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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

UCF baseball kicks off Conference USA action with a pair of wins against Marshall — SEE SPORTS, A9



DESERT SCENERY

Cowboys, cameras offer students chance to study in Southwest America

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The Emirates Palace Hotel in Abu Dhabi, where students stayed and attended the Women as Global Leaders Conference, boasts 302 rooms, 92 suites and a conference center with an auditorium seating 1,200.

GLOBAL EDUCATION

Students traveled to Abu Dhabi, Dubai to present film

ASHLEY GREEN
Senior Staff Writer

For three days, four UCF film and art students attended the Women as Global Leaders Conference in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates — the second student leadership conference ever held in the Middle East.

More than 1,000 students and professors from around the world attended. UCF's students presented a short documentary about the Mall at Millenia at the conference.

The documentary, titled "The Search for the Mall at Millenia," was accompanied by discus-

sion about who shops there and the role that the mall's architecture plays in influencing men and women to shop there. Art student Carisa Melina Sumter, film students Alix Duggins, Erin Kitzinger and Laura Lopez and digital media student David Miller, created the film. Miller, however, did not attend the conference.

"We shot a documentary response to a short-form documentary about the Ibn Battuta Mall by a group of filmmakers from the Dubai Women's College," Lopez said. "Our documentary analyzed the Mall at Millenia and its target shop-

PLEASE SEE STUDENTS ON A6

Oil, tourism, real estate

Dubai is unique in the Middle East

Location

Dubai is one of the seven states that make up the United Arab Emirates. The UAE is located in the eastern part of the Arabian Peninsula and bordered by Saudi Arabia, Oman and the Arabian Gulf.

Economy

The discovery of oil in Dubai in 1968 led to rapid growth, but, by 2004, 93 percent of Dubai's Gross Domestic Product came from non-oil sources, and this share is increasing in the real estate, banking and tourism sectors.

Population

Expatriates make up at least 80 percent of Dubai's population and consist mainly of Indians, Pakistanis and Filipinos. The official language is Arabic, but English, Hindi and Urdu are spoken as well.

Students question fee hike's timing

Board of Trustees denies meeting was scheduled for break to exclude students

MELISSA AROCHA
Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees met over Spring Break on March 16 and voted unanimously to increase student fees. Some students believe they met at a time when students would be away from campus and could not voice their opinions.

"I didn't even know that they met," said David Helmick, a junior at UCF. "If they met with the intent to keep the student body from opposing, they did a good job. It was very sneaky and dirty, if you ask me. It gives people more reason to not have faith in the bodies that govern them."

Members of the Board of Trustees and SGA deny any intent to deceive students.

"The meeting was originally scheduled to meet on March 30, but the chairman of the board was not able to meet at that time, so the meeting was changed to the new date, which we did not realize was over Spring Break," said Beth Barnes, vice president and chief of staff in the Office of the President and associate corporate secretary to the board.

"It was in no way an attempt to hide it from the students. All the fee-increase items on the agenda were fully vetted by a committee that was chaired by a student leader and had student participation throughout the entire process. In the future, we will certainly make every effort to make all the meetings at a time when students are on campus."

SGA Student Body president Willie Bentley Jr. defended the increase. "This administration has taken fee increases very seriously and, before endorsing any increase, have gone to great lengths to ensure any such proposal is both necessary and beneficial to the student body. I believe this increase meets both criteria," he said.

Bentley said, in addition to the student committee voting to support the increase, an open forum was conducted earlier in the semester to further solicit student input. Committee members, faculty members, and Student Government officials were present at the forum and fielded questions.

The fees included a health fee increase, transportation access fee increase and an equipment fee. Changes will take effect in the fall.

According to UCF News and Information, the UCF Transportation Access Fee will go up \$1.50, bringing it to \$5.40 per credit hour, and the current Student Health Fee will go from \$6.60 per credit hour to \$7.95 per credit hour, putting UCF above Florida State and South Florida for the 2006 projected fees.

UCF's Activity and Service Fees, at \$9.37 per credit hour, are currently lower than both of those schools.

Although the fee increase may have been necessary, students are upset they did not hear about it beforehand.

"It's outrageous that the board would so bluntly try to pull the veil over the students' eyes by voting over a topic that most students would be so thoroughly against," said Scottie Flowers, a senior at UCF.

Health fee increase among overall hike

6.60

The current health fee at UCF is \$6.60 per credit hour.

7.95

The Board of Trustees voted to raise the health fee by \$1.35.

Number of part-time instructors stays stable; tenured positions waning throughout country

Part-time teachers make up 39 percent of the UCF faculty

THOMAS HOEFER
Staff Writer

At universities throughout the country, part-time instructors account for almost half of all faculty members and have been at that rate for more than a decade, according to a recent article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

At the same time, the number of full-time faculty members without the prospect of tenure has increased

from 18 percent in 1998 to 21 percent in 2003, the article stated. This trend, a concern for both full-time professors and students, is slowly catching on in Central Florida.

While roughly 22 percent of all faculty members worked part time at the University of Miami in 2005, UCF employed 39 percent part-timers during the same time period.

Any teacher who works less than 40 hours per week is considered part time. Separating faculty into full time and part time does not necessarily reflect on members' positions.

Technically, a professor could be hired on a part-time basis, while an instructor may work full time. Pro-

fessors and associate professors do typically hold full-time positions, while adjuncts fill in holes and work significantly fewer hours.

The trend to part-time faculty may affect students and full-time professors alike.

"I've had professors who teach online classes, and they are only part time on campus because they have a full-time job as a lawyer or as a clinical psychologist," said Jacquelyn Krat, a UCF psychology major.

"The disadvantage is that they are not as easy to get a hold of, but the advantage is that they have more real-world experience than someone who is 'just' a professor, and they can bring that into the class-

room," she said. "That's more valuable than just textbook information."

Availability is the key factor for English literature major Vincent Power, who otherwise hasn't noticed a difference in the quality of classes given by part-time faculty.

"With a lot of the full-time professors, the tenured professors, it's easier to latch on to them as a mentor because they know that they are going to be here," Power said. "And I know their office hours."

"When I had classes with full-time professors, I knew exactly when I could go see them. I knew

PLEASE SEE UCF ON A7

Former Polish president, icon of democracy to speak at UCF

Lech Walesa's career includes an underground labor movement, the Nobel Peace Prize

BART ZINO
Contributing Writer

Nobel Prize winner and former president of Poland, Lech Walesa, will speak in the Pegasus Ballroom today. His presentation is titled "Democracy: The Never-Ending Battle."

Walesa's presentation is the fifth in the Global Perspectives Office's

Distinguished Visitors Series. The goal of the series is to provide students with an opportunity to hear from a variety of highly recognized experts within international relations. Past speakers have included former ambassador to Algeria Ulrich Haynes, Georgetown professor John L. Esposito and most recently Qubad Talabani, son of Iraqi president Jalal Talabani.

In 1980, Walesa spoke to a group of shipyard workers on strike in Gdansk, Poland. His words inspired the strikers and encouraged similar strikes across the country. These strikes resulted in the formation of an underground labor movement, dubbed Solidarity, and the beginning of what would become a social revolution in Poland.

Two weeks after the Gdansk

strike, Walesa convinced the communist Polish government to officially recognize Solidarity and to grant laborers the right to strike and form unions.

In 1981, however, the government shut down the labor unions and arrested Walesa and other members of Solidarity. After his release from

PLEASE SEE WALESA ON A6

PLEASE SEE STUDENT ON A7

AROUND
CAMPUS

News and notices for
the UCF community

First-year advising available
First-year advisers will be available to answer questions about classes, schedules and registration today from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. inside Marketplace Dining Services. They will also be available Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Academic Village's Hercules Program Center.
For more information, call Amy Buford at 407-823-3546.

Fashion-Design meeting in VAB
The Fashion-Design Club will be hosting a meeting today at 5 p.m. in the Visual Arts Building hallway to discuss its future plans for the spring fashion show. This is a mandatory meeting for all participants including models, designers, makeup artists, hair stylists, and backstage help. Designers are asked to bring all of their current work for the show to the meeting.
For more information, email Sara Friden at fashion-designclub@gmail.com

Language tables at Ying Center
The International Services Center will feature language tables Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Barbara Ying Center. The language tables will be there to help students explore other cultures through exposure to foreign languages.
For more information, call Paul Schatz at 407-823-5491.

'Visions of the New America'
Connecting the Community will be holding the "Visions of the New America" student-juried art exhibit opening reception and awards presentation on Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the UCF Library. The exhibit will be on display through April 28.
For more information, call Kevin Haran at 407-823-5203.

National Student-Athlete Day
Academic Services for Student-Athletes will be celebrating National Student-Athlete Day with lectures on "A Day in the Life of a Student-Athlete" on Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Wayne Densch Sport Center. Academic All-American Courtney Baines and Conference USA Coach of the Year George O'Leary are two of the featured speakers.
For more information, call Mark R. Gumble at 407-823-5896.

CORRECTION
In the article in the March 30 issue of the *Future*, "Trial team calls for SGA senator's impeachment" by Tiffany Beck, the trial team was denied funding because it had already received large amounts of funding from the SGA Senate. The decision to hold an impeachment hearing was made on March 9.

LET US KNOW
The *Future* wants to hear from you! If you have a club, organization or event and want your information to be considered for the Around Campus column, send a fax to 407-447-4556 or an e-mail to editor@ucfnews.com. Deadlines are 5 p.m. Tuesday for the Thursday edition, and 5 p.m. Friday for the Monday edition.

