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THE NEXT STEP

Football team hopes to become bowl eligible with win on Saturday against Houston — SEE SPORTS, A12



TRASHY GOOD TIME
Some students don't need a Greek system to live the fraternity life
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Stories of organ, tissue donations spotlighted

In 2004 alone, donations saved 27,000 lives and touched countless more

JESSICA LINDBLAD
Contributing Writer

Tears of remembrance, joy and love fell Tuesday evening during Get Carded's annual Green Ribbon Gala. The gala, which celebrated the gift of life through organ donation, was held for 200 people in the Student Union's Pegasus Ballroom.

The purpose of the gala was to motivate UCF students to help inform others about organ and tissue donation.

"We can make a difference by spreading the word about the greatest gift, and that begins tonight," Melissa Lanzone, Get Carded's student director, said. "We give you the facts so you can make an informed decision about donating life."

Last year alone, more than 27,000 lives were saved from organ donations. Today, nearly 90,000 children and adults wait for an organ donation while hundreds of thousands await a tissue donation. Without a transplant, these many of these people will die.

"Organ and tissue donors have the power to create a miracle for others," Lanzone said.

Lanzone also spoke of her decision to get involved with Get Carded.

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Workshops teach students to deal with mental health

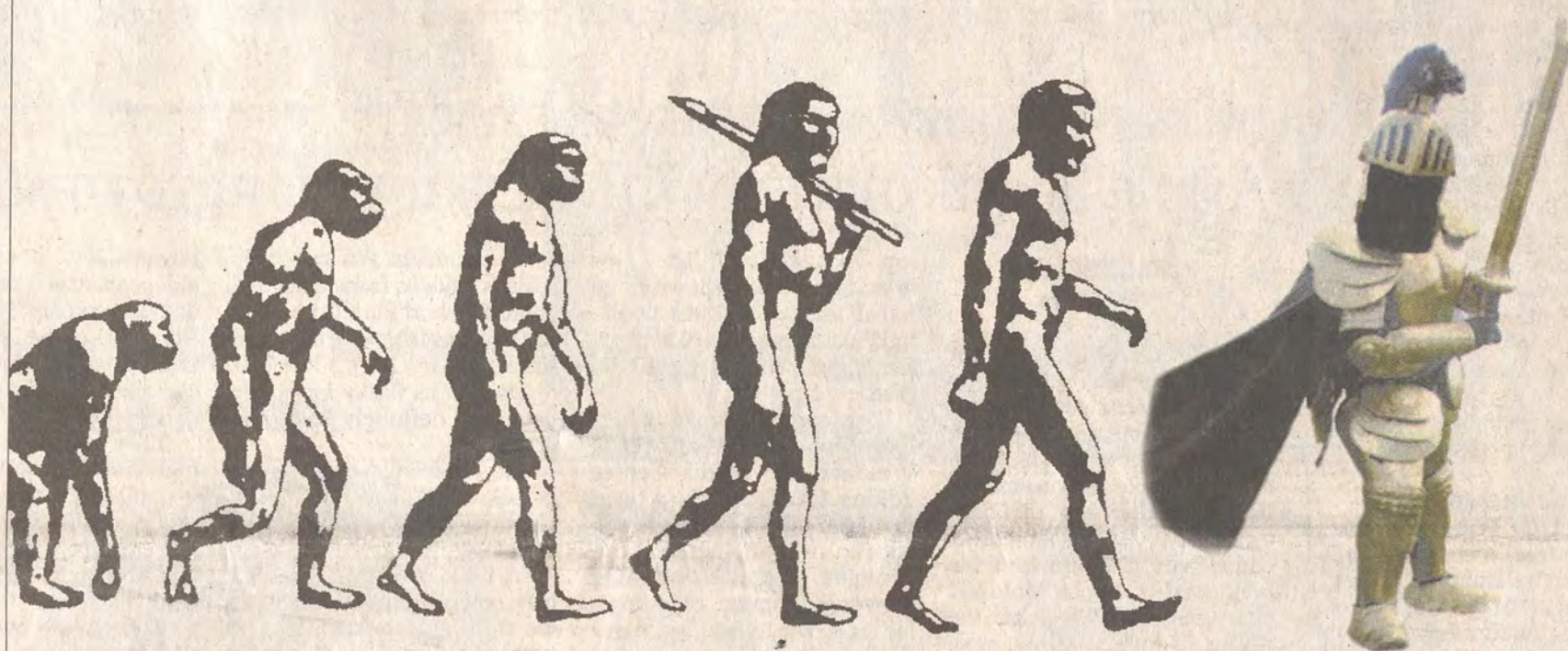
KATHRYN MCPARLAND
Contributing Writer

The Recreation and Wellness Center is choosing to focus on mental health by offering workshops to help teach students how to better cope with the stress that school, work and day-to-day life can cause.

Both classes aid students with various mental and physical activities in order to gain control over their stress responses. However, the meditation class offered on Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Room 206 of the rec center focuses on breathing techniques and guided imagery, while the relaxation workshops offered on Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. in Suite 111 of the rec center focuses mainly on

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THE EVOLUTION OF HOMECOMING



History runs deep in honored tradition

State's 'Best Homecoming' under way with concerts, comedians as celebrations have seen their share of changes since the days of FTU

RENEE FOLEY
Contributing Writer

This year's Homecoming, which follows the "Best Homecoming of 2004" as chosen in the *Florida Leader* magazine's Best of Schools issue, is a reflection and symbol of the changes that have evolved into UCF's time-honored tradition.

The 2005 Homecoming Week events represent new and old traditions that many UCF students participate in annually, such as the Kickoff Concert, Movie Knight, Variety Knight and pre-game tailgating functions. However, the tradition of Homecom-

ing was not always as elaborate as it is today, or even in existence since the university's opening.

Before Dec. 6, 1978, the University of Central Florida was known as Florida Technological University. FTU welcomed students and held its first classes in Fall 1968. Three years later, on Feb. 11, 1971, FTU organized its first annual Homecoming with a science fiction-inspired theme, "Time Machine."

Since the 1980s, Homecomings at UCF have always been during football season in the fall semester. However, in 1971, football was not a sport at FTU, so Homecoming was during basketball season near the mid-

dle of winter. For three days, events such as a lunchtime concert, a medieval festival, and a "Nite of Knights," which is similar to UCF's Skit Knight, all led up to the Saturday night basketball game. Following the coronation of Homecoming Queen, a Homecoming dance was held. The UCF Homecoming King did not debut until 1978.

When the name of Florida Technological University was retired, the University of Central Florida was born, and UCF hosted its first Homecoming, themed "Knights on Broadway," in 1979. The traditions of a parade and pep rally grew as UCF students

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Stadium hits bumpier road

Intramural Sports could take 'devastating' blow if location is moved to south



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Intramural Sports programs like flag football, which featured 150 teams this season, requires many outdoor fields to accommodate the more than 1,000 students who compete.

ASHLEY BURNS
Managing Editor

With six days remaining until the UCF Board of Trustees meets for an amendment to the university's Master Plan as well as a possible vote for an on-campus football stadium, local residents are increasing their push to move the stadium's location to the south side of campus and they're receiving some help from state and local agencies.

But a move to the south side would have an enormous impact on the university's intramural sports program, nearly eliminating all outdoor sports, according to the UCF Recreation and Wellness Center. Football, soccer and softball are only a few of the sports

that would face intramural extinction if the school was forced to relocate the proposed on-campus stadium.

Jim Wilkening, associate director of the rec center, called the potential impact of moving the stadium's location devastating. He added that not only would it affect the intramural programs, but the school's sports clubs as well.

Currently, there are eight sports clubs, including men's and women's rugby and ultimate Frisbee among others, that utilize the recreational fields on the south side of campus.

"There is no other spot on campus that's able to accommodate the number of fields

PLEASE SEE **STATE** ON A6

Student Union says adios to Wendy's, hello Burger King?

SEAN LAVIN
Senior Staff Writer

Sometime after Thanksgiving, students will be unable to buy Wendy's Frosties, square hamburgers or 99-cent baked potatoes in the Student Union as that restaurant is closing its doors for good.

Wendy's has been facing financial problems for the past few months and it has been the least successful out of all the Student Union restaurants, Suzi Halpin, director of the Student Union said.

SGA Speaker of the Senate Mark White blames the restaurant's financial trouble on its management.

"I walked by there a day ago, and there must have been a line of at least 25 to 30 people," he said. "It's so hot in that

area that it looked like they were in the desert waiting for water. It was ridiculous."

"Any business class will tell you that that's not a profit business to be putting in our Student Union," White added.

Wendy's general manager Dave Cowras confirmed in a phone interview that his restaurant's closure was definite, but was not sure the exact date it would take place.

"We're still up against good sales until Christmas break hits," Cowras said. "When that hits, the sales will drop."

Halpin said the restaurant would close sometime after Thanksgiving break and that she has already started searching for new restaurants to occupy the space. Some possi-

PLEASE SEE **LACK** ON A6

AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

Campus newspaper honored

The *Central Florida Future* won the following awards from the Associated College Press this past weekend at the ACP/CMA National College Media Convention: an ACP Pacemaker for academic year 2004-2005; News Story of the Year, honorable mention, for the article "Books that Take Flight" by Monica Panakos published Oct. 7, 2004; Best Classified Section, 2nd place; and convention Best of Show, non-daily broadsheet, 2nd place. Several hundred college newspapers participated.

Tonight's topic is terror

Terrorism experts will participate in an international forum, "The Evolving Terrorist Threat," from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. today in the Cape Florida Ballroom, Student Union.

Speakers will include Hekmat Karzai, who will head the Afghan Counterterrorism Centre that is being established in Kabul, Afghanistan, and Edward J. Salazar, acting deputy coordinator for programs in the Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism at the U.S. Department of State.

For more information, call John Bersia at 407-823-0688.

Speaking of personal journeys

Ram D. Sriram, who heads the design and process group in the Manufacturing Systems Integration Division and manages the Manufacturing Metrology and Standards for the Health Care Enterprise program at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, will speak from 10:30 a.m. until noon Friday in the Engineering II Building Room 326.

Sriram's presentation is titled "Evolution of Computational Frameworks for Collaborative Design: A Personal Journey."

For more information, call Yan Wang at 407-823-5568.

Come hear the trumpet play

The UCF Wind Ensemble will perform a concert titled "Hail to the Trumpet," at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Visual Arts Building Auditorium.

The show will be directed by Richard Greenwood, and it will feature trumpet soloists Kenneth Boyd, Lyman Brodie, John Almeida and Mark Zauss. There will be music by Leroy Anderson, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Vincent Persichetti, Burt Szabo and others.

For more information, call Richard Greenwood at 407-823-3243.

Celebrate family at Homecoming

The UCF Alumni Association will host a Family Weekend tent party from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Florida Citrus Bowl on Colyer Street.

The event was rescheduled because of Hurricane Wilma. The party will feature a barbecue dinner and appearances by Knightro and the UCF Cheerleaders.

For tickets or more information, call the Alumni Association at 407-823-2586.

Say hello to hydrogen

The Metropolitan Center of Regional Studies will host speakers Ali Raissi, director of Florida Solar Energy Center's Hydrogen Research and Development Division, and David Bessette, Allsolar Service Company, from noon until 1 p.m. Sunday at Howard Phillips Hall.

Students, faculty and community members are encouraged to attend and learn about hydrogen power and how the FSEC is working to solve the energy crisis.

For more information, call Carla Novak at 407-823-0108.

LET US KNOW

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Unofficial fraternity defies norms

Omega White Trash seeks *South Park*-loving, laid-back UCF students

JENNIFER ANDREWS
Contributing Writer

A garage-full of mangled Barbies, a dining room dedicated to Chuck Norris, a framed poster of Richard Nixon bowling, and a living room complete with a larger-than-life inflatable pumpkin man sitting, legs crossed, on the black leather couch may seem bizarre to the average person, but to John and Jason Balserait, this is home.

The brothers, both 23 and seniors at UCF majoring in hospitality management and creative writing, respectively, pride themselves on being original.

These identical twins are the founders of Omega White Trash, a self-proclaimed, underground "fraternity" at UCF, dedicated to fun-loving individuals interested in making friends without having to shell out the big bucks to join a fraternity or sorority.

While the Balseraits are typical jokesters, they are very serious about Omega White Trash's goals. They both agree that they "want to give the community an alternative to having to pay for your friends for the semester."

John Balserait does not understand why people would meet friends they otherwise would never have met if they had not paid in the first place.

