They offer new releases for \$3.79 for two days.

On University Boulevard at Dean Road, Movie Gallery offers a good selection of new releases and older titles, with prices comparable to Blockbuster.

If you're looking for something cheaper, however, search no more: two video stores on State Road 50 offer you an alternative to Blockbuster fare.

Best of all, both are less than two miles away from campus.

Hollywood Video, open 10 a.m. to midnight daily, offers a simplified scheme: every rental is five days long — new or old, movie or game. Their selection rivals that of local Blockbuster shops, at \$3.79. At nearby Video News, new

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students to get music. There are several used CD stores in town, though, including one right on campus. You can trade in gift CDs that never saw the laser light of a CD player for discs you'll actually listen to — at a price that makes regular music stores sweat. If you don't have any CDs to unload, you can still find plenty of CDs somebody else didn't want that might be just what you're looking for.

Park Avenue CDs, which has two locations in town, is the fastest way to ditch that Kelis single. You can find their sequel store in the Student Union, next to the convenience store.

Their original location in downtown Winter Park mixes funky décor with a funky assortment of people's pre-listened-to music. They also have a sizeable collection of new CDs if you're itching to buy a CD that nobody else wanted to part with.

Another option is CD Warehouse, located on Colonial Drive near the Orlando Fashion Square mall, a 15 minute drive from campus.

-ALEX BABCOCK



Buying vintage

ou need new clothes but you don't want to pay for new clothes, do you? For those with slim budgets (e.g., all of us), used and "vintage" clothing stores provide an affordable avenue to revamp your wardrobe.

Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, on Colonial Drive between Rouse and Dean roads, offer T-shirts from 99 cents to \$3.49. Pants start at \$3.49, and jeans at \$4.99.

The Echo Exchange on the corner of Dean Road and University Boulevard is a favorite among college students. Echo has a wide range of styles and allows students to buy, sell and trade clothes. Prices for most items are under \$20, and while not everything is vintage in the store, most items fit into the retro category. Orlando Vintage Clothing

Orlando Vintage Clothing Company, located on West Fairbanks in Winter Park, is the friendliest thrift shop in the area. The helpful staff will help you locate any accessory you're looking for and even allow shoppers to rent items such as flapper dresses, go-go boots and wigs.

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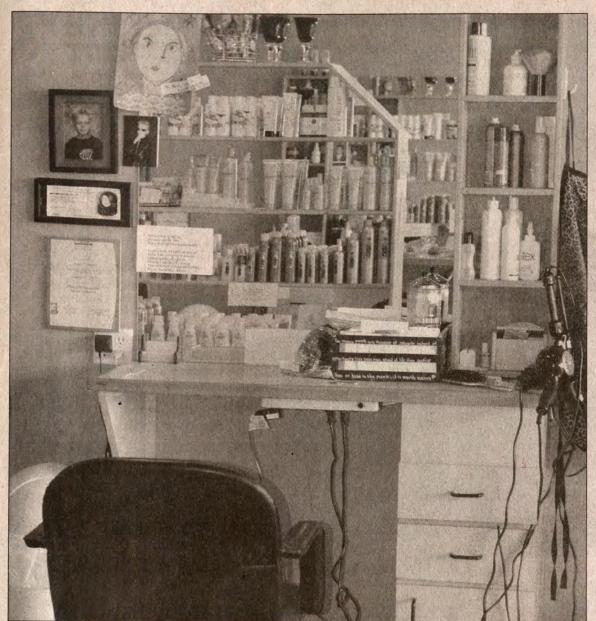
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options, including full-color service for \$50 or highlights from \$45 to \$70. Gigi's is open Monday through Saturday. Appointments are recommended.

Also near UCF is the Do or Dye Salon, which offers students and faculty a 10 percent discount. They're in the University Shoppes across the street from UCF (near McDonalds). Do or Dye is open Monday through Saturday, and offers high and low lights, hair-

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The city of Apopka, about 45 minutes from Orlando, holds a

few different options for those who want to become a little closer to nature.

Wekiwa-Springs State Park offers canoeing, hiking and fishing as well as campus for \$20 a night. Entrance to the park is \$5 a car (up to eight people) and allows access to the almost 7,000 acres of natural area, home to deer, bobcats, black bears and other animals.

Reservations for the campsites are required, and each site

has amenities including water, electricity, and grills as well as access to hot showers and restrooms.

For those looking forward to roughing it, Wekiwa Springs also allows backpack camping pitching a tent on the 13 mile hiking trails. These spots don't need reservations, but they do have fire circles to cook.

Kelly Park and Rock Springs offer more than just the average hiking — there is a mile-long stream perfect for tubing or snorkeling down. Each trip takes about 25 minutes and tube rentals are \$3 per day. This Orange County Park also offers two choices for campsites: those with electric and those without. For Orange County residents, electric sites cost \$13 a night and non-electric sites cost \$10. For non-residents, the prices are \$5 more.

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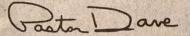
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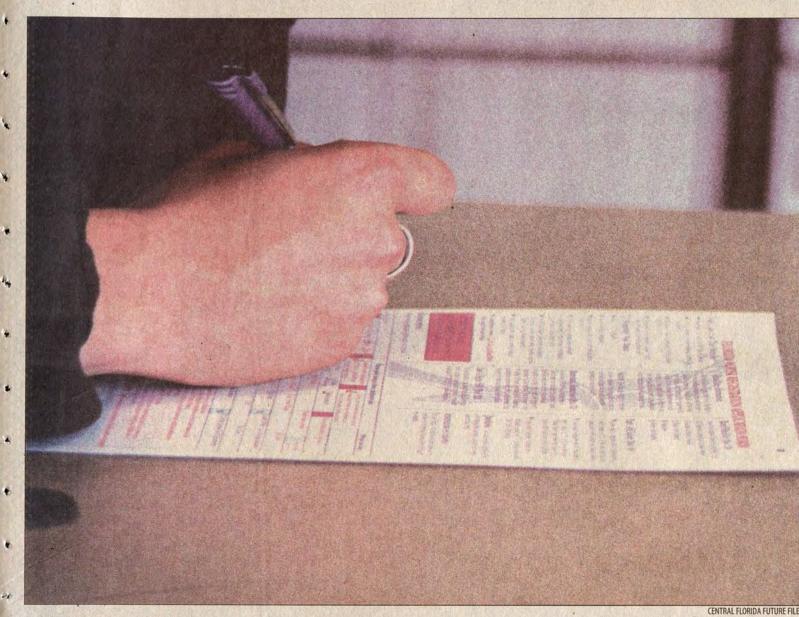
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- NATALIE RODRIGUEZ

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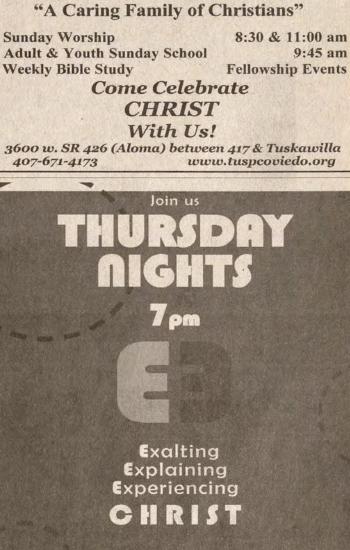
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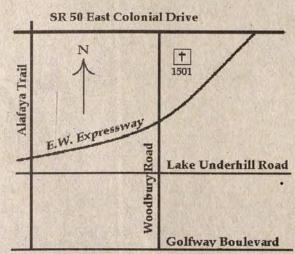
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