Giddyap with a new film program

'Cowboys with Cameras' offers a unique view of filmmaking in the American Southwest

ZAILEEN ROACH
Contributing writer
UCF students can now earn up to six college credits while camping in the deserts of America's Southwest.
Film and digital media professor Phil Peters has launched a program that follows the history of western filmmaking, focusing on the career of John Ford and other pioneers of the industry. The 13-day program, titled "Cowboys with Cameras," will allow participants to explore some of the most influential film locations in Nevada, Arizona and Utah. Five nights of the event will be spent in hotel lodgings and the other seven will be spent in the shadows of sandstone pillars.
"All I can guarantee you is that there will be a toilet at each campground," Peters said. "If that bothers you, you may want to not sign up."
The journey begins in Las Vegas. Two vans loaded with video equipment and camping

gear will take the group to Kanab, Utah, which was a filmmakers' hot spot in the mid-1900s. They will then drive to Monument Valley, Ariz., home of skyscraping buttes and the location of the Ford movies *Stagecoach*, *The Searchers*, and *My Darling Clementine*.
Ford filmed in Monument Valley so often the area was dubbed Ford Point and became an American icon, Peters said.
"John Ford was most well-known for creating a visual look that formed the world's opinion of the American west," Peters said. Other stops on the itinerary include Bryce Canyon, Utah; Moab, Utah; and three or four Indian villages. Historians will be on site to talk to students about the western filmmaker's career.
The entire trip will be captured in a documentary that Peters will produce. The students in attendance will act as the crew and will be required to work together as a team. The group will also maintain a Web

site where blogs, videos and photos will be posted for the public to see.
For Peters, the trip is about more than the adventure of camping. He sees it as a learning experience and a research project that calls for independent thinkers.
"It's almost like film archeology," Peters said. "I want to take photographs of the locations and then match them up with the actual films."
Peters collaborated with the Department of Continuing Education to get the program initiated. Continuing Education works with the university's academic departments to provide students with opportunities for additional credit on and off campus. Continuing Education Assistant Director Annette Conard said "Cowboys" is a domestic version of studying abroad. The university has offered domestic programs before but this program offers a new twist, Conard said.
Peters worked as a park

ranger in Montana and Utah after spending 10 years in Australia making films. He returned to the states to attend graduate school. He has been teaching at UCF for three-and-a-half years and still has an adventurous spirit.
"I have a lot of experiences, and I like to use film to tell those stories," he said. He encourages his students to experience the world and live the stories that their films will tell. He is now hoping to drive them into the sunset a few credits richer and with western know-how under their belt buckles.
The total cost of the trip is \$3,999 per person. The course is not limited to film majors as any degree seeking student can apply. Each student will be responsible for the cost of the plane ticket to and from Las Vegas; all camping gear, meals, and hotel lodging is included in the cost of the trip.
For more information about the trip, contact: Peters at Ppeters@mail.ucf.edu.

Art department looks for New America

'Visions of the New America' features socially relevant themes through student art

ABEER ABDALLA
Staff Writer
In search of an avant-garde definition of Americana, the Office of Undergraduate Studies and the UCF Art Department is sponsoring "Visions of the New America," a juried student art exhibition throughout the month of April.
Program coordinator for the Office of Undergraduate Studies Mary Price sees this event as an opportunity for faculty and students to discuss socially relevant topics in novel ways.
"By sponsoring events geared toward allowing students to use their creative skills

to express their reflections, hopes, desires and fears, we hope to engage a broader range of the student body in this co-curricular effort," Price said.
In attempting to define "Visions of the New America," 22 selected works were selected from 35 entries by UCF students. The features use a variety of mediums and seek to visually and conceptually represent the theme.
In addition to bringing together multiple facets of UCF, the event serves to bring in contributors from the Central Florida art community as well.
City of Orlando Public Art Coordinator and Collections

Registrar Paul F. Wenzel, who served on the jury, said that choosing the most effective representation of the theme was the most difficult aspect of judging.
"Themed exhibitions always add an extra dimension to the jury process," Wenzel said. "Not only are technical merit and aesthetic value determining factors but also how well has the theme has been identified and expressed."
Assistant chair of the UCF Art Department and curator of the exhibition Kevin Haran looks to the event as an opportunity for the viewer to examine questions and answers

related to the theme and "who we are at this point."
"To me the idea of 'The New America' conjures mixed feelings of hope and anxiety, and there is evidence of these in the exhibition," Haran said.
"The subjects of family, politics, war and culture are represented with varying points of view. Some images are raw in content and technique, and others are more subtle and more technically proficient."
The exhibit opening and awards presentation is scheduled for Tuesday in the Library Room 223 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will run through April 28.

Equestrian Club isn't just about taking horses for a ride

MELISSA AROCHA
Staff Writer
The UCF Equestrian Club is the sole caretaker of the UCF mascot, Pegasus, and competes against other universities.
The riding team competes in two different circuits: the Intercollegiate Dressage Association, in which it competes against FSU and UF; and the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, in which it competes against schools in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.
The team competes at Hidden Oaks Equestrian Center in Geneva.
"This is our first time com-

peting in IDA," said Ashley Nault, the club's treasurer, webmaster and dressage captain. "We are very excited, and we even hosted our first IDA show."
The club hosted an IDA show on March 25 at Hidden Oaks.
"The show went really well and we got a lot of compliments from other schools on how great it was run," said Mackenzie Stewart, club president and hunt seat captain.
Beau, the club's horse, competes in the IDA and IHSA competitions. The club does not receive any funding from UCF.
"We are going through our

SGA officials to try to get funding for our horse and our club so that we can go to more shows and compete," Stewart said.
UCF Alumni, Pegasus, Hangers Cleaners, Saddler of Orlando, Alma Mater Society, and Pegasus and The Golden Knight sponsor the club.
"So far we have been very successful in obtaining sponsors," Nault said.
"We have had no school funding so it has been hard for us to compete because the rest of it comes straight out of our pockets."
The club volunteers once a year with Freedom Ride where the members help mentally

and physically handicapped children ride horses.
"We put on a horse show for all the Freedom Ride kids in December," Stewart said. "Our club sponsors it, and we plan on continuing sponsoring the event every year."
The club, which currently has 25 active members, is currently seeking students, alumni and faculty to join its club and riding teams.
Interested UCF students are encouraged to attend the next club meeting at 6 p.m. on April 4 at Hidden Oaks Equestrian Center. Meetings are held every other Tuesday.
For more information visit: <http://www.ucfequestrian.com>

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Haitian who arrived with human skull may not be deported
FORT LAUDERDALE — A Haitian woman facing federal charges after a human skull with teeth, hair and skin was found in her checked luggage, may avoid deportation in a deal reached by attorneys, her lawyer said Friday.
Myrlene Severe, 30, a permanent U.S. resident, arrived at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in February from Cap Haitien, Haiti, when the human remains were found.
The criminal complaint charged Severe with smuggling a human head into the U.S. without proper documentation, failure to declare the head and transporting hazardous material in air commerce.
Severe told authorities she had obtained the package from a man in Haiti to use as part of her Voodoo beliefs. She said the purpose of the package was to ward off evil spirits, the affidavit said.
Severe's attorney, Kenneth Hassett, announced the deal Friday in federal court in Fort Lauderdale. It that would allow her to plead guilty at an April 12 hearing to a misdemeanor charge of improper storage of human remains, the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* reported.
She could have faced up to 15 years in jail, but instead she will face less than a year in jail, probation and fines.
"I would have preferred that they just dismissed the charge," Hassett said. "Ms. Severe did not want to risk going to trial."
A misdemeanor conviction would also less likely lead to deportation, Hassett said.

Emergency workers recover dead from plane crash in mountains
RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Emergency workers on Saturday recovered the flight-data recorder and the bodies of 19 people who died when their plane exploded on impact in a crash in a mountainous region outside Rio de Janeiro.
Remains of the victims were brought to the city's morgue for identification. Only four people had been identified by Saturday night, said Roger Ancillotti, the morgue director.
"Most bodies are beyond recognition," he said.
The LET 410 double-propeller plane owned by the local airline TEAM, which was carrying 17 passengers and two crew, crashed Friday night in a remote area near Saquarema, some 60 miles east of Rio. The cause of the crash was not immediately known.
Authorities said that there could have been light rain and fog when the Czech-made plane crashed.
The aircraft disappeared from radar about 20 minutes after leaving the city of Macae, 110 miles east of Rio de Janeiro, said Roni Alberto de Azevedo,

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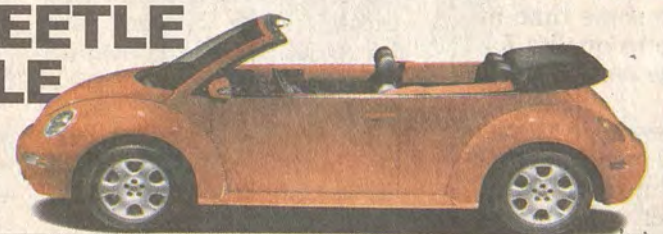
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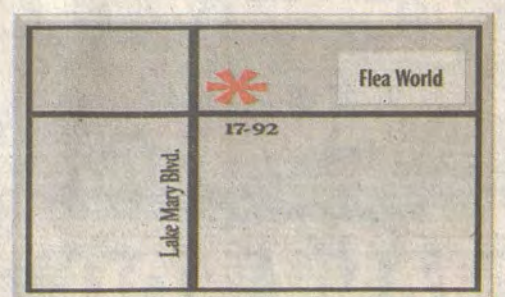
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HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

University of Idaho settles for \$2.5 million, ends long dispute
BOISE, Idaho — The University of Idaho and a trust managed by the university's foundation have agreed to settle a long-running dispute regarding the troubled University Place project.
The settlement, approved by the state Board of Education Friday, gives the university \$2.5 million and ends all the parties' claims against each other. None of the parties admit liability, the university said in a statement.
University Place was a proposed \$136 million construction project in Boise designed to give the University of Idaho a greater presence in Idaho's capital.
Investigators found that foundation officials used a scholarship fund to keep University Place afloat. Several lawsuits piled up, and a criminal investigation is still going on.