"We all know some people that join fraternities or sororities because they feel they don't fit in and can't make friends," Jason Balserait said.

To remedy this collegiate



Rachael Ryden, John Balserait, Jason Balserait and Ryan Hafer, left to right, started their own fake fraternity they call Omega White Trash.

problem, the brothers have organized socials at their house in East Orlando to provide a platform where college students, male or female, can meet other college students in a laid-back atmosphere.

Membership requirements are minimal. Members cannot be in a Greek fraternity or sorority, and they must not be "stuck up."

The fraternity hosts "South Park Night" at its house every Wednesday for its more than 35 general members.

"The best part about being a member of Omega White Trash is the parties and *South Park* Wednesdays," Ryan Hafer, 19, a

civil engineering student and Omega White Trash member said.

As the news of Omega White Trash spreads, so does its membership. Its biggest function to date attracted more than 200 students, according to John Balserait.

This duo's love of unconventionality is apparent in almost everything they do, especially the name of the organization. They often are seen at various UCF events dressed as Batman and Superman.

Even the frat's slogan, "The only thing better than making new friends is buying them," reeks of irony, while the house's

interior sports an array of one-of-a-kind posters and knick-knacks including a box of tampons and even a Magna Doodle.

Omega White Trash's growth has spawned other chapters, including one at the University of Florida, led by some of John and Jason Balserait's close friends from their hometown of Merritt Island.

Jason Balserait has even created a profile page on Myspace.com containing information about the fraternity's goals and subsequent chapters.

"Jason and I never expected our socials to get so big," John Balserait said. "This whole thing started out as a joke."

TECHNOLOGY BEAT

Apple floods market with new toys for grown-ups

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Contributing Writer

While PC users exhaust their fingers refreshing the Windows Vista beta release page in hopes of an update before next winter, Apple CEO Steve Jobs has been teaching Apple aficionados the meaning of the word "prolific."

The first week of September ended with the launch of the brainchild of Apple, Motorola and Cingular Wireless: the ROKR, a mobile phone with iTunes, and the release of the iPod Nano, which uses flash-based instead of hard drive-based storage and slimmed the product down to pencil-thin.

The Nano phased out the colorful iPod Mini, and the tech industry apparently had its hot new product for the winter holidays. A little over a month later, Apple announced record-setting financial results for the fiscal fourth quarter of 2005, and the Nano and ROKR seemed almost an anticlimactic way to close out the year, especially with yet another special event looming.

Wall Street analysts, Web sites like AppleInsider.com, and even plain old Mac users predicted (or prayed) more was to come.

The special event on Oct. 12, the second in a mere five weeks, played out like all the previous ones, with Jobs delivering a rehearsed speech to an eager crowd of super-nerds. Onstage, Jobs looks and sounds like the mildly eccentric uncle every family has. He delivers predictable punch lines and occasionally stumbles over his own words, but his enthusiasm makes the scene almost endearing.

Understandably, the crowd usually focuses more interest on what's said than how the news is delivered.

Unveiled first was the new iMac G5, the "ultimate in desk-

top architecture." The new iMac, also slimmed down by up to half an inch, features a built-in iSight camera for video conferencing with MySpace.com ease.

The computer also debuts Front Row, Apple's answer to Windows XP Media Center, Edition 2005. Front Row turns the iMac into a media experience to rival any home entertainment system by allowing users to play music, slideshows, DVDs, movie trailers and television shows from up to 30 feet away by using a new Apple remote.

Windows XP Media Center does basically the same thing, minus the remote and plus the added option of accessing all your media through a connected Xbox 360.

However, the biggest release of the day was the new iPod, with all the beloved features of its predecessors and some added extras, including a 2.5 inch screen and, most importantly, video-playing capabilities. Apple also threw in iTunes

6, where users can purchase selected videos from ABC and animated short films from Pixar the same way they can purchase music.

Despite its flashy looks, the new iPod definitely has some drawbacks.

First, video-playback quality is below standard definition video, so it looks terrible played anywhere but the device itself. Also, even on a fully charged battery, users only get two hours worth of video-watching time before the iPod goes totally kaput — that's not even long enough to watch one of the *Lord of the Rings* movies.

As Peter Rojas, the host of the Engadget Podcast, said, "Apple has introduced a portable video player that really isn't that focused on portable video."

A week after this release, Apple quietly enhanced its pro laptops, PowerBooks, with higher-resolution displays and longer battery life.

That same day, it made dual-core processors standard for its

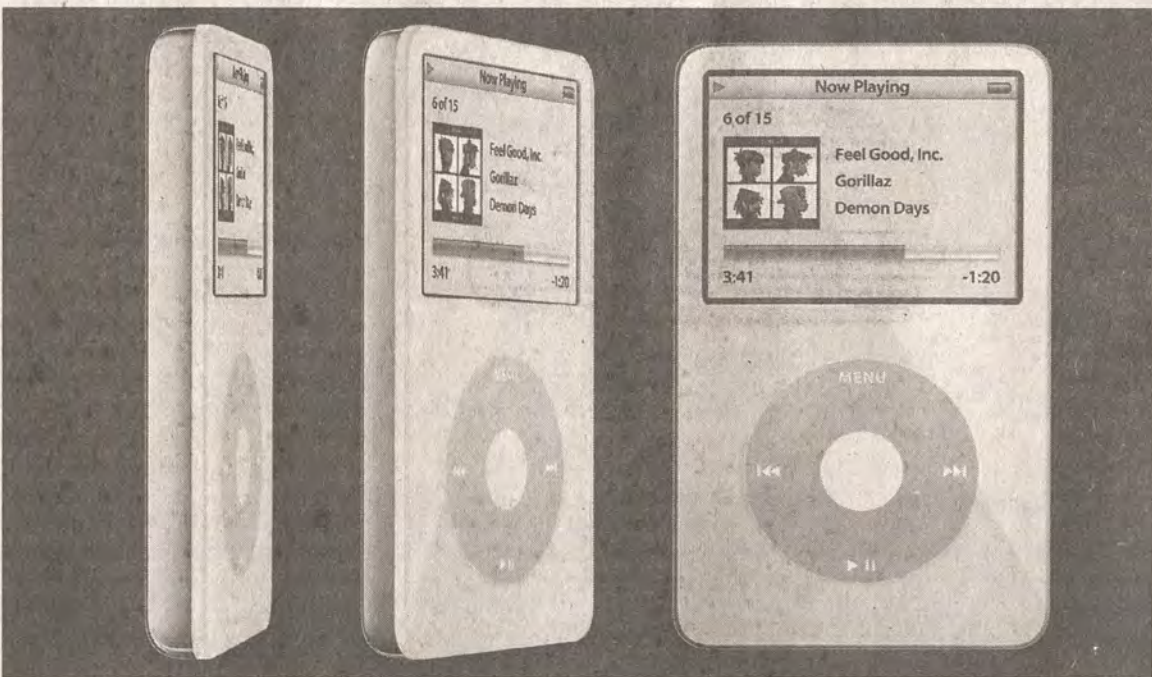
PowerMacs — stuffing two independent processor cores on one silicon chip. The processor is the part of the computer that interprets and executes data contained in software, like rendering video.

They also introduced the high-end PowerMac G5 Quad — placing two dual-core processors inside one computer and effectively making the quad able to handle twice as many computations.

Since Apple owns 75 a percent market share of MP3 players in the United States, it's safe to say they're spearheading the digital music revolution.

Because of this, major media focus often seems to concentrate solely on Apple's iPod evolution, even when those releases are fueled more by advertising power than product improvement.

Luckily for consumers, Apple's low-key releases are equally as technologically and often aesthetically inspired as its highly publicized iPod events.



Apple's latest offering, the new iPod, is slim with a 2.5 inch screen and video playing capabilities. It can hold up to 25,000 photos.

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NATION & WORLD

Keep current with headlines you may have missed

Clintons, thousands of others pay respect to Rosa Parks in Detroit

DETROIT — A soaring rendition of "The Lord's Prayer" moved thousands of mourners at the funeral of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks on Wednesday, with a preacher bidding: "Mother Parks, take your rest."

Former President Bill Clinton, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and others paid their respects at Parks' open casket before the start of the funeral service that included the prayer in song by mezzo-soprano Brenda Jackson.

Those in the audience held hands and sang "We Shall Overcome" as family members filed past the casket before it was closed just before noon.

Bishop Charles Ellis III of Greater Grace Temple opened the service for 4,000 people packed in to say goodbye to the diminutive figure who sparked a civil rights revolution by refusing 50 years ago to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Ala.

Mourners waited in long lines in the chilly morning to honor Parks. Hours before the funeral began, the line to get one of the 2,000 available public seats at the church extended more than two blocks in Parks' adopted hometown.

Clinton once presented Parks with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Iran sends mixed signals to U.N. inspectors over nuclear materials

VIENNA, Austria — Iran is sending conflicting signals to an international community concerned about its nuclear agenda, granting U.N. inspectors access to a secret military site, but also saying it would process a new batch of uranium that could be used to make atomic weapons, diplomats said Wednesday.

The two developments showed that Iran was unwilling to meet international calls to give up enrichment and all linked activities even while casting itself as conciliatory and ready to cooperate with International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors probing its past nuclear activities.

The last meeting of the 35-nation IAEA board told Iran in September to suspend all uranium enrichment-related activities, including conversion, and to give agency experts access to research, experts, locations and documents or face referral to the U.N. Security Council.

Iran has stopped at conversion, but insists it has the right to the next stage, which is enrichment. Uranium enrichment can produce either nuclear energy or the fissile core of weapons.

The diplomats said IAEA experts were allowed to revisit the high-security military site in Parchin as they try to establish whether Tehran has a secret nuclear weapons program.

Al-Qaida leader IDed as escapee in July's Afghanistan prison break

KABUL, Afghanistan — Security has been tightened at the U.S. military prison in Afghanistan following the escape of a suspected al-Qaida leader, a U.S. official said Wednesday. Indonesian anti-terrorism officials accused Washington of failing to tell them of the breakout.

Omar al-Farouq, born in Kuwait to Iraqi parents, was considered one of Osama bin Laden's top lieutenants, in Southeast Asia until Indonesian authorities captured him in 2002 and turned him over to the United States.

He was one of four suspected Arab terrorists to escape in July from the detention facility at Bagram, the main U.S. base in Afghanistan. It was not clear how long he had been held in Afghanistan.

Although the escape was widely reported at the time, al-Farouq was identified by an alias and the U.S. military only

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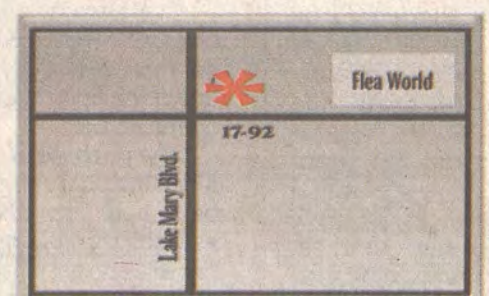
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HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

Deadlock could force new trial in Alabama college race bias case
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A deadlock in negotiations over scholarships apparently will force another trial in the 24-year-old desegregation case against Alabama's higher education system, attorneys said.

"The obstacles to an agreement are just too great to overcome at this time," the case's monitor, Carlos Gonzalez, wrote in a letter last week to U.S. District Judge Harold Murphy of Rome, Ga., who has been handling the Alabama case for years.

The chief sticking point at this stage is over the size of a scholarship program for lower-income students and whether it's even needed for those seeking admission to Auburn and Alabama.

Murphy issued an order Monday giving the parties until Nov. 30 to file objections to the end of the two massive remedial decrees he has issued in the case. Any responses to those objections are due Jan. 6.

University of North Carolina details past slavery ties
CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — In the early decades of the University of North Carolina, servants kindled fires in students' rooms and cut wood to fuel stoves.

The 216-year-old school, which takes pride in being the nation's oldest public university, is now airing a shameful side of its past — those servants were slaves.

The university is using records and photographs that archivists have uncovered to present a fuller story of the school's beginnings.

"This university was built by slaves and free blacks," Chancellor James Moeser said.

UNC, chartered in 1789, is among several universities, banks and financial firms that have tried to set the record straight on their historical ties to the slave trade.

"I think it is important that we do this since we are the oldest university," said Susan Ballinger, assistant university archivist. "The chancellor has said over and over again that it's critical for the university to be honest about its past. He wants our history told fully,warts and all."