George Mason's Cinderella story ends; students proud of team
FAIRFAX, Va. — They stood on tables and climbed atop library stacks to get a peek at the game.
About 2,000 students and fans packed inside three levels of the student center at George Mason University to watch the Patriots lose 73-58 to Florida Saturday night.
George Mason had been to the NCAA Tournament three times before, but Patriots fans never seriously had dreamed about reaching the Final Four.
"It was meant to fit," freshman Avni Petal, 18, said of the glass slipper Patriots fans hoped their Cinderella team would wear into the NCAA championship game Monday night.
The overflow crowd was complemented by a packed house downstairs in another building across the way and at an on-campus restaurant.
Marissa Murphey, a junior at a nearby high school, said her brother Philip, a GMU student, was at the game in Indianapolis. She joined the GMU faithful.

Former motorcycle racer named president of community college
TWIN FALLS, Idaho — Making the career change from motorcycle racer to college president gives Jerry Beck a good feel for the people who attend the College of Southern Idaho.
"I think I understand adult students," said Beck, who spent 13 years going from high school graduate to holder of a doctorate. "I've tried to balance family and life."
That's something many of the students at CSI are trying to do. Many of CSI's 7,500 students are adult learners, heading back to school the way Beck did after some time in the workplace to qualify for better jobs. The average age is around 28.
Beck, 56, grew up in Mountain Home and owned motorcycle dealerships and raced motorcycles before he moved to Twin Falls.

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The relatives of the 19 people killed in a Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, plane crash gather at the city's morgue. The plane crash occurred in a mountainous region outside the city.

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a spokesman with the Rio de Janeiro State Civil Defense Department.

Pilgrims arrive in Vatican on anniversary of Pope's death
VATICAN CITY — Pilgrims began arriving in Rome on Saturday to mark the first anniversary of Pope John Paul II's death, praying by his tomb and preparing for a Sunday evening vigil in St. Peter's Square to commemorate the exact moment of his passing.
The Polish Embassy to the Holy See said it expected some 10,000 citizens of John Paul's homeland to participate in the Vatican's anniversary commemorations, which also include a Mass on Monday

celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI. The city said it was expecting between 100,000 and 150,000 pilgrims.
On Saturday, groups of pilgrims milled about the square, some toting the flags and banners of Solidarity, Poland's pro-democracy trade union. John Paul was a strong supporter of Solidarity and is credited with helping to overthrow communism in Poland in 1989.
Other pilgrims visited John Paul's simple white marble tomb in a grotto beneath St. Peter's Basilica, kneeling in prayer and tossing flowers and notes onto his grave.
In Poland, John Paul will be remembered with Masses.

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BUSINESS BEAT

CRYSTAL SCOTT
Staff Writer

Orlando's Best Garlic Seafood Incorporated, also known as Shrimpy's, specializes in tasty garlic seafood. Shrimpy's originated inside of a moderate food truck, equipped with all the necessities to entice the locals' appetites. After hocking many crabs, fish and dozens of shrimps from the truck, Shrimpy's is now located in its very own building at 2107 W. Colonial Drive.
Shimpy's had ample seating for customers waiting on to-go orders. Patrons can also enjoy a meal in the serene dining lounge.
On Shrimpy's menu there are crabs, lobster, shrimp, steaks and fish. Shrimpy's sells three types of crab: blue, snow, and dungeness. Blue crabs can be either fried or steamed. A basket of four large deep-fried blue crabs can be purchased for \$15. The steamed blue crabs are sold in a bucket of six for \$18. The snow crab is known to have sweet and very white meat. If patrons desire snow crabs, the legs are sold in clusters: four clusters are \$16. Dungeness crabs are also sold by the pound for \$22. No matter what crab is chosen, it can be cooked either in a garlic butter sauce in addition to old bay seasoning or it can have just the seasoning, also known as Maryland style.
In addition to crabs, Shrimpy's also sells lobster. The lobster can be ordered garlic style, Maryland style, chargrilled and deep fried. Lobster is sold by the tail in weights ranging from 3

ounces to 8 ounces. Each tail is butterflied, and the prices range from \$7 to \$22 depending on size.
Another specialty of Shrimpy's is its shrimp. Shrimp can also be done in a garlic butter sauce, Maryland style, char-grilled skewer and deep fried. The steamed garlic and Maryland-style shrimp are shelled and deveined. The prices start at \$6 and stop at \$20.
The menu also features steaks and fish. There are four different types of steaks: sirloin, New York strip, rib-eye and T-bone. There are also several types of fish that can be ordered, including grilled mahi, fried tilapia, catfish and whiting.
With each choice of either crab, shrimp, lobster, steak or fish, there are several mouth-watering sides such as redskin potatoes, corn on the cob, French fries, garlic rice, coleslaw and garlic bread that can be ordered as well. There are combination meals that allow for patrons to enjoy shrimp, crab, and steak alongside redskin potatoes and corn on the cob for a discounted price.
Now that Shrimpy's is located in a permanent building, the hours of operation have been increased from three days a week to six days a week. Shrimpy's is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Call-in orders for Shrimpy's can be made at (407) 246-1320. If seafood with a kicking taste of garlic butter sauce entices your appetite, then Shrimpy's will be a delight.

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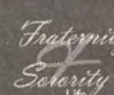
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UCF Homecoming

College students get deals at attractions

JENNY ANDREASSON
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Walt Disney World is offering UCF students \$42 tickets during Disney College Days and is considering a year-round student discount.

The one-day, one-park ticket can be used at the Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom, Epcot or Disney-MGM studios. Valid only in April, the tickets are on sale at the SGA Ticket Center. Full-priced tickets are \$63. This is the first time Disney has offered college discounts.

Disney College Days is a month long, but year-round discounts may be offered in the future. College Days is a way to test potential profitability, said Christine DeMichael of Disney Youth Group Programs.

"We are testing the waters with College Days," DeMichael said.

But Disney only has its toes in the pool. Central Florida attractions, such as Universal Orlando, Sea World and Busch Gardens Tampa already offer UCF year-round discounts. Since 1998, Universal Orlando has offered a \$37 one-day, one-park ticket. Universal tickets are the top seller on campus and \$30 off the regular price.

"We offer this rate all year round so students can visit at their leisure, not just for one month," said Vanessa Campbell of Universal Orlando Group Sales.

UCF students purchased 7,700 Universal tickets from March 2005 to March 2006, generating \$284,900 in sales, according to the Activity and Service Fee Business Office.

Joe Sciarrino, Director of the ASF Office, has contacted Disney many times with the hope of forging a partnership because ASF surveys indicate students want Disney tickets

to be offered year-round, he said.

"I'm not looking for just one month," Sciarrino said, "but it is a step in the right direction. We have to crawl before we walk or run."

Ticket Center employee James Francisco said students ask him about Disney tickets about three times on a given shift. Many students already think Disney tickets are offered.

With a new roller coaster, Expedition Everest, opening at Animal Kingdom in April, DeMichael said Disney appeals to college-aged students. But Disney appeal is varied among UCF students.

Freshman Kenny Riddle, who recently bought Universal tickets, said he would not be as likely to go to Disney if required to pay full price. But he wasn't interested in buying a College Days ticket, either.

"Universal's more fun," Riddle said.

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Another customer, freshman Melanie Venant, was purchasing a Disney College Days ticket for the Magic Kingdom. She heard about the offer from a friend and wanted to use the ticket over Spring Break.

She's been to the Magic Kingdom once in the last five years and would like to have the option to purchase discounted Disney tickets year-round.

"I wouldn't be going if I had to pay full price," Venant said.

A valid UCF student I.D. is required to purchase Disney College Days tickets. Other participating colleges include University of Florida, University of South Florida, Florida Institute of Technology, University of North Florida, Rollins College, and Stetson University. For more information, stop by the SGA Ticket Center or visit: <http://www.disneyyouthgroups.com/college>.

Students explored Dubai's college, local culture

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pers."

She said they presented the piece at the conference to show the impact of women in urban development.

"The films deal with the idea of malls as a cultural center, and ours specifically deals with gender stereotyping and marketing practices as well," Duggins said.

Orlando and Dubai are both popular international tourist destinations, and both malls have 13 of the same stores, including Starbucks, Betsey Johnson, The Body Shop and Godiva Chocolates.

The conference, themed "Communities in Transition," focused on teaching and encouraging women to act in leadership roles at community level in order to create change locally, regionally and/or globally.

A number of workshops and panels were offered during the conference. Speakers and panelists were notable women from around the world and included: Queen Rania Al-Abdullah, queen of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Honorable Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland, Linda Ellerbee, award-winning jour-

nalist and television producer and Crystal Lander, director of campus programs for the Feminist Majority Foundation.

"I particularly enjoyed hearing Linda Ellerbee," Duggins said. "We also attended a panel about women artists in the UAE. It was really illuminating how different their voice is and to see how new the country is. They have thousands of years of art tradition, but barely any in terms of modern media."

Duggins said that the film industry is "so young" that the first feature was only produced in the last year or so.

The students received some unexpected surprises at the conference which was held at the Emirates Palace.

"As a group, we heard about the traditional Arab hospitality," Lopez said. "But we never expected to find such a warm welcome to the conference. We got to see many prominent women such as the queen of Jordan and the minister of finance and economy of the

UAE. We got to interact and mingle with women representing prestigious colleges and universities from around the world."

Kitzinger was amazed at the Emirates Palace in Abu Dhabi. She described it as an unbelievable hotel/convention center.

"It's massive, decked out in gold, and sits right on the beach," she said.

The students said they enjoyed the conference but felt they benefited most from the cultural enlightenment that came with being in a different country with different values system.

"It was really interesting to get more of an insight into how women perceive themselves and how they are treated in a Muslim society," Duggins said. She said the most valuable part of the trip for her was touring the cities. "We spent a lot of time exploring Abu Dhabi and Dubai to get a sense of the culture."

Lopez said, "It was such an

epiphany to realize how blind we were to the faces behind the veils. I began to change my ideas about the Arab culture. Before, I thought of their men as oppressors. The women in UAE made it very clear that they see their fathers, brothers and husbands as protectors. Things were not black and white as I'd expected."

Before the conference, they visited the Dubai Women's College and spent the day with the students.

"It was really wonderful to meet them, to talk to them and have them show us their work and school," Duggins said.

"I think the most valuable part of the experience was meeting people and seeing a different part of the world, being immersed in a new culture," Kitzinger said.

"What really struck me was how different it was than what I expected, how false my expectations were," Lopez said.

"I don't think any American can truly understand it without going. I never had a remote fear, except maybe that my cab driver was ripping me off. In fact, in a way I felt safer walking the streets of Dubai than I do walking in Orlando. I am very thankful for the experience and hope to go again."

Walesa works to cultivate Eastern European democracy

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prison on 1982, Walesa became regarded worldwide as a symbol of freedom from communist rule. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983 for his work.

Walesa became the first democratically elected president of Poland in 1990 and stepped down in 1995. He ran

unsuccessfully in the 2000 Polish presidential election and announced his political retirement shortly after that. Today, he is the leader of the Lech Walesa Institute, an organization dedicated to cultivating democracy and economic development in Eastern Europe.

"It think it's definitely a wonderful opportunity to meet

one of the movers and shakers of the 20th century," said Maria Pecoraro, a political science and economics major. "He is an example to us all."

The Global Perspectives Office's mission was formed in 2001 to help develop UCF's international focus. In addition to the Distinguished Visitors Series, the Office has worked to meet this goal by co-sponsor-

ing various forums and conferences. The office most recently sponsored the "A Day With the Governors" forum on March 27.

Lech Walesa's presentation will take place on Monday, April 3. It will begin at 3 p.m. and is free to the public. For more information, contact the Global Perspectives Office at (407) 823-0688.



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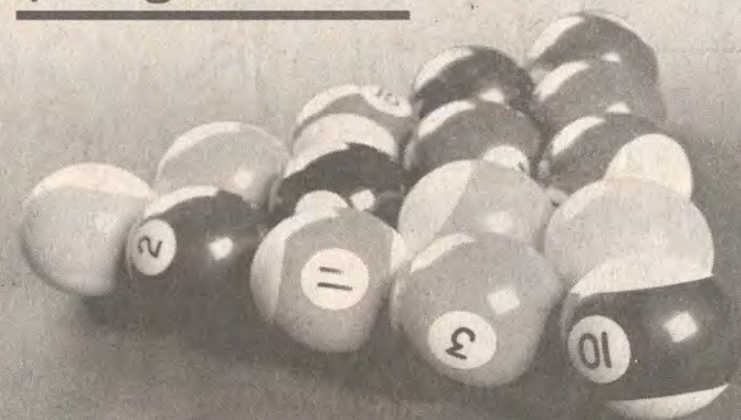
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Students juggle textbooks, full-time jobs and toddlers

Single parents balance studies, raising children

THOMAS HOEFER
Staff Writer

Her night was short. Again. While many other students boozed themselves silly, she was serving them.

While those students returned home from their jolly downtown adventure, she was wiping tables.

And while her college mates were cozily wrapped in their warm blankets, dreaming about the beauty of student life, she was driving to her babysitter's house to pick up her then 3-year-old son.

When she finally fell in bed, hardly conscious anymore of what she was doing, the sun was about to come up. Three hours later, the merciless screaming of her son introduced her to another stressful and sometimes painful day.

What Vanessa Osmon, a UCF education graduate, had been going through for almost two years isn't atypical at all for young single parents. Balancing school, work and the education of their children, let

alone personal free time, often marks a highly difficult task for them — socially, emotionally and financially. Slacking is not an option.

"I didn't really have a choice," said Osmon, whose situation slightly improved when she finished college and found a job as a high school teacher. Her time as a UCF student, however, is still present in her mind.

While grants and scholarships paid for her tuition and books, she had to make enough money to cover rent, groceries, gas and the cost for babysitters. So she worked as a waitress five days a week, typically from 5:45 p.m. until 2:30 a.m.

"Sometimes I would cry because I was so tired," Osmon said. "My immune system was weak. Sometimes I wanted to quit [school], but I didn't want to spend the rest of my life waiting tables and feel even more miserable."

In addition to her declining physical condition, she felt emotionally isolated at some point. "I never had the time to do research in the library and connect to others," she said.

"You become different from others. It's hard to stay focused when you hardly have any friends. You think, 'I'm the

only one here who has a kid.'" Not quite.

Kolby Steward, a UCF psychology major, shares a similar fate. Living with her parents in Palm Bay, she commutes to the main campus three times a week, spending two-and-a-half hours on the road each day.

While she works on her 14 credit hours this semester, her 2-year-old son amuses himself either in day care in Palm Bay or with Steward's mother. Late classes force her to return home when her son is already asleep two nights out of the week.

"If I worked a job, I would never get to see him," Steward said.

Although scholarships cover her tuition and textbook expenses, she constantly experiences the stress of being a single mother.

"Your focus has to be totally divided because you have to study, but you also have to give all your attention to the child," she said.

The downsides of being a young mother at college have hit Steward mercilessly. The hope of going to medical school died as did her hope of getting to move out of her par-

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Student body president misses meeting; seven protesters don't

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"It sounds pretty devious," said Matt Troy Jones, a senior at UCF. "It seems like UCF is wasting money in all the wrong places."

According to the Board of Trustees bylaws, individuals or group representatives may appear before the board if they request to do so no later than 10 days prior to the meeting.

"I felt suspicious because the agenda was only released 10 days before the meeting, and students didn't have enough time to rally against it because of midterms and planning

Spring Break trips," said Phil Jason, the regional contact for Students for a Democratic Society.

"SDS went there to protest that we didn't think it was an appropriate meeting. We believe that if they wanted to increase fees, it should be during a time when students are available to speak their opinions on the matter."

Seven members of SDS met at the meeting and tried to speak their opinions but were ignored. They held up signs in protest.

"Despite the justification for these fee increases, we

encourage students to stay involved in the process, making their voice heard to ensure that fee increases are never taken lightly by the administration or by the students' elected representatives," Bentley said.

Bentley was not at his seat on the board, leaving the student body without a voice during the voting process.

"I was unable to make the board meeting because of a prior arrangement. I was, however, comfortable with the vote," Bentley said.

The minutes of the meeting were not posted on the Board of Trustees Web site.

UCF professors earn an average of \$58,547 more than instructors

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exactly where to find them. And in some of the cases, with the visiting instructors or the part-time instructors, they don't have an office or they share an office with five other teachers."

Jennifer St. Moritz, an adjunct who teaches Spanish at UCF, shares her office with three other people. But she is available.

"We have to give office hours," she said. "We do one hour a week per class." This Spring semester, she teaches two classes.

From her perspective, starting off as a part-time employee is the only way to get a foot in the door, since she was never given the option to teach full time.

"Most adjunct professors do it as a starting point, as a way of coming in, teaching a few classes and then eventually take positions if they open up," she said.

Although her goal is to eventually find a full-time position, St. Moritz acknowledges the benefit of starting off small for both part timers and the university.

"I think it's fair because it gives the university a sense of what kind of instructor you are," she said.

"And you get feedback from the students and whether you really fit with the university."

Financially speaking, the university would be better advised to fill open positions with instructors rather than professors.

According to the Office of Institutional Research at UCF's Factbook, the average income for an instructor on a 9-month-contract this year was \$43,081. A professor on the same contract averaged \$101,628.

Whether the university's academic expertise is main-

tained with such hiring patterns is a different question altogether.

"One of the concerns that universities across the state [have] is the fact that we have these early retirement programs that encourage the more expensive full-time faculty to retire sooner," said

Robert Reedy, a UCF professor of fine arts.

"That's not a bad program for the retiree. But the problem is: who are we replacing a professor of 30, 40 years experience with national and international honors with? In many cases, not all cases, it's an adjunct."

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UCF day-care center would aid parents

FROM A7

ents' house.

"It limits your possibilities, in a sense, if you are a single parent," she said.

Take dating, for example.

Before she and her current boyfriend became a couple, Steward could clearly sense the difficulties of finding a partner without keeping her little kid in the closet.

"You don't know when that's supposed to come up in a conversation, because most guys don't expect that," she said. "Most guys just want to have a good time."

So does Steward. However, her schedule doesn't allow for a lot of quality time.

"It has to be low. Most of

the time, it has been between classes," she said.

A tremendous help for Osmon and Steward, both financially and for time, could have been a day-care center at UCF, as free for students as the Recreation and Wellness and Counseling centers.

Problem is, it doesn't exist.

"I was disappointed about it because as big as UCF is, they should have something for people with children," Steward said.

"Right at this point we don't have anything like that," said Sharon Ekern, associate vice president of Administrative Services for Student Development and Enrollment Services.