Professor donates kidney to student; helps raise awareness
BROOKINGS, S.D. — Four months after South Dakota State University professor Bob Thaler donated a kidney to one of his students, both are doing fine and hope their story will help raise awareness about organ donations.

Thaler said he decided to donate a kidney to Christyl Kelly, an SDSU senior, as a way to put his faith into action.

"Our faith is a big part of our lives," he said. "It would be a good approach for my children to see me walk the walk and talk the talk."

Kelly, 28, a native of O'Neill, Neb., who now lives near Battle Creek, Iowa, learned when she was 13 that she had diabetes. She was unable to control the disease with medicine and about three years ago she found out her kidneys were starting to shut down.

Last Christmas Eve, the Kelly's kidneys failed completely after an emergency appendectomy. She was told she would need a kidney transplant.

She returned to school after Christmas break but needed three hours of dialysis three times a week while she waited for a donor.

Kelly said she let her professors know she would be missing some of her classes because of doctor appointments. One of those she talked to was Thaler, her academic adviser and the interim department head of Animal and Range Sciences at SDSU.

Kelly told him that six friends were undergoing testing to see whether they could be a donor. Members of Kelly's family were unable to help because of a history of diabetes.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATION & WORLD



Former president Bill Clinton speaks Wednesday at a funeral for civil rights icon Rosa Parks at the Greater Grace Temple in Detroit.

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confirmed Tuesday that he was among those who fled.

A video the four men made of themselves after they escaped from Bagram was broadcast on Dubai-based television station Al-Arabiya on Oct. 18, the broadcaster said.

In the video, the four men said they escaped on a Sunday when many of the Americans on the base were off duty, and one of the four, Muhammad Hassan, said to be Libyan, said he picked the locks of their cell, according to Al-Arabiya.

Centrist Democrat praises Alito's visit in midst of Senate furor
WASHINGTON — A centrist Democratic senator complimented Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito Wednesday as a jurist who won't "hammer away and chisel away" existing law.

While Sen. Ben Nelson did not endorse President Bush's latest nominee for the high court, he did say he was impressed by what he heard from Alito during his introductory visit.

The Nebraska Democrat,

who was Alito's first senatorial host Wednesday, told reporters that he got assurances that Alito would not be a "judicial activist" or "take an agenda to the bench" if confirmed to succeed Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who is retiring.

Some liberals, pointing to Alito's rulings as a federal appellate court judge on abortion, gun control, the death penalty and other issues have already raised the threat of a filibuster, an attempt to deny the 55-year-old lawyer a yes-or-no vote by the full Senate.

Republicans hold 55 seats in the Senate, and while confirmation requires a simple majority, it takes 60 votes to break a filibuster.

Nelson, one of the 14 centrist senators that Democrats would need to sustain a filibuster, said that Alito "wants to decide each case as it comes before him."

The Group of 14 is to meet Thursday to talk about Alito, who picked up an endorsement Wednesday from Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb.

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SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT

VANESSA FERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

Last week, a debate titled "Is Human Cloning Permissible in a Free Society?" was held at UCF in the Math and Physics building.

The debate featured William Saunders from the Family Research Council and Bernie Siegel from the Genetics Policy Institute.

Saunders, who took the opposing side of the argument, graduated from the University of North Carolina with a major in political science and then attended Harvard Law School. He has appeared on BBC, CNN and FOX News, in addition to producing a bi-weekly column on stem-cell research and cloning.

Siegel, on the affirmative side, attended the University of Miami and created the Genetics Policy Institute, a non-profit organization that excels in stem-cell research. He has appeared on MSNBC, television shows in Japan, CNN, and CBS Evening News.

From the beginning, Siegel took a negative stand against human cloning, but he stated firmly that cloning for biomedical research is something that is being done in other countries and that also needs to be done here.

"It is a major scientific revolution," Siegel said. "Because of this research, 20 years down the line, medicine won't be the same."

The purpose of the cloning in biomedical research would be to help cure diseases such as diabetes, leukemia and cancer. Research of this kind is already being done in China, Korea and the U.K., and it frustrates Siegel that the U.S. has only budgeted \$24 million for this kind of research when much more money is being put elsewhere.

Saunders said he believes in finding cures for diseases, but that it shouldn't be done through cloning. The argument by Saunders was that human life begins when an embryo is created, and therefore the embryo has a right to life. Throughout the cloning process, the embryo would die, and "that is unethical."

"Our civilization rejects that you kill some people in order to help others ... you can not deny the right to life," Saunders said.

Both Saunders and Siegel believed that people had a right to live. For Saunders, embryos were soon-to-be humans, and they should not die for biomedical research.

For Siegel, "There is a moral duty to help your neighbor in need, and the biomedical research can help cure human diseases," Siegel said.

The debate also disagreed on where our society should prohibit scientific research.

"Should science be allowed to do whatever it wishes? No," Saunders said. "Every type of human endeavor is subject to ethics. That is why the government is run by the people and not by scientists."

"This is a fundamental question: Are we extending the rights of personhood to an embryo in a dish?" asked Siegel. Because there was no sperm involved, and all the cells were donated, then the biomedical research is all being done for a humanitarian purpose, he said.

"This is all about healing," Siegel said. "This is something that is found in all cultures but not in all religions. What is the value of finding a potential cure for diabetes?"

The event was sponsored by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, the Arthur N. Rupe Foundation and the UCF College Republicans.

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Stress-reducing methods help students with relaxation

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how stress builds in each individual and presents effective methods in handling these stresses.

Some of these methods for the relaxation workshop include diaphragmatic breathing, progressive relaxation, the use of self-talk, addressing cognitive distortions and guided imagery.

Along with relaxation techniques, the course also provides a lot of information to students about why people stress out in the first place. Anyone is welcome to attend at anytime; however, the work-

shop itself is an eight-week series.

Valeska Wilson, the program supervisor, said that "it is helpful for [students] to see that they are not alone in 'stressing out' about certain things."

While the meditation class does briefly explain stress and how we react to it, this course provides a more physical approach to battling stress. Many of the techniques consist of simple, yoga-like poses combined with deep breathing and mind relaxation. Though the techniques may be somewhat different than the relaxation workshops, both classes

leave students feeling refreshed and ready to work through their stressful school days.

According to Wilson, versions of these courses have been available for students for the past couple of years during midterms and finals. However, this Fall and Spring semester, the schedule is more general and not based off midterms and finals.

The courses, offered at the rec center, are generally labeled as physically active, and the program behind them is a subdivision of Student Health Services called "Reach for Wellness."

Importance of organ donors stressed at Get Carded's annual Green Ribbon Gala

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Her father was diagnosed with hepatitis when she was a sophomore in high school and was eventually put on a donor list for a liver. When a liver match was found, her father was diagnosed with cancer.

"It has been hard for me to accept how quickly his life was taken away," Lanzone said. "Rather than blame anyone or anything, I decided to do something about it, and that was to spread the word about organ and tissue donation."

Stefanie Eakin, a junior majoring in general business, spoke of her family's personal heartbreak and celebration. Her father, whose struggle began with a heart attack when she was six years old, received a heart transplant 14 years ago.

"Thanks to medical technology, a positive attitude, and a supportive family, my dad is with me today," Eakin said. "To be given a second chance at life due to the kindness of an

organ donor is a miracle."

Jessica Harris, a junior majoring in industrial engineering, spoke of her stepsister's lung transplant. Her stepsister, Jana, suffers from lymphangiomatosis, a disease that erodes bones and causes lesions in vital organs.

When doctors found a lesion on her lung, she was put on a waiting list for a bilateral lung transplant. Fortunately, she received a transplant and is alive today.

"I'll always carry an organ donor card because I know that if anything should happen to me, I'll be able to help others," Harris said.

Because organ donation is a widely discussed issue, there have always been myths and rumors about the process. Kelly Wilson, a committee member of Get Carded, cleared up some of these rumors. Some of the truths are:

- All major religions support organ and tissue donation, considering it the greatest gift.
- If you are admitted to the

hospital, the number one priority is to save your life. Donation is only considered after death.

- Wealth and celebrity status are not considered when determining who gets a transplant. Blood type, severity of illness and time spent waiting are the considering factors.

Five UCF organizations pledged their support for blood, organ and tissue donations and announced their partnership with Get Carded for next year: The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Men of Valor, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Alpha Delta and Women of Elegance.

"Please consider partnering with us," Lanzone said. "You never know how many lives you can save just by talking to others."

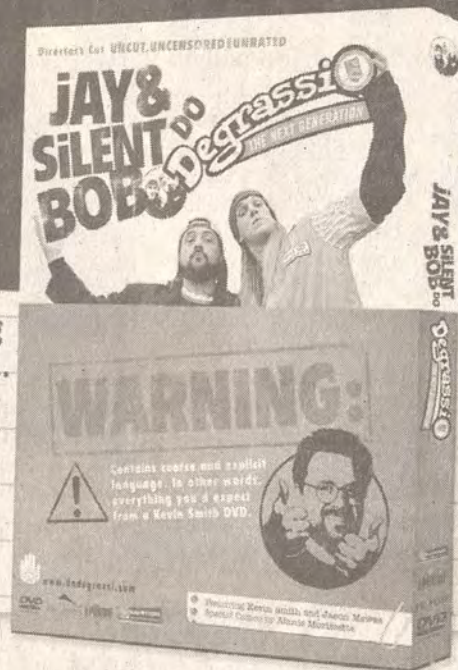
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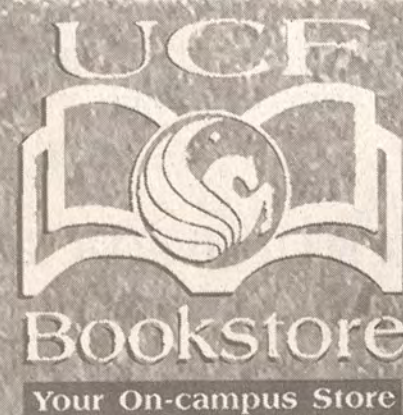
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State, local agencies require more data

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for the student body," Wilkening said. "We're already at a deficit. That's why in the new construction plan we're using artificial turf because we can't get enough grass fields."

Wilkening said there is no backup plan in case the stadium is moved because there isn't enough land for it. Not only would moving the stadium to the south side of campus be costly for the intramural programs, but it would also create a greater financial demand in order to keep the outdoor sports alive.

Wilkening added that artificial turf was the best solution they had for the current shortage and that there might not be any solution at all if the stadium is moved.

"We've gone with artificial turf to extend our fields and be able to run tournaments and host events," he said. "I'm sure someone could come back and say that we could use one field on different spots all over campus, but then you've tremendously increased the supervision costs. You'd end up reducing what you could do."

Currently, flag football is comprised of 150 teams of at least seven players each. Soccer is still in the sign-up period and already has 125 teams. Softball has more than 80 teams and baseball has 40.

"Approximately half of our events are held on outdoor fields when you throw in softball and baseball, ultimate Frisbee tournaments and other special events that use the playing fields," Wilkening said.

A group of students attended one of the 20 public forums more than three months ago, supporting intramural sports and stressing that a move to the south side of campus would cripple one of the student body's greatest pastimes. No representatives from intramural sports had attended any of the meetings because, Wilkening said, they were never under the impression that moving the stadium was even an issue.

Whether or not the move is an issue is still up in the air. According to three letters sent to university officials from state and local planning agencies, UCF has not been successful in providing complete data and analysis for the amendment of the Master Plan. The letters state that if the university does not provide the proper data for construction on the north side, then the argument over the north and south locations would be moot.

In a letter from the State Department of Community Affairs, Mike McDaniel, acting bureau chief of comprehensive planning, wrote that the pending amendment to the Master Plan does not provide sufficient data in regards to



Above, club sports like women's rugby rely on the use of the intramural fields. If the football stadium is moved to the south, rugby players may lose their field. Below, the top dot is the proposed northern location of the on-campus stadium. The bottom dot marks the southern spot.

transportation, parking and a number of land use issues. He cited that the fire station located at McCulloch Road and Orion Boulevard will also be affected by the stadium, bringing into question what kind of impact it will have on the station's response time in case of emergency.

A similar letter from the Orange County Planning and Transportation Division (OCPTD) outlined the same land use concerns, especially the potentially negative impact a stadium would have on property values in the neighborhoods adjacent to the proposed stadium.

Another key issue in the letters sent to the university is the lighting and noise that will accompany the home games. The OCPTD contends that lighting needs to be kept to a minimum, but obviously in accordance with what a college football game would require, both on the field and in the parking lots.