"We are going to be doing a needs-assessment with the

students this year. I think that will tell us a little bit more about if there are those types of drop-off needs, just what the students require right now," she said.

UCF does provide early child education at its Creative School, as opposed to just keeping youngsters busy at day care while their parents are in class. But that support doesn't come without fees, which can add up to \$100 per week for a Monday through Friday service.

Ekern said that while the Recreation Center is fully covered by activity and service fees, the Creative School is a self-supporting auxiliary and therefore must charge for its assistance.

Plus, to qualify for admission to the Creative School, a child must be at least two years old and toilet trained. However, these guidelines could be reevaluated if surveys prove they should, as Marcia Diebler, director of the Creative School explained.

"We might find that needs on our campus currently might be from one to three years," Diebler said. "And if that's the case, we might be able to utilize our current space in a different way."

By the time a free day-care center could actually be set up at UCF, Steward will most likely have graduated. Meanwhile, she continues to rely on professional babysitters, family and friends.

Ask a doc



MAUREEN SCHAEFER
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Dear Ask A Doc:
What is Syphilis?

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection caused by a bacteria called *T. pallidum*. Although usually sexually transmitted, it can also be acquired at birth and is then called congenital syphilis. Syphilis is considered a systemic disease because it has the ability to spread to multiple organs of the body if left untreated. It is characterized by episodes of active (symptomatic) and clinically latent

disease.

Syphilis is called the great imitator because it mimics many other diseases. Many persons may fail to recognize the symptoms of syphilis and delay medical evaluation or treatment as a result. The symptoms then disappear, and the disease passes on to the subsequent stage untreated. Syphilis has four distinct stages.

Primary Syphilis

The syphilitic bacteria is transmitted via the hallmark chancre (ulceration). Within about three weeks, from the time of sexual exposure to the bacteria, an individual will develop a solitary red lesion at the point where the bacteria enters the body. The lesion will then rise slightly. This reddened area is about five to 10 millimeters in diameter and will ulcerate within a few days, producing a non-painful chancre. Eventually a yellow-gray scab will cover the chancre. The lymph glands may swell, and the chancre will heal within six weeks if left untreated.

Secondary Syphilis

This stage is sometimes preceded by flu-type symptoms such as fever, malaise,

decreased appetite, nausea, vomiting, weight loss, headache, sore throat and muscle, joint or bone pain. Individuals will notice a flat, pink rash on their trunk and upper extremities. Other signs and symptoms include swollen lymph glands and hair loss on the scalp, eyebrows, eyelashes and face. Wart-like skin lesions are common. Other lesions tend to develop within mucous membranes of the body such as the mouth, vagina, penis and anus. Some individuals may also develop neurological symptoms during this stage.

Latent Syphilis

This is a period where the bacteria, if untreated, continues to be active and replicates, attacking vital organs of the body. There are often no signs or symptoms of the disease at this stage.

Tertiary Syphilis (Late)

During this stage, the bacteria may infiltrate the eyes, ears, respiratory tract, cardiovascular system, skin, bone, muscle, genital and neurological systems causing destructive skin lesions and serious irreversible damage to the organs. Lesions within the cardiovascular and neurological

systems are common and, if left untreated, compromise the system where they develop and affect its function. If left untreated, one may be seriously debilitated and die.

It typically develops five to 15 years after exposure to the syphilitic bacteria.

Treatment of syphilis

Penicillin is considered the gold standard for the treatment of Syphilis.

All stages of syphilis are treated with Penicillin. Doxycycline and Tetracycline can also be used to treat syphilis but may be less effective.

Screening Procedures

Syphilis is transmitted only by the exposure to the mucous membrane lesion which contains the syphilitic bacteria. This usually occurs during the first year after exposure. All current or previous partners require blood screening for syphilis.

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KNIGHTS TAKE FIRST TWO IN CONFERENCE USA OPENER, BLOW LEAD LATE SUNDAY



UCF sophomore outfielder Tyson Auer slides into third during the Knights' game against Michigan earlier this year. Auer was the key to UCF's two wins, going 6-for-9 at the plate with nine RBIs, including a career-high six on Friday.

COURTESY OF CHRIS SCHUBERT

STEP IN, BREAK OUT

Auer, Ynclan lead offensive outbreak as Knights take first two C-USA games

BRIAN MURPHY
Staff Writer

UCF Coach Jay Bergman couldn't be happier with his team Conference USA debut.

Behind the white-hot bat of sophomore Tyson Auer, the Golden Knights took the first two games of a weekend set against the Marshall Thundering Herd, 18-1 on Friday night and 7-5 on Saturday.

The Herd may play their conference home games at Appalachian Power Park, but, on Friday, it was Orlando power that supplied the biggest punch. Junior Matt Ray got the onslaught started quickly with a home run on the fourth pitch of the game. With that shot, Ray became the first Knight to lead off a game with a homer in almost two years.

After tacking on another run in the first and second innings, UCF split the game wide open in the third. Junior

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Conference USA standings (as of April 2)

Houston lost its first C-USA game of the season to East Carolina on Sunday, but it is still tied with Rice on top of the conference.

TEAM	OVERALL	C-USA	TEAM	OVERALL	C-USA
1. Houston	18-13	5-1	6. Tulane	18-12	2-4
2. Rice	24-8	5-1	7. East Carolina	18-12	2-4
3. Southern Miss	21-8	4-1	8. Marshall	11-13	1-5
4. UCF	18-13	2-1	9. UAB	13-15	0-3
5. Memphis	14-13	3-3			

— SOURCE: CONFERENCE USA



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UCF outfielder Dave DiNatale inches around the bag during a game earlier this season against Siena. The freshman had a rough weekend at the plate against Marshall, going 1-for-11 with five strikeouts.

Marshall avoids sweep as Knights' bullpen blows up in three-run eighth

CHRIS HOYLER
Sports Editor

Throughout the entire non-conference schedule, UCF Head Coach Jay Bergman knew when to insert reliever Dominic Petracca, who has not allowed an earned run and bailed the Golden Knights out of many tough situations.

On Sunday, he may have waited one batter too long to put in his closer. Marshall scored three runs in the eighth inning, taking its first lead of the game when it mattered to avoid the sweep and win 6-5.

Jaeger Good was inserted with one out in the eighth, replacing Brian Brooks, who had left the game with two runners in scoring position. Good was able to get ahead of second baseman Brent Mason, but the 1-2 pitch was a single to center field, allowing Aaron Levinson and Brit Vincent to score and tie the game at 5.

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Vandy QB is a Cutler above the rest of the draft class

Young, Leinart receive all the hype, but Cutler is the franchise QB



CHRIS HOYLER
Sports Editor

When he dropped back to pass, hordes of NFL-ready defenders were in his face.

When he stepped up in the pocket, a bevy of slow receivers were blanketed, forcing him to thread the proverbial needle.

When he dared to break the tackle box and run, he had to stay up on his feet, take the hit and grind out every yard. Because he was the offense. Because he was the team.

Jay Cutler was Vanderbilt football.

But, throughout his career, he just didn't have "it." He wasn't given the national stage on a weekly basis (I kept waiting, but Lee Corso never did throw on that VU mascot head). There were no piles of magazine covers or a Pay Per View Web site dedicated to him. Those were for Vince Young and Matt Leinart, the darlings of the 2006 NFL Draft quarterback class.

This won't be popular, but I prefer Cutler as my franchise QB. He may not have played in a bowl game, or even have a winning college season under his belt, but he still managed to do the one thing that convinced me of his potential.

He produced. At Vanderbilt.

That is relatively speaking, of course. Young and Leinart produced, but look deeper. Young's shotgun-based offense gave him so much time to throw that he completed a community service project or two every game. There is a reason that run-and-gun college quarterbacks, e.g. any of Jeff Tedford's projects or the two Houston QBs from the early 90's, Ware and Klingler, have such a hard time adjusting to the NFL. There's no such thing as a comfort zone in the pros.

Leinart was in a man-against-boys system, and he was surrounded by so much talent that I'm convinced John David Booty would have led the Trojans to the Rose Bowl last season.

While I'm not as down on Leinart as I am Young, I can't deem him worthy of an eight-figure signing bonus. Not with an arm that conjures up thoughts of Chad Pennington. You don't build your system from scratch around Leinart like you would Peyton Manning. You plug him in and hope he fits, like Bill Cowher has done with Ben Roethlisberger.

Cutler was not the sexy pick after the War of the Roses; he was too busy rehabbing his back after carrying Vandy to its best offensive season in 32 years. His arm, size and mobility are unquestioned, so scouting reports primarily cast doubt on his decision-making. The only ones who mention his pedigree, or lack thereof, are the ones who watch the NFL 95 percent of the time and stumbled upon ESPN's Rose Bowl highlights. You can spot these folks by their heightened interest in college football in February, March and April.

But what more could one want from a quarterback? Cutler was a three-time team captain, a four-year starter who dominated from the beginning.

PLEASE SEE **CUTLER** ON A10

Softball now 0-12 in C-USA after three-game sweep by Southern Miss

MELISSA HEYBOER
Staff Writer

At this time last year, the UCF softball team was winning.

As a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference, not only had it won its first conference title in the program's history, but it had also earned its first automatic bid into the NCAA tournament.

Now, almost a year later, and members of the new Conference USA, the Knights are finding the journey back to the top more difficult than anticipated.

UCF went into this weekend's tournament against Southern Miss looking for their first conference win and an opportunity to turn their season around.

What UCF got was another disappointing three-game sweep from a conference rival.