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council wrote that the proposed northern site is "not compatible with the surrounding land uses."

According to the council, single-family subdivisions are the most sensitive in regards to land use, and the homes' property value would be impacted greatly.

The letters weren't without their suggestions and solutions, though. The Department of Community Affairs wrote that the school must complete the required data and analysis for parking and traffic in order for the northern site to be permitted for stadium construction.

Like the other two letters, it



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also stressed the importance of ensuring the stadium would be in adherence with the Master Plan's policy on land use, another area in which the three agencies said the university had not supplied sufficient data.

Laura Klee, a spokesperson for the local homeowners association coalition, said that these are the problems that the local residents have been trying to convey since January.

"We have tried to be positive, supportive and yet realistic," Klee said. "We are grateful that these reviewing agencies are concerned as well with the realities of this football stadium and appreciate their willingness to address those concerns as professional planners to the UCF

staff."

Klee said she has previously spoke with Wilkening about the impact on the intramural fields, and that she believes there is a compromise both sides can reach.

Even before a compromise can be reached, though, the university still must complete the data and analysis required by the agencies.

Each of the letters outlines a series of updates to the data collection the university would need to complete in order to ratify the Master Plan and go ahead with construction for the stadium.

But with six days until the next BOT meeting, it could mean more time passing before UCF football's new home begins construction.

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Lack of financial success spurs end of union tenure

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bilities include Chick-fil-A, Sonic and Burger King.

Some SGA officials have been lobbying to have Taco Bell placed in Wendy's spot, but Halpin said the low price of Taco Bell's food wouldn't

support the amount of rent the Student Union charges.

Cowras said he was officially notified of the closure for the first time this week. But some SGA Senators have been excited about the prospect of a new restaurant since they were first told about the possible closing

during a presentation by Halpin during the Oct. 7 Senate Retreat.

"I think Burger King is a good one because it's fast," Sen. Aida Latorre said. "If someone wants a hamburger, they're not going to want to wait an hour for Wackadoos."

White is still not sure

which restaurant he'd like to see replace Wendy's and plans on talking to students to solicit their opinions before taking a stance.

"I'd rather them narrow down the choices and have them do a survey through student government to see what people really want," he said.

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Homecoming King did not debut until 1978

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embraced the first Homecoming of the newly named university. Still, the Homecoming that is known today would not emerge until the following year, when UCF's new football team played its first season. The traditions of Homecoming were changing; no longer were the festivities during basketball season, but instead football season. The fall schedule that UCF's Homecomings follow today was instituted, and annual movies, parades, pep rallies and carnivals flourished. Memories of Homecoming at UCF are still clear and favor-

able for UCF alumnus Steven Casel. Casel, a former president of the Sigma Chi fraternity, attended the university from 1985-92. "Homecoming was a lot of fun for me," he said. "Some of my best memories are from that time." Throughout his years at UCF, Casel participated in many of the Homecoming activities that are present today such as Skit Knight, the carnival and the float parade. Sometimes, things did not go smoothly. "The Greek community was very spread out then because Greek Row hadn't really started," Casel said. "Building floats was a lot of

fun, but it was hard to organize because everyone was in a house off campus. At first, the floats were put together out of the bed of pickup trucks and eventually we had trailers to pull the floats." Over the past few years, another annual Homecoming tradition has started at UCF: Spirit Splash. The event that allows students to cool off in the Reflecting Pond for a pep rally always generates a large turnout. *Florida Leader* magazine named Spirit Splash the "Best Tradition Among Florida Universities" in 2000. Diana Perry, student director of the Campus Activities Board, notes some of the staples in this year's Homecom-

ing are fairly recent. "Homecoming used to be part of CAB," she said. "This is the third year it has been its own agency. The newest Homecoming tradition is Comedy Knight. It is only four years old." Homecoming events yet to come this year include Skit Night on Thursday, Spirit Splash Friday and, of course, the Homecoming parade and football game Saturday. UCF Homecoming has changed a lot since its beginning 34 years ago. However, the essential ingredient of a successful Homecoming — spirit — remains in the events today and will hopefully continue in the years to come.

Ask a doc



PATTI STEWART
ARNP-C

What are tension headaches and what can I do to relieve the pain?

It has been estimated that 75 percent to 90 percent of all persons who complain of chronic or frequent headaches suffer from tension headaches. They are the most common type of primary headache, and, while they share some characteristics with the more serious migraine, they also display certain distinct differences that set them apart. Some experts believe that

tension headaches and migraines represent two ends of a common spectrum and that migraines, which are severe but irregular in occurrence, sometimes progress or transform to the less severe, but more frequent, tension-variety headache.

Physical findings

A health care provider can tell what kind of headache you have by examining you and hearing your description of the pain. On exam, there are often findings of muscular tenderness, which is usually present in the areas of the neck, at the base of the skull, shoulders, upper arms, and the jaw and face.

Some people may show signs of clenching the teeth. The scalp and forehead may also be painful when palpated. The neurological examination is usually normal.

Causes

Tension headaches seem to be more common in women than in men. The name "tension headache" can be said to describe a response by the body to emotional strains and pressures, rather than to excessive muscular tightness and resultant constriction of the scalp arteries, as was once widely presumed.

Things you can do to ease the pain of a tension headache include the following:

- Put a heat pack or an ice pack on your head or neck.
- Take a hot shower.
- Get enough rest or sleep.
- Take time away from things that are stressful. This could mean doing anything from taking a brief walk to going on a long vacation.
- Get regular exercise of all types. Work up to exercising for 30 to 60 minutes, four to six times a week.

Researchers have demonstrated that patients complaining of frequent headaches, which are generally not migraines, also exhibit varying degrees of depression, anxiety and worry.

Symptoms

The typical tension headache is one that produces a dull, steady, achy pain on both sides of the head. Many tension headache sufferers describe their pain as producing a sensation of pressure or tightness around the head as though a band was pulled

tightly around it, while others associate the feeling to having their head clamped in an ever-tightening vise. Pain begins gradually and increases over a period of hours, however while they can be severe and distracting, it rarely becomes overwhelming and physically debilitating, as in a migraine.

Treatment

If you only have tension headaches sporadically, an over-the-counter pain medication can probably help. When choosing an over-the-counter pain reliever, read the label for possible side effects or interactions with other medicines you are taking. Read and follow the directions on the label thoroughly. For questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist. If you are experiencing tension headaches on a daily basis, or over-the-counter medicines are not relieving the pain, see a provider. They may prescribe medication you take only when you have a headache to relieve the pain. It is better to treat tension headaches when they begin and are still mild — before they get more painful.

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Riley (Regina King), Huey (also King) and Granddad (John Witherspoon) star in *The Boondocks*, a television adaptation of the popular, controversial comic strip. The story about a radical black youth and his gangsta-in-training brother who move to a predominantly white neighborhood has garnered attention for its frank approach to issues such as racism, black culture and politics. The premiere airs at 11 p.m. during Cartoon Network's Adult Swim program block.

Drawing attention

New animated series *The Boondocks* brings comic writer Aaron McGruder's wit to the small screen

MATT HEDGECOCK
Variety Editor

What is the natural fit for one of America's most regularly political and controversial comic strips?

Television, of course.

For the past six years, "The Boondocks" comic by Aaron McGruder has provoked, entertained and sometimes offended comic page devotees. For nearly as long as the strip has been published, McGruder has worked to move his work into a wider medium.

Finally, he found a taker. The Adult Swim block on Cartoon Network will air the first episode at 11 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6.

"Adult Swim, I think, understood the show best," McGruder said in a recent conference call. The show was shopped around to several networks and was eventually picked up by Fox, but it was dropped.

Indeed, it would take a special kind of

network to air a show about a radical black youth named Huey, who lives in an upper crust, mostly white neighborhood with his wannabe-gangsta brother, Riley, and eccentric grandpa. The strip itself has been the subject of much controversy over the past several years, and McGruder was listed in ex-reporter Bernard Goldberg's book *100 People Who Are Screwing Up America* (he was ranked 88, two spots ahead of Barbara Streisand.)

However, transferring a three-panel strip into a 30-minute TV show necessitates some changes. McGruder says the new format will give him a chance to flesh out the characters a little bit more.

"It's really difficult to tell stories in a daily strip," McGruder said. "The show just allows us to tell stories about characters more."

However, that doesn't mean the show will avoid tackling hot-button issues. In



Comic writer Aaron McGruder hopes to expand the scope of his strip "The Boondocks" with a new animated show. McGruder says the longer format allows greater focus on characters.

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Huey and Riley (both voiced by Regina King) have just moved to the stuffy, mostly white-bread neighborhood of Woodcrest to live with their off-beat grandpa (John Witherspoon). Huey is already entertaining notions about offending the white establishment with his radical ideas, but their complacency about life may be too powerful for him to overcome. Charlie Murphy guest stars as a slightly unhinged Iraq veteran.

Episode 2:

"Guess Hoes Coming to Dinner?"

Granddad falls for a curvaceous young woman who is, in reality, a gold-digging hooker. Huey and Riley attempt to prove this to granddad, but when her pimp, referred to as "A Pimp Named Slickback," comes looking for his missing "property," things get even crazier.

The Verdict:

"Garden Party" is a terrific episode to open the show with since it's pretty damn funny and gives a good indication as to the direction of the show. "Guess Hoes Coming to Dinner" is a bit more of a formulaic sitcom plot, but it's still OK. *The Boondocks* has the makings of a quality television show that should only get better once more characters from the strip are introduced.

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Thrice explores the rock underworld

Band gropes with many tough decisions that come with career

BRANDON BIELICH
Staff Writer

Vheissu.

For many, there is no connotation of the word or even a clear definition

For Thrice, it is not only the title of the band's newest album, but perhaps, in the eyes of its members, the best word to describe where they stand ... literally.

"Vheissu (pronounced "Vee-Sue") is the name of a gateway at the bottom of Mount Vesuvius to a bunch of tunnels into the underworld," drummer Riley Breckenridge said in a telephone interview.

Breckenridge, who, along with



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singer/guitarist Dustin Kensrue, guitarist Teppei Teranishi, and brother and bassist Eddie Breckenridge, make up the quartet from Irvine, Calif., believes Thrice is at Vheissu.

"In the band, you gotta make decisions every day," he said. "Whether it's

what tours you take, or what producer you work with or how you promote yourself, what kinda press you do, or marketing — they're all these tunnels and all these

PLEASE SEE **NEW** ON A11

Hey you! *Squid and the Whale* shows off potent portrayals in divorce drama

WILLIAM GOSS
Staff Writer

"Together we stand, divided we fall."

This line from the Pink Floyd's song "Hey You" serves as the reprise for *The Squid and the Whale*, a tender portrait of the effects of divorce on a Brooklyn family circa 1986 that doubles as a showcase for the potent performances of Laura Linney, Jesse Eisenberg and Jeff Daniels.

As they become increasingly competitive (her writing career's on the rise as his is steadily slipping away) and conflicting, Joan and Bernard Berkman (Linney and Daniels) decide to divorce, sharing joint custody of their two sons, Walt (Eisenberg) and Frank

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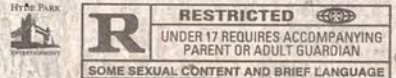
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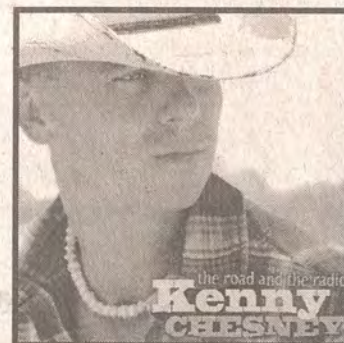
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NOT JUST SEX

DANA DELAPI
Newsroom Manager

What happens when you start something you don't want to finish?

That problem has been chasing me around lately. Recently, I started seeing one of my ex-boyfriends again, and it was fun — for about a month.

I thought it was no-strings-attached fun, kind of like the bonus round we never experienced. I figured it would be one of those things that just slowly phases out. I was wrong.

I can't blame the guy, I am a fabulous specimen of the female population, and any guy would probably get on his knees and beg to the gods to be

with me. Plus, he realizes he threw away perfection and wants it back.

So, I broke my cardinal rule of dating: Never go back. I don't believe in second chances, but for some odd loneliness-induced month, I decided to toss this belief out the window. Bad move.

The problem is this guy came on too strong, too fast. Heck, the first time I saw him he brought me flowers, lunch and stuck around to buy me dinner. You think I would've seen the signs. But, I fell anyway into the big, gaping ex-boyfriend trap.

The next few times he came over, everything was on my terms with my friends — just the way I like it. Then he started doing little things like grabbing my hand in public to walk across the street or stroking my hair while a group of us sat around talking. He started asking me when I would come visit him and said his friends want to meet me. Suddenly, I felt like I

was in girlfriend territory again.

Picture squealing tires and wheels spinning in reverse. Being his girlfriend again was the furthest thing on my mind. Plus, I noticed there are little things about him that just plain irritate me and piss me off, such as his laugh or the way he moves my face wash in the shower and doesn't put it back in its spot. You know, idiosyncrasies that are either endearing or just obnoxious.

So here I am, with the rock on my right and this hard place — probably a wall — on my left. I actually had the stereotypical guy mentality — the one where you don't want to commit, also known as the "have your cake and eat it too" syndrome. I should've known it would come back to bite me.

So how do you let a guy down easy while kicking him to the curb? Despite my heart-breaker status, I was never any good at ending things because, no matter how hard you try, things always end badly.

The way I see it, when you're trying to send someone off into wild yonder, there are only two ways to do it: the chicken way and the hard way.

While I normally prefer the chicken way where you just avoid all contact and phone calls, it is generally not the best approach. If you get a really paranoid guy, they may show up at your door, or worse call in the FBI on a missing persons cases. Not only that, it lacks courage — something every woman needs to have in life.

So, it is time to take the hard route — actual communication of feelings, or lack thereof. Yes, you have to actually tell the person, "Hey, this ain't working out for me." There are plenty of good break-up lines out there, just choose one. Easy enough, right?

Try writing it down first. I am currently writing mine on the rock.

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Political jokes less direct on TV version

FROM A8

the first scene of the pilot episode, Huey, the main character, announces to a garden party of wealthy white people that "Jesus was black, Ronald Reagan is the devil and the government is lying about 9/11."

Rest assured, there will be references to political and social events, but such references will be more oblique in nature. One such example is a insane, idiotic Iraq war veteran who wears a giant gold "W" around his neck.

"We didn't want to do a bunch of [President George W.] Bush jokes that would date the show, you know, so this seemed kind of a funny way to accomplish the same thing while staying on top of current events," McGruder said.

He also said that there have been virtually no limitations placed on the content of the show, as evidenced later by the frequent use of the "n-word." However, McGruder says that humor always comes before getting a message across.

"I don't think anybody cares about the truth you're telling unless you're funny," McGruder said.

As for his future plans, McGruder has expressed a dissatisfaction with his current reputation as a political rabble-rouser.

"Being that guy out there in that political community is not really what I want to do the rest of my life or really even beyond now," McGruder said.

But of all the challenges of putting together a new TV show, there is one thing McGruder hopes to gain from the experience: DVD sales.

Squid offers honest look at divorce

FROM A8

(Owen Kline, son of Kevin). The older Walt sides with his father, regardless of his self-importance, while the younger Frank favors his mother, regardless of her indiscretions.

Divorce manages to amplify most every aspect of the lives it affects. The tennis court they frequent transforms into a battleground of sorts, particularly when Joan begins to become involved with Frank's tennis coach, the mellow Ivan (William Baldwin). Meanwhile, Bernard gets a run-down house, insisting to his sons that it's "the filet of the neighborhood."

The house also contains a ping-pong table, allowing for several small-scale squabbles throughout table tennis. Walt shifts his priorities to girls while passing off "Hey You" as his own song (the tune becomes an anthem of sorts for the story), and Frank opts to become increasingly deviant in his behavior, including drinking, cursing, and, in a particularly unsatisfying subplot, applying himself in school, in a manner of speaking.

Linney and Daniels turn in fascinating performances as opponents in their very own war of the worlds. Linney's character, though guilty of affairs, still demonstrates a sense of stalwart confidence in her stance.

Daniels tarnishes his nice-guy image, in the best possible way, as an intellectual whose superiority complex only causes him further difficulty and strife.

Newcomer Kline offers a compelling depiction of a truly lost child, but it is Eisenberg alone who is the closest thing to the soul of the film. The divorce impacts his adolescence most directly, and he ends up stuck between both camps when right and wrong are rarely defined.

Anna Paquin makes a supporting appearance as a student and love interest of Bernard's, who moves in with him and the boys, and both she and Baldwin deliver adequate remoteness from the family's problems.

With little details and sharp observations, the semi-autobiographical film takes on a genuine form of catharsis for writer/director Noah Baumbach. Select scenes, such as an early one in which Joan



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Anna Paquin stars as Lili in *The Squid and the Whale*. Powerful, truthful performances are at the heart of the divorce story.

stashes books in Frank's room for safekeeping until after the divorce, ring too true to be fiction.

The dialogue is crisp and authentic, creating laughs from a source of honesty that simply cannot be scripted. While there are more laughs than tears, the humor is often a product of heartbreak, a cringe-inducing remark or harsh glare that one cannot help but respond to with a bittersweet chuckle.

The film comes to an abrupt end with its titular metaphor, but it only supports the fact that there is simply the separation and its aftermath. There are no clean-cut heroes or villains, and there is never a proper climax in real life.

Nothing is black and white, and it is the gray matter that makes the dynamics of divorce here so engrossing. Life goes on, but with *The Squid and the Whale*, there is beauty in the breakdown.

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New album reveals more of Thrice

FROM A8

decisions that we have to make and you don't really know where any of 'em are gonna lead."

The band members made a personal decision about the direction of their new album, and in doing so, may have surprised many of their long-time fans and followers.

Thrice, whose previous albums feature heavy, pounding guitar riffs harmonized by extensive guitar solos and forceful vocal screams, has released an album containing soft, melodic songs draped with only hints of the previously heavy style.

But this is still Thrice. It is just Thrice seven years into its musical career. Thrice has grown. Thrice has evolved.

The album art collectively reveals more about *Vheissu* than one may think. For example, the successive pictures of faces. The first face contains two eyes, but then finishes with three. According to Breckenridge, this symbolizes an "enlightenment."

"In a way, you can tie that into us making this record," he said. "[It] was kind of an enlightenment, an opening of another set of eyes, to realize that there's a lot more stuff out there that we can be doing and exploring new territory musically."

That discovery led Thrice to think "outside of the box" when creating *Vheissu*. The opening track of *Vheissu* and the album's first single, "Image of the Invisible," features a clip of Morse code, which actually transcribes to "Vheissu."

"It was weird. The song was written before we had the idea of the Morse code thing," Breckenridge said. "And once we looked up the Morse code and started programming, we realized that it kind of had a really cool syncopation with the beat that was going on in 'Image of the Invisible.'"

"So we ended up tying those two together and it worked out pretty [well]."

Thrice recorded the album miles away from home in Bearsville, N.Y., which Breckenridge called an "offshoot of Woodstock."

"We did the drum tracks for [2003's album] *Artist in the Ambulance* at Bearsville and really enjoyed the experience," he said. "It's so secluded and so cut off from everything...and it was really cool to kinda separate ourselves from the rigors of being at home and the distractions of friends and families, and traffic and the L.A. and Orange County lifestyle."

Additionally, Thrice used the natural acoustics of its woodland studio to create unique sounds that many effect panels could not produce.

The song, "The Earth Will Shake," sounds reminiscent of old "chain gang" prisoners, chanting while slamming their picks into the ground. At one part, there is heavy stomping and the chanting of lyrics, "We dream of ways to break these/iron bars," and, "We dream of black nights without/moon or stars."

The band used an upstairs living room in its studio home to recreate the chain gang sound.

"The four of us had [stood] around in the living room and had these hardwood floors and [we] were stomping on the hardwood floors and singing," Breckenridge said. "We did a couple passes of it and layered 'em over the top of each other so it sounds like more than four people."

Two years ago, while on a world tour in Japan, guitarist Teranishi purchased a music box for a couple of dollars. That same music box became an integral part of *Vheissu*.

Teranishi wrote the song, aptly titled "Music Box," while listening to the random musical notes produced by the box.

"During the writing process, everybody was off working on their own parts, and he came one day to practice with the music box as an intro and then the music box

going through a couple sections of the song," Breckenridge said. "He had written chord structures around the movement of the music box and then we just turned it into a song from there."

Thrice originally began on independent record label Sub-City, whose artists donate proceeds from their respective albums to charities of their choosing. Although now on major label Island Records, Thrice continues to give to the less fortunate.

Proceeds from *Vheissu* go to benefit 826 Valencia, a charity created by artist Dave Eggers, who designed the cover art for the record. The charity offers tutoring and creative writing classes for underprivileged children. Thrice chose this charity because of band members' beliefs in expanding creative minds.

"It's very important for us to get young people involved in creating and being creative and anything that we can do to help them, seems like the right thing to do," Breckenridge said. "I'd encourage more people to get involved in charitable efforts ... You don't have to have a ton of money or be like this famous person."

"I mean, if it's a buck, or ten bucks, or if you don't have money, you can donate time," he said. "There's a lot of people in this world that need help, and for people that are a little more fortunate to help out, [it] is definitely the right thing to do."

Indeed, Thrice has come a long way. Its new creative direction may have separated the band from many of its popular "scream-o" counterparts, but that may be what Thrice ultimately desired.

"I think the reason we did [this] is because a lot of our favorite records are records that are experimental and don't sound like they've been put through the major label, corporate rock filter," Breckenridge said.

"We just wanted to do something different, and I think we accomplished that."

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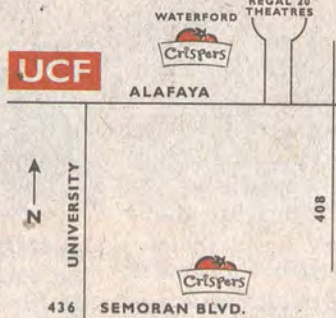
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C-USA champs hope for postseason success

With postseason under way, Knights must win out

NADA TAHA
Staff Writer

Despite taking home a championship title over the weekend, the UCF women's soccer team has more business to take care of.

With disappointing losses at the start of the season, the team had much to prove. Overcoming injuries and a demanding schedule, the Knights ended the regular season triumphantly. UCF's win over Houston on Sunday afternoon sealed its share of a Conference USA regular season championship and ended its season with a 10-9 record.

UCF defeated Houston 2-1 after Roberta Pelarigo assisted Jennifer Montgomery, who scored the first goal in the 19th minute of the game. After the Cougars responded 12 seconds later with a goal against UCF, Erin Hopkins scored the game-winning shot in the 66th minute.

Sharing the co-championship crown with SMU, the Knights take the win in stride, using it to push through with motivation into the C-USA tournament where defender Courtney Baines says they hope to qualify for the NCAA.

"This is great that we won the first Conference USA championship at

UCF so far, but the conference tournament is what is important," she said. "We want to be in the NCAA's. That's our goal for the whole season is to get far in the NCAA's. So really, the conference tournament, we have to win it."

The team as a whole walked away as winners, but Baines left Irving, Texas with C-USA defensive player of the year honors as well. Baines, who led the UCF defense throughout the season, along with Pelarigo was named to the All-Conference First Team.

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REBECCA BARNETT / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

The UCF women's soccer team celebrates claiming its share of the C-USA regular season championship last Sunday. The Knights' win over Houston not only clinched a title, but was also Coach Amanda Cromwell's 100th career win.

Fans need to be out in full force Saturday



THE EXTRA POINT

ANDY VASQUEZ
Sports Editor

Despite the adversity that a 0-11 season brings to a football team, not to mention the negative perception that the Knights have endured over much of the last two years, the Knights are finally getting the job done.

So it's only fair that the fans of the UCF football nation start doing their job.

So far, the fans that have been showing up at the Citrus Bowl have been doing great. They are loud when the UCF defense needs them to be and quiet when the offense needs to hear. But this is a team competing for a bowl bid. There should be more fans and there needs to be more fans.

When the Knights take on Houston on Saturday, it will be the biggest game UCF has played at the Citrus Bowl since a crowd of 50,220 saw Michael Vick and Virginia Tech come to Orlando in 2000.

The Knights finished 7-4 that year and were inconceivably left out of their first-ever bowl game.

I'm not crazy or anything so I know there won't be 50,000 people at the Citrus Bowl on Saturday night, but quietly I'm hoping for 40,000. All right, there better be more than 30,000 fans there, because the UCF football bandwagon officially closes on Saturday night. Either you are with these guys or not — make the decision now, because after UCF wins on Saturday it might be too late. Not that UCF would mind having annoying, cling-on, fair-weather fans, but it's not OK to start rooting for these guys after they make it to a bowl game.