PLEASE SEE **KIME** ON A11

Experience, competition define quarterbacks in 2006

O'Leary, Godsey hope depth will push Moffett to new level

ANDY VASQUEZ
Senior Staff Writer

There are big expectations for the UCF football team this season, and with expectations come pressure.

Undoubtedly a lot of that pressure will be on the shoulders of senior quarterback Steven Moffett.

A season after leading the Golden Knights to the fourth best turnaround in NCAA history, Moffett is preparing to help his team build on its recent success. A year ago, the talk around UCF was about finding a way to win the first game in the George O'Leary era. This spring, a confident UCF team takes to the practice field aiming to defend its Conference USA East Division title and earn another spot in the C-USA Championship game.

If that is to happen, the Knights will need strong play from Moffett and his receiving corps. The Knights already have an established ground game, as returning tailbacks Jason Peters, Kevin Smith and Dontavious Wilcox combined for 2,037 yards last sea-



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Junior Kyle Isreal warms up during the Conference USA Championship.

son, leaving the big questions on offense to be answered by Moffett and the passing game.

Will the Knights be able to overcome the losses

PLEASE SEE **MAYO** ON A11

Cutler has everything the NFL wants in QB

FROM A9

SEC coaches, who named him All-SEC First Team QB as a freshman and senior, revered him. They also voted him SEC Offensive Player of the Year in 2005, a season in which he completed his revision of the Vandy record books, most notably total offense (9,953 career yards).

He has also got the size, at 6-foot-3 and 226 pounds. He ran a 4.77 40-yard dash and bench-pressed 225 pounds 23 times at the Combine, finally drawing all focus to the kid whose biggest mistake was wanting to attend a school with a flawless academic reputation.

Of course, there's that intangible "clutch" thing. Leinart will always have the Notre Dame fourth-down pass and game-winning run, Young will always have the entire Rose Bowl. But Cutler ended his career in a similar storybook fashion, as his last college pass was a touchdown that gave the Commodores their first win over Tennessee in 23 years, on the Volunteers' home turf, no less.

The boos will rain down from Radio City Music Hall on April 29 when the New York Jets take Cutler fourth overall. The tabloids will point out that the kid from the

south never played in a bowl game, didn't come from a prestigious program and only won 11 games to his 34 college losses.

He's just not ready for the big city, they'll say. To them, I say that Phil Simms worked out pretty well coming out of Kentucky's Morehead State, Eli Manning has already made the playoffs in New York despite his aw-shucks persona, and that John Elway never made a bowl game in his four years at Stanford.

Now that's pedigree.

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UCF freshman first baseman Kiko Vazquez fields a ground ball as junior second baseman Matt Horwath backs off in a March game against Siena. Vazquez moved out of his regular cleanup slot for the entire weekend, hitting fifth behind designated hitters Steve Stropp (Friday and Sunday) and Dave Lambert (Saturday).

Baseball notebook

Tyson on a tear

To say that sophomore outfielder Tyson Auer is seeing the ball well lately would be a severe understatement. After a couple of explosive nights versus the Thundering Herd, Auer has pushed himself to the top of many team categories. As of Saturday, the Lake Mary native leads the squad in average (.369), runs (22), hits (38), RBIs (25) and triples (6). But, over his previous 10 games, Auer has been absolutely scorching at the dish. In that span, Auer is hitting .463 (19-41) with 11 runs and 16 RBIs.

Climbing up the charts

Senior Dominic Petracca and junior Matt Ray have had outstanding careers at UCF. Now these upperclassmen are seeing their contributions stack up with some of the program's all-time greats. With a four-out save on Saturday, Petracca moved into a tie for second place in UCF single-season history with his eighth save of the season. He has yet to allow a run in 23 innings of work this year. Ray stole two bags that same day to run into ninth place in school history with 64 stolen bases. The third baseman is the Knights' leading thief with 14 steals on the year.

It is all about how you start

This year, the Golden Knights are 12-4 when scoring first and 8-3 when scoring a run in the first inning. That statistic proved to be telling in the Marshall series. On Friday and Saturday, they put up a run in their first at bat and of course, went on to win each game.

A dose to the openers

The Conference USA schedule makers really want to create a rivalry between the Knights and the Thundering Herd. Friday's baseball game was the last of four C-USA debuts that different UCF teams have made against Marshall. Other than baseball, the Knights have begun league play versus the Herd in football, basketball and men's soccer. Overall, the Knights came away with a 2-1-1 edge. On Sept. 24, UCF football defeated Marshall 23-13 to snap the nation's longest losing streak at 17 games and propelled the Golden Knights to the C-USA East Division championship. Men's basketball lost to the Thundering Herd 73-39 on Jan. 11. And on Sept. 30, men's soccer fought to a 4-4 tie.

Knights go in to March like a lamb, come out like a lion

Their February was not remarkable at 4-6. They only broke even in their first six games of March. But, with their victory on Friday, the Knights finished March with a 13-6 record. After an average start to the month, UCF went on a roll by winning eight of its next nine. Included in that stretch were sweeps of Wagner and Siena. As with any successful team, the Knights have reaped it up both at the plate and on the mound. Entering Friday, the Golden Knights were hitting .314 at the plate, with a .314 team average. Senior infielder Matt Horwath's .340 average has placed a club with five starters who are hitting over .300. The Knights scored at least 10 runs in six of those triumphs. On the flip side, opponents were not nearly as profitable against the Knights' hurlers as they hit just .214. UCF had a team ERA of 2.61 in March and it got even better as the game got longer. The bullpen's ERA for the month was 2.20.

On deck for the Knights...

...is an in-state rival, the South Florida Bulls. This is a series that spans four decades and 90 games. The last time they hooked up, the Bulls came away with a 9-2 victory in 2005. The Knights and Bulls will meet for the first of three games this season when they battle in Tampa on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

— BRIAN MURPHY

Strong pitching backs big offensive weekend

FROM A9

Matt Horwath brought in a pair with a single to left and was driven in on a two-run double by Auer into the right-center field gap. All in all, the Knights put five runs on the board in the frame, giving them an 8-1 advantage. And with C-USA Preseason Pitcher of the Year Tim Bascom on the hill, the Knights had this one well in hand before many had broken a sweat.

Although he allowed a run in the first on a balk, Bascom turned in another sterling effort. In eight innings, Bascom permitted four hits with that one run, no walks and 12 strikeouts. It was his seventh career game with 10 or more punch outs. Bascom has four games with 10-plus strikeouts this season and raised his season strikeout total to 65 in 50 innings of work.

But the Knights didn't go through the motions once they got the big lead. Auer and freshman Shane Ynclan hit three-run triples in the fifth and eighth innings respectively. Auer drove in a career-high six RBIs on the night.

At the end of the furious beat down, the Knights had out-hit the Herd 20-5. Five Knights had multi-hit games. Auer and freshmen Steve Stropp and Eric Kallstrom paced the attack with three hits each.

The 17-run victory marked UCF's fourth-largest win differential in a conference game in school history. Three other Golden Knight clubs won by 17 runs in conference play when UCF played in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

Saturday's game was much more competitive, but one big inning (instead of four) was enough to do the job.

The Knights broke on top as soon as possible. With one out, Auer kept going with a double down the right field line. Senior Dave Lambert, making just his sixth start of the year, came up next and drove in Auer with a single.

But the Herd had a little bit more fight in them on this day. In the bottom of the first, Marshall pushed two run across to take its first lead of the series. Kallstrom knocked his second home run of 2006 to knot the game at two, but Marshall kept the pressure on by hitting two more runs in the bottom of the second. Down 4-2, UCF was able to summon some of Friday's magic.

In the fourth, the Knights loaded the bases with no help of their own. After Horwath led off the inning with a walk, Kallstrom reached on an error. Each runner then moved up 90 feet on a balk, and Ray also took a free pass. With no where to put Auer, junior Jeremy Slone was forced to pitch to the Knights' hottest hitter. Auer made him pay with

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Projected starting lineups:
UCF: 3B Matt Ray, CF Tyson Auer, C Ryan Bono, DH Steve Stropp, 1B Kiko Vazquez, LF Shane Ynclan, RF Dave DiNatale, 2B Matt Horwath, SS Eric Kallstrom
USF: CF Ty Taborrelli, SS Addison Manuszak, LF Kris Howell, DH Matt McHargue, 1B Brandin Daniel, RF Joey Angelberger, 3B Dexter Butler, 2B Nick Cardieri, C Braulio Pardo

Projected pitching matchup:
Mitch Houck (UCF) VS Yuri Higgins (USF)

another bases-clearing triple.

Auer finished the day three-for-three with three more RBIs and a wish that he could face Marshall more than one weekend a year. Auer was six-for-12 with nine RBIs in the first two games of the series.

Slone was then replaced by junior Nick Wolle, but his immediate impact was not an improvement. On the second pitch from Wolle, senior Ryan Bono deposited a ball over the wall in right. The starting pitchers for Marshall in the first two games of this set combined to allow 15 hits and 13 earned runs in just five innings.

UCF freshman Mitch Herold couldn't get the last out he needed to become eligible for the win, as he only went four-and-two-thirds innings, yielding four runs on six hits and three walks. Junior Derek Abriola followed him with three solid innings of relief, giving up one run.

That one run came in the eighth, as senior Brent Mason smacked a two-out RBI triple to make it a 7-5 game. With Marshall threatening, the Knights brought in senior Dominic Petracca to do what he does best: shut the door. Petracca struck out the next hitter to get out of the inning and the jam. The Herd were able to get the tying run on base to lead-off the ninth, but they were unable to even move him as Petracca notched his eighth save of the year. Abriola (3-1) earned the win.