Now, five years after being snubbed, the Knights have a chance to become bowl eligible again. All they need is a win on Saturday.

For years UCF football fans have been lamenting the sad state of their football team. Weekend after weekend they've watched anxiously as their team has found a way to lose almost every game. Well, those days are over. No matter what happens from here on out, this year is a dazzling success. Before the season, most UCF fans were hoping for "three, maybe four wins if we're lucky."

The Knights already have five wins, including a whopping two on the road, and if my prediction is worth anything, there will be at least two more on the board before this year is done and that, my friends, means a bowl game.

So for all you out there with reservations about rooting for this team because you've been burned in the past, here is something you really should know;

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UCF receiver Brandon Marshall, right, tries to break a tackle during the Tulane game last month. Marshall will be playing in his last game at the Citrus Bowl on Saturday against Houston.

Setting a new course

Win would clinch winning season and bowl eligibility

CHRIS HOYLER

Staff Writer

Confidence is a buzzword that is thrown around during the late stages of a college football season. Teams hit winning streaks, rebound from bad seasons and pull off upsets, making every discussion about teams such as that about confidence.

For UCF, there is plenty to be confident about. Every negative connotation that came with the 0-11 season was broken with the victory at East Carolina, creating the chance to qualify for the school's first bowl bid with a Homecoming victory against Houston.

Coach Art Briles brings his Cougars in as the top-scoring offense in Conference USA, though he realizes that the Knights are playing a different brand of football in 2005.

"I think they are playing with a lot of confidence, a lot of emotion right now, and with good reason," he said.

This weekend the Knights will be saying goodbye to 14 seniors, including four fifth-year seniors. James Cook, Paul Carrington, Frisner Nelson and Darcy Johnson are all integral parts of the UCF team and have been around for the good times and the bad times.

Saturday is more than Homecoming for UCF. It's the last home game of the season, Senior Day and the opportunity to earn national recognition. Here's the breakdown:

PLEASE SEE **SENIORS** ON A14



Carrington



Nelson



Johnson



REBECCA BARNETT / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

James Cook is one of four fifth-year seniors on the UCF football team. The other three are Paul Carrington, Frisner Nelson and Darcy Johnson.

Men's golf continues to struggle out West

MELISSA HEYBOER

Contributing Writer

After finishing with a disappointing 14th-place last week at the prestigious Isleworth Collegiate Invitational, the UCF men's golf team headed into this week's CordeValle Classic in California with hopes of finishing its fall schedule on a promising note.

That note was left unchanged as the Knights finished the 16-team tournament at a 29-over-par 893, leaving them in 14th place.

After shooting 300 and 302 in the first 36 holes of play, UCF would bounce back and finish Tuesday with its best round, shooting a three-over-par 291, but it wouldn't be enough for the Knights in the end.

Despite the Knights' struggles, senior Stefan Wistorf, who entered the final 18 holes Tuesday tied for 55th, battled back with a final round of under par, finishing the tournament with a 4-over-par 220, which was good enough to tie for 34th place.

The Knights' next-highest finisher was freshman Kyle Davis, who finished tied for 47th place at eight over par.

Sophomore Chris Anderson finished one shot back of Davis at 9-over-par and tied for 53rd. Ben Leong, who tied for 58th at 11-over-par, and Giwon Suh, who shot 17-over-par to tie for 75th place, rounded out the Knights' finishers.

PLEASE SEE **MEN'S** ON A14

Soccer needs to win to stay alive

Men's team has control of C-USA playoff destiny

BRIAN MURPHY

Staff Writer

The UCF men's soccer team lost its fifth consecutive game on Sunday with a 3-0 defeat at Memphis. Now, the Golden Knights control their own post-season fate.

It's win and in, lose and go home.

On Senior Day in Memphis, the Knights could not contain senior Andy Metcalf. He opened the scoring in the 18th minute. After his initial shot was blocked by UCF goalkeeper Ryan McIntosh, Metcalf knocked in the rebound for his 11th goal of the season.

Fifteen minutes later, Metcalf assisted sophomore Marcus McCarty, who scored from 25 yards out to give Memphis a 2-0 halftime advantage. In the first half, the Knights were outshot, 14-5.

Metcalf tallied his second goal of the contest to close the scoring in the 50th minute.

PLEASE SEE **SOCCER** ON A14

Volleyball team gets two key road wins

Knights peaking at the right time

ANDY JACOBSON

Staff Writer

The Golden Knights extended their longest win streak of the season to three matches against Conference USA foe the University of Memphis Tigers on Sunday in five games (19-30, 30-25, 23-30, 30-28, 19-17).

During the four-game road swing, the Knights went 3-1, losing to the UTEP Miners.

The three wins place the team third to last in C-USA with a record of 7-13, and 5-8 in its conference.

"The key to our win today was our offensive performance after game one," said UCF Coach Meg Colado.

In that game, the team finished with a .098 hitting percentage. They finished game two with a percentage of .533, and averaged .224 for the entire match.

"After game one, our players killed almost every ball," Colado said. "Our blocking was strong as

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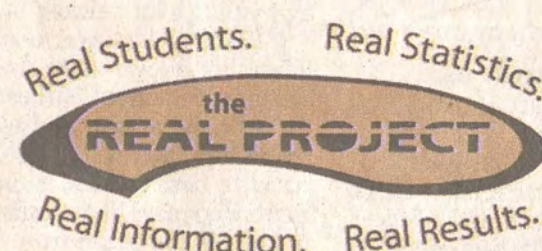
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Seniors stay long enough to succeed

FROM A12

When UCF has the ball...

Key Matchup: UCF interior offensive line versus Houston middle linebackers Trent Allen and Cody Lubojasky.

With each passing week, it is getting tougher and tougher to doubt the legitimacy of the UCF passing game. Even with the increased focus on receivers Brandon Marshall and Mike Walker, quarterback Steven Moffett has been able to find them for big plays. He's doing it in clutch situations too, as his two touchdown passes to Walker won the game against ECU. Credit tight end Darcy Johnson for sacrificing his statistics and becoming a dual threat as a pass catcher and blocker.

"I respect Darcy a lot because he sacrificed a lot of blocking instead of getting the ball," Walker said. "He's a good tight end and he's just a beast on that O-line. I respect him for sacrificing just to stay in and block and help our O-line just for me and Brandon and other players to make plays."

The interior line, consisting of center Cedric Gagne-Marcoux and guards L.J. Anderson and Kyle Smith, will adjust to the 3-4 defense they face this week. It will be interesting to see if the constant pulling from the guards on running plays changes when they have nobody lined up over them.

Allen and Lubojasky are both first year starters with good athleticism and range, but the Houston rushing defense is ranked 92nd in the nation, allowing 181 yards per game. Expect Kevin Smith to get the bulk of the work again this week, as he seems to be more comfortable running up the middle than Jason Peters, who has proven to be a big play threat to the outside.

Edge: UCF

When Houston has the ball...

Key Matchup: Houston left tackle Sir-Vincent Rogers versus UCF right end Chris Welsh.

Cougars quarterback Kevin Kolb is one of the nation's best, a starter since his first collegiate snap and the leader of C-USA's top offense.

"He's playing with a lot of



UCF receiver Brandon Marshall is one of 14 seniors that will be playing their last home game.

poise and confidence, which is a big thing for that position," Briles said.

Kolb has a huge arm to go with great mobility and good vision. Save for his five touchdown, five interception performance in a 44-41 double overtime loss to Texas-El Paso earlier this season, Kolb has been outstanding, throwing for 274 yards a game and completing his passes at a 60 percent clip.

The Cougar offense is a wide open, no-huddle based package. UCF Coach George O'Leary called it "mental gymnastics," and the team must be ready for the quick pace.

"Our practice tempo has been really high, and that's pretty much the best way to do it," defensive tackle Keith Shologan said. "And just make sure you watch film so you can process everything a lot quicker."

"We feel like we've got a team that allows us to do that with our personnel," Briles said.

Looking at the individual match up, Rogers is one of the nation's best tackles, a sophomore who plays like a senior. He made the transition from right tackle this season, and as important as Kolb is to the offensive success, losing Rogers

would be a bigger blow to the unit.

Welsh is a player you can depend on to cause havoc in the backfield a couple of times each game, but Rogers presents his biggest challenge. Watch the left tackle position and see if Paul Carrington is lined up there on a few snaps, as it would present a change of pace and allow both ends a chance to play on the weak side.

Edge: Houston

Special teams...

Key Matchup: Houston kick/punt returner Ricky Wilson versus UCF kickoff specialist Matt Prater.

No need to rehash the field goal problems for UCF, but Houston kicker Ben Bell is a freshman who has not been given many opportunities to prove himself, converting four of his six field goals this season.

Wilson is a dual threat who has yet to break a return for a touchdown this season, despite his strong return averages.

The Houston punt unit is the worst in the conference, averaging a net of just 27 yards per punt. If Joe Burnett can get chances, UCF should be looking at good field position.

Edge: UCF

Xs and Os...

Both O'Leary and Briles have had some interesting comments this week about the matchup. O'Leary has been quick to praise the focus of the players, but it seems that the improvement of the team is not as much a surprise to him as it is to the rest of the nation.

"I think where the team's improved in my opinion both offensively and defensively is last year when there was a mistake made, they all looked around at each other wondering who made the mistake," O'Leary said. "Now, when there's a play broken whether in coverage or a missed assignment on offense they pretty much know who missed the assignment, which is a sign of growing up."

"They understand their system more and they have gained some confidence and momentum," Briles said of UCF.

Briles has done an outstanding job keeping his team focused, as the Cougars have had just two home games this season. A win on Saturday leaves them with three remaining games, all at home, and a chance to sneak up on the rest of the conference.

But there is always the issue of that special buzzword and how Houston handles it in relation to their opponent and the crowd.

"We're going out there to win the football game, because we feel like we have confidence and momentum too," Briles said.

Edge: Push

The final word...

In terms of proving themselves to others, UCF does not have much left to do. A win Saturday will lead to national recognition and a likely bowl berth, leading to some pressure that the Knights have yet to face.

Houston seems to play right into the hands of the Knights. The Cougar offense is the best unit on the field, but they are prone to turnovers, a game which UCF has proven adept at this season. If Moffett and the offense can control the clock again and keep the defense fresh, the no-huddle offense will not be a factor, and Orlando will celebrate its first bowl berth with a conference title on the horizon.

Soccer team hoping to win its way into playoffs

FROM A12

Sophomore Jared Britcher's shot on goal was knocked down by McIntosh, but Metcalf was right there to pick up another rebound and scored to lengthen his Conference USA lead in goals and points.

The Tigers improved to 7-2 overall, 3-4-2 in C-USA as they secured a spot in the upcoming conference tournament. The Knights fell to 6-7-1 overall and 1-5-1 in C-USA.

For the Knights, it was yet another game where they were unable to hit the back of the net. The Knights attempted their most shots since late September, but the team's scoring drought is now at 465 minutes.

Players and coaches are not worried. They think the solution may be as simple as a little bit of luck.

"We had a goal called back against UAB," Coach Brent Erwin said. "We have hit the

post. When you look at the last couple games and you look at all the opportunities we created for ourselves, we just need a break."

"We have had chances, but we are just not putting them away," freshman Jake Howard said. "We are doing everything right, but when it comes to putting the ball in the goal, we just can't do it right now."

If the Knights want to get to the C-USA conference tournament, they will not only need to score, but they will have to do something this weekend that they have not done since September — win consecutive games.

With a pair of matches left in their season, the Knights control their own destiny. They sit five points out of the eighth and final spot in the conference tournament. Victories in their final two games would give the Knights six points and their ticket to next week's tournament.

A loss, and this team can forget about any postseason play.

The Knights are not intimidated by this "put up or shut up" scenario. In fact, they are embracing it.

"I think that a lot of teams would trade with us," Erwin said about his team's situation. "I am sure Tulsa would want to be able to play to determine their destiny rather than to wait on us. I don't know what more you could have asked for."

"Everybody is trying to motivate everyone to push themselves because this will be the last two games for the seniors if we lose one," freshman Tyler Davis said. "We need everybody to start stepping up."

The Knights' next opponent is the Pirates of East Carolina. ECU is winless this year (0-14-1 overall, 0-7-0 in C-USA). The Knights' offense could not have asked for a better opponent.

The Pirates have allowed at least three goals in each of their last eight matches.

If the Knights can get past the Pirates, they will face the South Carolina Gamecocks for a berth into the C-USA tournament, but, the team only wants to focus on the task at hand.

"Everybody understands that there is not a whole lot that needs to be said," Erwin said. "They understand that all we need to think about right now is Friday. Go win a match on Friday; give yourself a chance to play for something special on Sunday. That is our whole concentration."

This weekend's matches, which were rescheduled due to the threat of Hurricane Wilma, will be the first time the Knights play on their home field in more than a month.

The Knights' do-or-die weekend starts against East Carolina on Friday at 7 p.m. at the UCF Soccer Complex.

Champs got over slow start

FROM A12

Baines' leadership in the backfield helped the defense rack up four shut outs in the past seven games, while Pelarigo led the team with 11 goals this season. Kristin Bilby, Montgomery and Hopkins have all been named C-USA players of the week this season.

As the team collectively overcame hindrances throughout the season, the players collectively celebrated the many honors they received over the weekend, including Coach Amanda Cromwell's 100th career win, which Cromwell says she wasn't even aware of.

"I didn't even know that stuff," she said. "I read it two days ago when someone sent a message to me and I didn't even realize it was going to be my 100th win."

Cromwell's win may have come as a surprise, but according to her, it came at perfect timing. Cromwell says the win, which the team celebrated by pouring Gatorade on her in the after-game team huddle, was more meaningful because of the circumstances in which it was won.

"I told the girls out there today what a great 100th win to have, to solidify your conference championship, to win at home, Senior Day," she said. "This one is special because what is behind it. Again, it makes me proud to be their coach."

Cromwell, who has been head coach of the women's soccer team since 1999, has captured the respect and admiration from players including senior forward Jennifer Montgomery. Montgomery believes Cromwell's dedication turned the team around this year.

"She believed in us all the way when we still lost, when we thought we were at our lowest," she said. "I think her believing in us and taking us out to practice everyday and practice as if we will always be a winning team helped us push ourselves to get better."

The Knights took the Conference by storm in the month of October, shutting out team after team and dominating the field, a streak that took the UCF team time to find. Montgomery doesn't take the wins lightly knowing what she, her fellow teammates and Coach

Cromwell had to do to get there.

"We went through the hard season," she said. "We started off so hard, emotionally and physically and to be where we are today, I am just happy for us and I just feel so good about it."

Montgomery, along with Baines and goalkeeper Julie Snaman were all recognized at the last home game of the 2005 season during Senior Day. The three ended their last regular season career game at UCF with pride and high hopes.

"It feels really good," Montgomery said. "This is my last time, ever, playing here, so it means a lot to me as I am sure it means a lot to my team."

Although winning the match to Cromwell felt great, emotions were high and sadness filled the air as the realization of Senior Day set in.

"A lot of tears are shed," Cromwell said. "As a coach, you say goodbye to players every year, but in this program it is not goodbye. There are people on the bench who are grads who are around. They come back and watch."

"This group is a very special group," she said. "They have accomplished a lot in their four years. But, they know their job is not done and I think they'll carry us through because they don't want it to end."

As celebrations come to an end, the Knights must now prepare to compete in the conference tournament, which begins Nov. 2nd where they will face off for the second time in one week against Houston. Throughout the team, the sense of confidence resides in each player, and Julie Snaman can't wait to face off with SMU.

"I'll be excited to see SMU in the finals for the conference," she said. "It is going to be a good game. They are number one with us and I want to play the number one team."

"I want to beat the number one team with this team," Snaman said. "I have all the confidence in the world with our girls and I think we will pull it off."

The Knights played their C-USA tournament first round game against Houston on Wednesday, but the results were not available at press time.

Men's golf team doesn't meet goals in final two events of fall season

FROM A12

Host team UCLA won the tournament, shooting 15-under-par, while Northwestern (-9), California (-5), Arkansas (-5) and Texas (even-par) rounded out the top five.

Third place-finisher California's Michael Wilson took home top individual honors shooting an impressive 10-under-par 206. Erik Flores of UCLA and Henry Liaw of Arizona tied for second place, both shooting 4-under-par.

The Rollins College Invitational at Forest Lake Golf Club in Ocoee wrapped up Tuesday as well, where the Knights entered a second squad which finished 12th.

The Knights' highest finisher was senior Sonny Nimkhum, who tied for 33rd.

The CordeValle Classic and Rollins College Invitational marked the final two tournaments for the Knights' fall schedule. UCF will return to action Feb. 13-14, when it will host the UCF/Rio Pinar Inter-collegiate in Orlando.

Volleyball team has three games left

FROM A12

well and Schanell [Neiderworder] had a great defensive performance."

Sophomore outside hitter Schanell Neiderworder finished off the afternoon with a double-double, and tallied 17 kills and a career-best 26 digs.

Junior middle blocker Jana Mitchell added another career-best during the match with 19 kills. She also posted seven blocks.

Junior setter Leah Alexander helped out with 54 assists. Sophomore outside hitter Lorin Lukas posted 14 kills and seven digs. Junior outside hitter Maina Heming posted 12 kills and six total blocks.

There was a total of 14.5 total team blocks for the Knights by the time the match ended in the Elma Roane Fieldhouse.

Memphis, who is ranked fifth in C-USA left the court with a record of 15-12 and then 6-4 in its respective conference.

The Tigers were led by Nancy Nellans, who ended her afternoon with 25 kills and 22 digs. Teammate Shelby Burton contributed with 20 kills and the setter Laura Cote had a match-high of 71 assists.

The Knights look to continue their

"After game one, our players killed almost every ball. Our blocking was strong as well."

— UCF COACH MEG COLADO ON THE KNIGHTS' WIN OVER MEMPHIS

impressive league match schedule with the East Carolina University Pirates on Friday at the UCF Arena. First serve is set for 7 p.m.

The two teams met early this year in Greenville, North Carolina. The Pirates won in three straight games.

As of Oct. 31, the Pirates were ranked fourth in C-USA, directly above the third place UCF team. With a record of 5-6 in C-USA and 14-10 for the season, the Pirates start a two-match road trip in Orlando, followed by a stop at Southern Mississippi.

UCF is 1-1 against the Pirates all-time. The last meeting prior to this season was in 1979.

Friday's match will be the start of a three-match homestand for the Knights. It will also mark UCF's last two conference matches of the season against ECU and Marshall, respectively.

Knights should be bowl bound after a win this weekend

FROM A12

this is not the UCF football team of the past, this is the UCF football team of the future.

Ask fifth-year senior outside linebacker James Cook, who came to UCF in Fall 2001.

"Every day I think back," Cook said. "UCF has come a long way from when I first came here. I remember when we used to have to walk down a dirt road to get to practice, because our field was over by academic village."

Cook, who will play for the final time in the Citrus Bowl on Saturday night, is excited about where the program is heading.

"I just can't wait to see in a couple of years how big this school is going to be and how prestigious this school is going to be," Cook said. "This school is going to be like a Florida or Florida State."

The first step to that bright future that Cook speaks so proudly about comes on Saturday night, and if you are a "true" UCF football fan, then you'll be there.

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OUR STANCE

Judiciary needs to stop stalling

The battle over President George W. Bush's U.S. Supreme Court nomination for unknown attorney Harriet Miers has finally come to an end.

Miers withdrew from contention for the highest court in the nation amid growing tension within the Senate Judiciary Committee designated to review and approve any Supreme Court nominees.

In her place, Bush nominated Samuel Alito, a federal judge and prosecutor, as well as a lawyer who served in Ronald Reagan's administration. Conservatives are incredibly pleased with Alito's nomination because they believe that he'll help complete their quest to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

But as Democrats were initially concerned with the appointment for the very same reason, some liberal senators are beginning to change their minds as Alito is beginning his Senate meet-and-greet tour. Alito is assuring both conservatives and liberals that, if his nomination passes, he will not take any personal stances or activism to the Supreme Court bench.

Alito told senators that he believes that the law was not created for people to make their own interpretations, and he intends to make all decisions based on the U.S. Constitution. Bush echoed Alito's assertion when he introduced him as his latest nomination.

However, Alito — whether sincere or simply running a public relation campaign among senators — is beginning to look like a qualified version of Miers and more of a way for Bush to boost his approval rating than to fill an incredibly important seat in the Supreme Court.

Bush and conservatives are hoping that Alito will be the deciding vote to eliminate *Roe v. Wade*, and that would go quite a long way in winning back many of the wayward Bush supporters who have since strayed for reasons from the mishandling of Hurricane Katrina to the ongoing war in Iraq. Many anti-abortion leaders have already spoken out in favor of the nomination and have expressed their gratitude to Bush.

As some Democrat senators prepare a filibuster against the nomination, others are jumping on the Alito bandwagon, and rightfully so. He has a proven track record with fair-minded decisions in a variety of cases, and he has never made any decisions or comments regarding his stance on abortion.

In fact, Alito upheld a verdict requiring spousal notification in an abortion case — a decision that has been the deciding factor for many Democrats in support of the nomination.

His unbiased behavior and work ethic is exactly what the Supreme Court needs to maintain consistency and to avoid

planting the seeds of activism within the justices.

Alito's nomination should have critics pleased instead of threatened because, this time around, the Supreme Court is potentially adding a person with a justifiable legal and judicial resume and not someone like Miers, whose only previous legal experience was in private practice and as a political attorney.

The Supreme Court needs to have the vacant seat filled so the justices can resume their duties without interruption and not have to worry about public controversy and bipartisan slaps about why these nominees are no good. It's not legally healthy for the most important group of lawmakers in this nation to have an even number of members at any point, and if a quality candidate is staring them in the eyes, then the Senate Judiciary Committee needs to approve the nomination.

Senators need to kill any talks about a filibuster and get that idea off the table. Miers was one thing. She wasn't qualified, and the nomination looked more like a personal favor than finding the best person for the job.

But Alito is no Miers, and that says enough right there.

As Alito continues his PR tour of senators within the judiciary committee, more of the nation's time is being wasted. What's even worse is that the Supreme Court's time is being wasted.

OUR STANCE

Buyer beware: do the math first

Walk into any UCF class and you will find students who either own their own homes or intend to buy a home in the near future.

The clichéd phrase, "Renting is just throwing money away," is repeated throughout the halls, as real estate agents rush to convince students and recent graduates to commit as much as 50 percent of their monthly take home money to a mortgage.

Owning a home is a good thing. It's been labeled "the American dream" for decades. It's a sound long-term investment, especially with Florida's often-booming market.

Owning a home provides equity, improves credit and all that good stuff; however, when people rush into buying a house and sign their names on mortgages they can barely support, the situation gets dangerous for the buyers, sellers and innocent bystanders.

For years, the maximum amount of money a home-buyer would commit to a mortgage each month was 30 percent of their monthly take home money, loans detailing a higher percentage simply weren't approved by the banks.

For one reason or another, this is no longer true.

For example, say Paul Jones brings home roughly \$2,000 a month after taxes. He wants to

buy a house, so he goes to a real estate agent to discuss what he could afford. Ten or 15 years ago, the agent would likely say he could afford a mortgage payment of \$600, and that would likely be considered a high percentage.

Today, the real estate agent may tell Jones he can afford \$600, but he is almost as likely to tell him he can afford \$1000 a month, 50 percent of his monthly income after taxes. It is even possible that he will be persuaded to dedicate even more.

In fact, according to the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University, one in three U.S. families spend at least 30 percent of gross household income on housing. One in eight spends more than 50 percent.

All this is fine until Jones' daughter Leslie Jones needs braces or the company stock Paul Jones owns takes a nosedive and suddenly he has this unexpected expense and can't make his mortgage payment.

Students need to be aware that, when they enter a real estate office, the agent is there to sell a product, just like any other salesman.

He or she is not there to take people on a wonderful ride of home ownership. He or she is there to make money.

A little research goes a long way when considering an invest-

ment of this magnitude.

What buyers should remember is that everyone involved in the house-buying process has an agenda.

The real estate agents want to make money, as do the banks approving the loans. The bigger the loan, the more interest is accumulated.

It might be a better investment in the long run for Jones to purchase a smaller house in a less flashy neighborhood, and, if the need to move up overwhelms him, he can sell later when he's making a bit more money.

On a slightly different topic, renting has gotten a bad reputation lately.

Renting isn't necessarily "throwing money away." There are many good reasons to rent. In a market like Florida's, sometimes it's not financially possible to buy immediately.

Also, if the renter plans to move in a year, it may be better to rent than to be stuck in a home you can't unload.