UCF's first loss with lead after 7 innings

FROM A9

Petracca took over, but he wasn't completely flawless on this day. He faced left fielder Chris Monaco and promptly uncorked a wild pitch, allowing Mason to advance to second. From there, Monaco singled to left field, getting thrown out at second after Mason had scored ahead of him to put the Herd ahead for good.

In the ninth, Marshall Head Coach Dave Piepenbrink went to a strict matchup formula against Bergman, retiring the Knights in order with three different pitchers. Brendon Bump got Matt Horwath to ground out, Bryson Meyers induced a ground ball out from Bryan Bennett — whom Bergman pinch-hit with after already inserting Dave Lambert to pinch-hit for Dave DiNatale — and Brian Knippelmeyer recorded the

STATE & NATION

NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four Florida 73, George Mason 58

INDIANAPOLIS — Joakim Noah watched the pass go inside, then calmly waited for Jai Lewis to leave his feet.

Noah, doing what he does best, emphatically swatted the shot away. And with that — on the game's opening possession — Florida's 6-foot-11 forward established his dominance inside. Fellow big man Al Horford did plenty of damage, too.

The duo combined for 18 points, 21 rebounds, six assists and four blocked shots Saturday night, helping the third-seeded Gators beat No. 11 seed George Mason 73-58 in the Final Four and reach the national championship game for the second time in six years.

Florida (32-6) will play UCLA in the title game Monday night.

"This is a great feeling, but we're not satisfied until it's over," Noah said. "We want those little rings for our fingers."

Noah has been Florida's offensive and defensive catalyst throughout the NCAA tournament, and little changed on college basketball's biggest stage.

Sure, Lee Humphrey, Taurean Green and Corey Brewer combined to make 12 shots from 3-point range and gave the Gators a commanding lead. But they were open because Noah and Horford demanded constant attention and double-teams.

The two combined for 120 points, 80 rebounds and 22 blocked shots in the first four games of the NCAA tournament — proving to be one of the best frontcourt combinations in the country.

They overwhelmed the Patriots, too.

Noah and Horford grabbed offensive and defensive rebounds, altered nearly every shot in the paint and opened up things for Humphrey, Green and Brewer.

Noah had 12 points, eight rebounds and four blocked shots. Horford had six points, 13 rebounds and four assists.

"We're playing our best basketball all year and we're a really tough team," Horford said. "You can't stop us."

Noah was on the bench in the final minutes, watching Horford take over where he began. Horford had three offensive rebounds in the final 3:09. He had two in the last 2 minutes, keeping the ball alive and eventually leading to Brewer's 3-pointer that made it 73-56 with 43 seconds to play.

The Gators finished with a 40-27 rebounding advantage, including 16-11 on the offensive glass.

"This game, we didn't get a body on people like we should have," said Lewis, who led the Patriots with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Noah and Horford briefly celebrated their 10th consecutive victory with hugs and high-fives, then left the court with little fanfare. They didn't even

seek out their famous fathers.

Tito Horford was a McDonald's All-American in 1985, played two seasons at Miami and then spent three years in the NBA. Yannick Noah won the 1983 French Open and then became a reggae star in Europe.

Sitting in the stands, both dads watched their sons dominate another NCAA tournament opponent with their size and athleticism.

"Hopefully, we can do it one more time," Noah said. "Then, we'll have our rings."

UCLA 59, LSU 45

INDIANAPOLIS - Oh, Baby, can UCLA play defense.

Throw some offense in there on the same night and not even LSU and its gigantic star, Glen "Big Baby" Davis, had a chance. The Bruins shut him down Saturday en route to a 59-45 victory over the Tigers that put them one win away from their 12th national title.

The last step in the quest to hang another banner at Pauley Pavilion comes Monday in the final against Florida, a 73-58 winner over George Mason in the first semifinal.

Luc Richard Mbah A Moute was UCLA's top performer in this one, finishing with 17 points on 5-for-9 shooting, to go with nine rebounds. But he got plenty of help.

Lorenzo Mata dominated the middle, capping Davis at least twice, sending him to the floor a few other times and generally driving him nuts. LSU's 6-foot-9, 310-pound star — arguably the most entertaining character in this tournament — didn't look so big in this one.

He shot 5-for-17, finished with 14 points and seven rebounds and was serenaded with chants of "Ba-by, Ba-by" by the UCLA fans after he took a frustration foul on Bruins guard Darren Collison early in the second half, trailing by 23.

Bruins forward Alfred Aboya set the tone early in the first half when he swatted Darrel Mitchell's shot into the stands, then glowered at Mitchell as he fell to the floor. A few minutes later, Mbah A Moute stepped into an LSU passing lane for a steal that led to a bucket for Collison.

On offense, the Bruins (32-6) were just as good, especially early. They made three of their first four 3-pointers and shot 58 percent in the first half to push their lead to as many as 16, 3 1/2 minutes before the break.

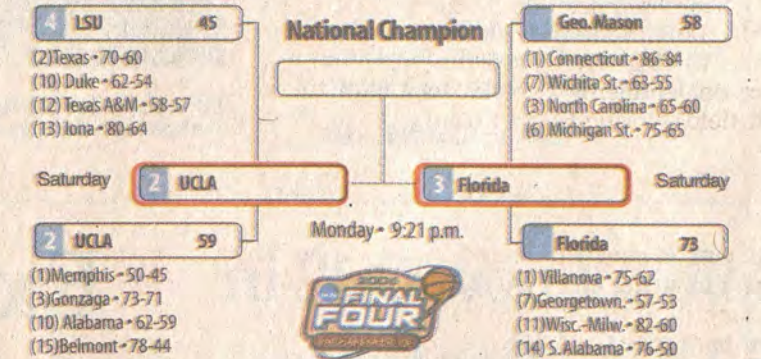
The start of the second half put it out of reach.

Mbah A Moute dunked twice, Ryan Hollins took an alley-oop from Jordan Farmar for another slam, then Farmar threw one up from 28 feet with the shot clock going off and swished it for a 48-27 lead. He celebrated by taunting the LSU fans as he ran to the other end. Most of the purple-and-gold crowd simply sat there stoically — they knew a mismatch when they saw one.

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Senior quarterback Steven Moffett calls signals before a play against Houston last November. The Winter Park native is the starter, but UCF quarterbacks coach George Godsey believes competition from juniors Kyle Isreal and Terry Mayo can only help Moffett. "I'm never satisfied with where you're at, and there always needs to be a guy pushing you," Godsey said.

Mayo, Israel, Neasman will push Moffett

FROM A9

of key targets like receiver Brandon Marshall and tight end Darcy Johnson to graduation? Is senior receiver Mike Walker going to be the same player he was before his season-ending knee injury in November? How will the Knights respond to the departure of wide receivers coach D.J. McCarthy to UCLA?

The answers to these questions will play out in the upcoming months, but early indications show that the Knights are a few steps ahead of where they were at this point last spring.

"I think this time last year compared to where we're at now, the speed of the game is definitely much better," UCF quarterbacks coach George Godsey said. "Those days out in Hawaii were vital as far as an extra spring practice, so to speak."

UCF's trip to the Hawaii Bowl not only gave the Knights a weeklong trip to paradise, but also the benefit of two extra weeks of practice, which is only given to bowl teams. That, coupled with Walker's injury, allowed Moffett to continue building a comfort level with other receivers, which should serve UCF well this year.

But Godsey, a standout quarterback under O'Leary at Georgia Tech from 1998-2001, is more concerned with the way his quarterback executes, not to whom he's

UCF QBs in 2006

Projected starter: Steven Moffett, senior
Projected backup: Kyle Isreal, junior
Projected No. 3: Marquel Neasman, freshman
Projected redshirt: Terry Mayo, junior

throwing the ball.

"Regardless of who's running the route, or what actual person's playing each position, the quarterback needs to make the right decision and deliver it to whoever's there," Godsey said. "We got to a point last year when maybe we were keying on Mike [Walker] or Brandon [Marshall] too much, so I think [Walker's injury] is making us be true to our reads, make an accurate throw and the correct decision more importantly."

Last year, Moffett made the correct decision more often than not, completing nearly 60 percent of his passes and throwing 22 touchdowns and only nine interceptions, but that doesn't mean he's a lock to be the starting quarterback when the Knights take to the field this fall.

Junior quarterback Kyle Isreal, the man with the most in-game experience besides Moffett, is listed as the No. 2 quarterback this spring. Freshman Marquel Neasman, a small but mobile quarterback, has seen his fair share of snaps this spring as well.

It's all part of O'Leary's philosophy that

competition at every position makes for a higher quality of play.

"I told Steven, 'I'm never satisfied with where you're at, and there always needs to be a guy pushing you,' and that's why we're bringing in more quarterbacks to compete," Godsey said. "Your team is only going to be as good as your quarterback and the more competition we have at that position, the better off we're going to be as a team."

In fall practice, Moffett will also compete with junior transfer Terry Mayo, who was one of the top junior college quarterbacks in the nation last year.

The one advantage that will probably push Moffett over the top as the eventual starter is the trust he built with his teammates. Godsey is hoping that Moffett can continue to build that trust, and the other quarterbacks can earn it with their actions.

"One of our goals this spring is to come out and be the leader of this football team," Godsey said. "If someone's going to have a slip-up mentally, he needs to be there to put them in the right position, be able to help our unit and prevent a negative play before the ball is even snapped."

"That's what the quarterback position is all about and being a leader on and off the field; being an example in the weight room and in the classroom and that's our goal is coming out of the spring."