Right now, it may seem like the whole world wants to buy a house in the central portion of the Sunshine State, but things can change.

Simply put, students and recent graduates should give it some thought before setting down roots and painting a picket fence white.



The Student Union bids farewell to Wendy's and is now the new home of the Home of the Whopper.

READER VIEWS

Hitt's open letter to campus

A story about the budget woes of the College of Arts and Sciences that ran in the Oct. 16 edition of the *Orlando Sentinel* stated that some faculty members were concerned that efforts to build an on-campus football stadium and a medical college had led to financial shortfalls in the university's colleges.

Professor James Gilkeson, who serves as chair of the United Faculty of Florida bargaining committee, was quoted as having said, "We've got the football team, the medical school. Unfortunately, when that's the focus, we have underfunded colleges."

Professor Gilkeson and the UFF have every right to oppose the proposed stadium and medical college. But, as he has every reason to know, there is no relationship between these proposals and college budgets. UCF and other state universities are prohibited from spending either state appropriations or tuition on athletics. That includes the stadium.

In the case of the proposed medical college, we raised private funds to cover the costs of a feasibility study. If our proposal is approved and we are allowed to form a medical college, it will have its own, separate budget appropriation from the state and strong donor support from the community.

The budget problems of the College of Arts and Sciences resulted from decisions made by its administration, not because of the proposed stadium or the proposal to begin a medical college.

— JOHN C. HITT
UCF PRESIDENT

Open letter to President Hitt

The purpose of this open letter is to correct inaccuracies in your recent campus-wide e-mail "Response to Comments Reported in the *Orlando Sentinel*."

Your e-mail referred to an *Orlando Sentinel* article about the decision to split the College of Arts and Sciences ["Budget woes in Arts, Sciences may spur UCF changes," Oct. 16].

In that story, you were quoted four times, Provost (Terry) Hickey was quoted five times, Dean (Kathryn) Seidel was quoted twice, FSU Provost Lawrence Abele was quoted twice, Dawn Trouard was quoted once and I was quoted once.

The following Friday (Oct. 21), your e-mail — apparently sent to faculty, students, staff, administration and alumni — repeated a part of my quote ("We've got the football team, the medical school. Unfortunately, when that's the focus, we have underfunded colleges"), designated my personal views as a United Faculty of Florida position (they are not), attempted to refute that position, and repeated your claim that the responsibility for CAS funding problems lies only with CAS's leadership.

First, I am sure that there's plenty of blame to go around, but, as you are aware, under UCF's own "Pegasus" funding model, CAS is funded at only 83 percent of its needs, while other colleges are funded at a higher level. My own college, Business Administration, currently receives 113 percent of its "Pegasus"-defined needs. Given that you preside over this system, your claim that "the budget problems of the College of Arts and Science resulted from decisions made by its administration ..." is baffling.

It appears that your decision to pursue enrollment growth was not matched by a commitment to allocate adequate resources to CAS, the first college impacted by this growth.

Second, I stand by my statement that your focus on football (which you interpreted to mean only the stadium) and, now, the medical school, is closely related to budget problems. Note that my comment was about your focus, not about dollars allocated.

You have spent time and energy pursuing

the football team/coach/stadium, traveling the country viewing stadiums, meeting with stadium donors, responding to public criticism, etc. Have you spent the same amount of time working to correct the CAS budget?

Third, looking at financial decisions, you decided to create and fund the new College of Biomedical Sciences (including "specials" funding not counted in the "Pegasus" model) in order to provide the base for the proposed medical school. Are you saying that no state appropriations or tuition dollars have been used for this college?

Don't get me wrong, Dr. Hitt. I understand and agree that you have the right to pursue your agenda, as long as you can get the Board of Trustees to go along with you. But please, sir, do not demand that everyone else on campus agree.

On a university campus, with aspirations to Carnegie I status, a one-sided attack against a faculty member has no place.

Personally, I do not oppose a medical school or a stadium — although I believe that a football stadium will provide little benefit to academic programs.

I am, however, quite opposed to implementation processes that underfund current academic programs, fail to meet the needs of our students and place unreasonable demands on faculty. And I will continue to say so, whenever asked.

— DR. JIM GILKESON
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF FINANCE

Letter of thanks

This is not a letter, per se, but a "thank you" to (staff writers) Naomi Ringer and Jenn Maietto for their wonderful coverage of the Women's Research Center events over the last two weeks.

— LESLIE SUE LIEBERMAN
DIRECTOR WOMEN'S RESEARCH CENTER

Give ladies their credit

OK, I see that the *Future* noted the UCF football team as being the "comeback kids." I was wondering if the sports editor might have placed that statement in the wrong article, because last time I checked, the real "comeback kids" were the UCF women's soccer team. The football team didn't really comeback from anything. It just made a turn around in its program.

For the second straight season, the women's soccer team proved it deserved the title of "comeback kids." To its credit, that is not the only title it holds. The team represents UCF athletics as being the first UCF team to win a Conference USA championship.

No disrespect to the football program, which I commend on a great season. But after comparing both programs this season, I feel that the women's soccer team takes the cake.

You may be asking why they deserve the respect that I give them. First off, after pretty much dominating the A-Sun and making it into the NCAA Tournament's second round last season, a lot was riding on these women to dominate within Conference USA. But before the season could even start, injuries began to plague the team.

Two vital members of the team were knocked out early on, which led to the spiraling of team injuries. The injuries consisted of broken legs to spinal/hip injuries to concussions to the most common of them all: torn ACLs.

Starting off with a shocking losing record, the women fought back using so-called inexperienced players and reserves and managed to overtake the Conference USA by storm.

I mentioned inexperienced players, but that didn't show in the end of the regular season, as the women put everything needed to make UCF women's soccer come back to what it's used to, and that's winning.

— BRIAN BANKS
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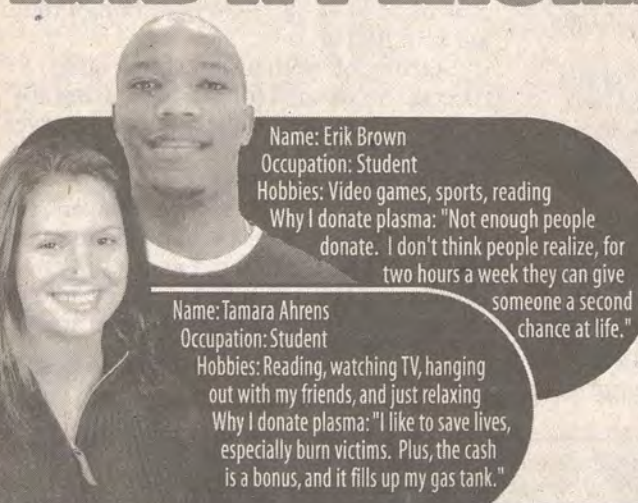
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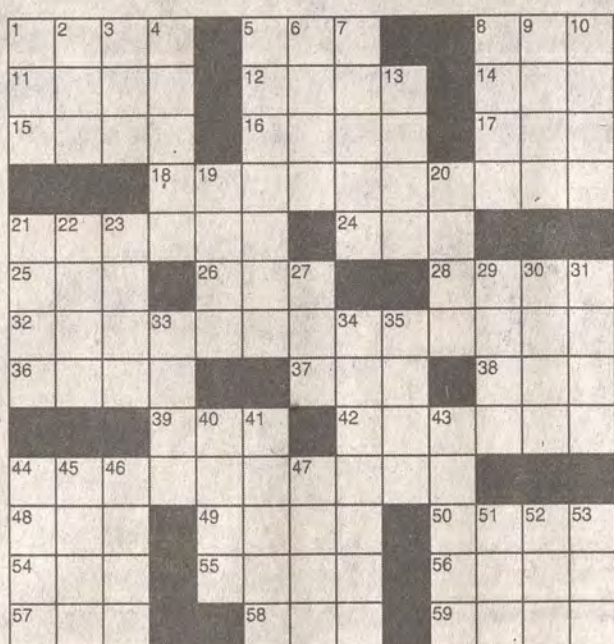
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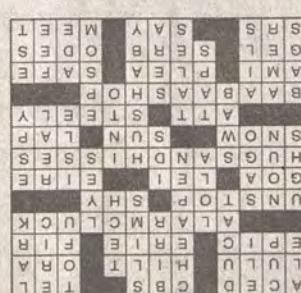
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So long flag football coaching, hello UCF bowl game?

For the past three years, I have had the unparalleled pleasure of leading a spectacular football team on to the hallowed fields of UCF's Intramural Sports.

Along with my good friend, Roy, I have captained and coached the ladies of Alpha Delta Pi in their sorority flag football endeavors. I have led them in the best of times and the worst of times. On this past Tuesday, I watched them lose a stunning 18-12 double-overtime game to an independent team, and, sadly, it was the last time I will ever coach them.

In three years, my ladies were 16-2 in the regular season. Those two losses came this year in a transition phase, but nonetheless, we were a monster.

Three years ago, we lost in the playoff finals and missed our ticket to the national competition in New Orleans. Two years ago, we lost in the semifinals, and it was equally as tough a loss. This year, we lost in the first round of the playoffs.

Each playoff loss was harder to swallow than the previous one, and I don't ever expect my ladies to forgive me for not helping them to the next level, but I wanted to take this opportunity to let my ladies know how proud of them I am. From this year to three years ago, they made me look like a genius out there on certain occasions. As my eventual — and long overdue — graduation looms, I know I won't be back to help them again. Well, that is unless a certain local newspaper acts like it actually has any interest in giving me a job one of these days.

I know all about tough losses. I've seen my St. Louis Cardinals take their fair share, and Buddha knows that every Miami Dolphin fan loses sleep like I do wondering when we may be able to celebrate again.

But to my ADPi ladies, I give you this tribute: I may never yell embarrassing pre-game

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speeches again, but I'll throw you this tirade in honor of three fantastic seasons.

On three, A-D-Pi ...

The Boston Red Sox bid farewell to general manager Theo Epstein this week as negotiations for a three-year contract extension failed. The 31-year-old wonder boy who brought a World Series title to loserville is moving on amid rumored tension between himself and his mentor, Red Sox President Larry Lucchino.

Epstein insists that Lucchino had nothing to do with it, but the bigger concern has to be why Boston wins a World Series and everyone starts bolting for the door. First Pedro Martinez, now Epstein and supposedly Manny Ramirez is threatening a no-show for spring training if he's not traded.

Seriously, it's like someone broke wind in an elevator. You can't tell who did it, and you know you want to blame someone so the others don't blame you first, but all you can think about is getting out ...

Britney Spears and her entrepreneurial loaf of a husband, Kevin Federline, are close to settling with the alleged thieves of photos of the couple's newborn baby, according to just about every single tabloid and Internet blog known to mankind.

I don't see what the big fuss is about. Just because the baby popped out wearing a wife beater and trucker hat and immediately filed for unemployment doesn't make the kid different than any other new-

born. The couple said they were violated and upset at the loss of their privacy, and they were seeking a seven-figure settlement in return. Those photos may be gone, but I can only imagine Mr. Federline will take comfort in all of the Colt .45 tallboys the settlement will allow him to buy ...

It's November, which means, as of tomorrow, Democrats have only three years left to start making excuses for losing the next election. Oh, I'm going to catch some heck for that one...

The 2005-06 National Basketball Association season is underway. Magic forward Grant Hill is already injured, and he will miss more than a month.

As I'm sure most Magic fans already have, I've grown accustomed to losing Hill for whichever ailment he pulls out of a hat, but it's getting old already. Hill spends more time in a hospital than most doctors. Oh well, here's to another mediocre season ...

Important breaking update to the ongoing Spears/Federline saga: Rumors and speculation are running rampant that the couple has split up, and Federline is on a partying rampage. Looks like someone's welfare check came in early.

Is anyone else as excited as I am about Federline's looming hip-hop album? I haven't heard his rhymes before, but I have to believe that this album will rank somewhere between the Rapping Grannies and Cowboy Troy. That's quality, people ...

Finally, there's no greater time of year than Homecoming. As my buddy Scotty said, it's a lot like Christmas, except with more booze and no presents.

But with a win this Saturday, Knights fans are facing two potential early Christmas presents: a winning season and bowl eligibility. I got chills just writing that.

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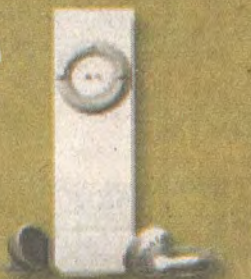


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