Kime pitches well, but Knights lose 15th straight game

FROM A9

Things looked bleak from the start as Southern Miss jumped to an early lead after a two-run home run from Ashley Brennan in the first. A mis-played squeeze bunt later in the inning put USM up 3-0, and the lead increased to 4-0 in the second.

UCF scored in the third when a single from Kacie Feaster scored Jennifer Tomasetti and cut the lead to one in the fourth inning when a Tomasetti-single plated Ashley Baker from third.

After two quick outs in the fifth, the Knights issued two walks to USM. With two runners on, Jennifer Fox singled to left field, scoring Brennan from

second, and the Eagles went up 5-2.

The runs didn't stop there as USM added two in the sixth off a home run and two doubles, letting the final score stand at 7-2.

Baker (1-7) took the loss for UCF, allowing seven runs.

Despite a hard-fought game two on Saturday and a near no-hitter for UCF's Allison Kime, the Knights fell to the Golden Eagles for a second time, 6-2.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, USM's Butler singled to score Allison Bullard. The run broke up Kime's no-hitter and gave the Golden Eagles the game's first run.

The Golden Eagles didn't stop there. In its half of the sixth, Southern Miss plated

five runs off four hits and a UCF error and took a 6-0 lead.

The Knights started their comeback in their half of the seventh, but, despite having the bases loaded at one point, they scored just two runs.

Kime was tagged with the loss for the Knights, and she gave up six runs on six hits.

UCF was out for a reprieve in the series closer Sunday.

The Knights jumped to a 1-0 lead in the first, as USM issued four walks in the inning.

UCF lost that lead in the sixth. USM's Charity Butler started the inning with a single. Butler advanced to second off a Brennan-sacrifice bunt. An intentional walk to Jessica Huerta brought Fox to the plate. Fox singled, scoring But-

ler from second. The second run came off a single from Ashley Davis, scoring Huerta, and that was all USM needed.

Kime gave up two runs off five hits, and the loss dropped her record to 9-11.

UCF (13-26, 0-12) returns to action Saturday to take on UAB in a three-game series. First pitch is set for 2 p.m.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Women's Rowing Wins Twice

Dedicating its weekend competition to the late Mary Kaufman, the Golden Knights women's rowing team swept North Carolina and Clemson on Saturday.

"The team raced to victory today in honor of Mary Kaufman, who will be remembered for her tremendous contributions to the women's rowing program," UCF Coach Leeanne Crain said in a release. "She touched the lives of many student-athletes on the team, and they wanted to dedicate this race in her memory."

Kaufman, the UCF associate athletics director and senior administrator, passed away on Monday, March 27.

UCF swept all four races on Lake Hartwell in Clemson, S.C. It took the opening varsity eight race with a time of six minutes 36.4 seconds, defeating Clemson by more than 11 seconds. The second varsity eight race was much closer, but the Knights pulled out a 19-second victory over Clem-

son with a time of six minutes, 57 seconds. UNC finished last in both events.

The Knights defeated Clemson in the head-to-head competitions in varsity four and novice eight.

Track competes in Gainesville

Outstanding individual efforts from junior Katie Fowke and sophomore Victoria Chin highlighted a strong overall performance from the UCF women's track and field team at the University of Florida Diet Pepsi Classic Saturday in Gainesville.

Fowke led the way in the field events, finishing fourth in the pole vault with her season best mark of 11-feet, 9.75 inches. Senior Diana Chin competed in the long jump, finishing seventh with a 19-foot-2-inch performance.

Victoria was tops in the track portion of the day, finishing fifth in the 400-meter hurdles with her 60.90 second time. That topped her previous personal best of 60.91 and placed her second all-time in

the UCF record books.

The Knights will head to Austin, Texas for their next event, the Texas Relays, on April 6-8.

CSTV adds USF-UCF

The UCF football team received a commitment to have its fourth televised game of the 2006 season on Friday, as CSTV announced they will broadcast the Sept. 16 showdown between the Knights and USF.

It will be four straight weeks of national exposure for the Knights, as their following three games will also be televised. The ESPN family of networks will televise their games against Southern Miss (ESPN 2, Sept. 26), at Marshall (ESPN 2, Oct. 4) and Pittsburgh (ESPN, Oct. 13).

CSTV has not announced their entire football schedule, so there is a chance for more UCF games to be added. The Sept. 9 contest at Florida is still without a broadcast partner.

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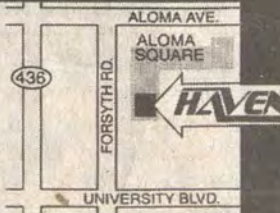
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Climate change creates concern

Apocalypse now? No, but sooner than we thought. The scientific community, along with the rest of the world, was once divided on the subject of global warming. Some especially conservative groups have been known to reject the notion entirely. The idea of a dramatic global climate change once seemed like a distant possibility and, to some, a complete myth.

Now there is no question. Most scientists concede that climate change is a real and immediate threat, and global warming is to blame. How do we know? Abnormal weather and the incredible rate of natural disasters recently, including record high temperatures, a category 5 Pacific cyclone in February, melting ice sheets, droughts, fires, coral reef bleaching and a looming hurricane season that may be worse than the last serious signs.

Scientists have discovered that Greenland's ice sheets have been melting at an accelerating rate — the Arctic and Antarctic being no different. According to research cited by *Time*, 53 cubic miles of Greenland's ice broke away into the sea last year. The rate has more than doubled in the past 10 years.

The explanation is simple but horrifying. Ninety percent of the light that hits polar ice reflects right back into space. The ocean absorbs 90 percent of that light.

So as ice melts into the ocean and the ocean becomes larger, it retains more heat. That heat is released into the atmosphere making temperatures higher and causing ice to melt faster than before.

Ocean levels have been rising, not only because of melting ice, but due to the expansion of warmer water. The warmer water also causes stronger hurricanes and changes in current. This devastating chain is looping, and there is little we can do to stop it. As *Time* put it, "The North Pole may be seasonally ice free by 2050."

Even scarier, the loop is causing changes in climate, which explains droughts, floods, brush fires and the scarcity of several plant and animal species. When all of the ice breaks away from Greenland, ocean levels may raise a total of 23 feet, flooding many major cities that are at sea level now, especially those in Florida.

The list of environmental issues causing or being caused by global warming is too long and devastating to contemplate. Humanity faces a sobering reality, and the blame can only be pointed inward. What can we do? Not much, but more than we have done.

Carbon is the enemy. High concentrations of CO₂ in the atmosphere are trapping heat and energy. Lowering those con-

centrations would be a huge step forward. Some leaders and legislators understand this concept and have begun to take action. Other countries have taken oaths to lower greenhouse-gas emissions and have set deadlines for lower emission standards.

Our country seems to be ignoring the problem, probably due to our administration's close ties with energy companies. The few legislators who do care are fighting a slow, uphill battle. The Kyoto treaty, which outlines a plan to lower emissions throughout the world, was ratified by 141 nations. Our administration has, for the most part, ignored it. Bush's promises to lower carbon output show little to no effort.

Change will have to come from the bottom up. If our government will not concern itself with our not-so-future problems, then we must. The average American emits 20 times the amount of CO₂ per year than the average Indian.

About 300 million people inhabit the U.S. More than one billion people inhabit India. This puts a large amount of responsibility on our shoulders, yet we shrug it off. Carpool to use less gas. Recycle to use less energy. Save the rain forests because they absorb CO₂. Such ideas used to be plights of the progressive.

Make them your own for they may save the world.

Bentley's absence at trustees' meeting is a disservice to students

Ever since UCF students returned from break to discover their Student Health and Transportation Access fees had been raised while they were away, many students and student groups have lined up to say that the meeting was scheduled at an "unfair" time.

In the Fall, the UCF transportation fee will go up \$1.50, bringing it to \$5.40 per credit hour and UCF will raise the current health fee from \$6.60 per credit hour to \$7.95 per hour. This will place UCF above Florida State and South Florida for the 2006 projected fees.

What's been missed in all this is the complete failure of SGA Student Body President Willie Bentley Jr. to represent the students of UCF at this meeting.

The Student Body president is the sole representative of the more than 40,000 UCF students on the Board of Trustees. The administration is well represented in their interests. However, only Bentley stands for the students.

Or at least he's supposed to. Unfortunately, the 40,000 students of UCF went unrepresented as he could not be bothered to attend.

Bentley said he was unable to make the meeting because of "prior arrangements." He also said he was "comfortable with the vote."

However, he made promises and commitments when he agreed to the job of being the students' representative at UCF. Bentley has talked a lot about the necessity of this hike. He has said that he agreed with it and would have supported the vote. Still, he should have attended the meeting.

When the seven students from Students for a Democratic Society showed up to speak and were not allowed because they had not notified the Board that they were coming 10 days before the meeting, Bentley could have spoken in their stead.

He could have explained to the Board that many students were upset by the rise in Student Health and Transportation fees and the timing of the meeting. Would it have changed the outcome of the vote? Not likely. But the students would have been represented nonetheless.

Sometimes making the opinions of students heard is inconvenient and moot; still, it is the job of the Student Body president. Hopefully, Mark White, Bentley's successor, will remember this as he begins his term.

It's one hour later than you think; solid time-change needed

Daylight-saving time — often mispronounced "savings" — is the period between the first Sunday of April and the last Sunday of October where most of the U.S. sets its clocks ahead one hour.

The time is set forward to extend daylight in the evening and therefore reduce the amount of darkness between sunset and bedtime, conserving energy that Americans would otherwise use to light their homes and watch TV a little longer. Daylight time isn't observed in the winter months because the mornings would be too dark.

Starting next year, as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, daylight time will be extended one month, the new period running from the second Sunday in March through the first Sunday in November.

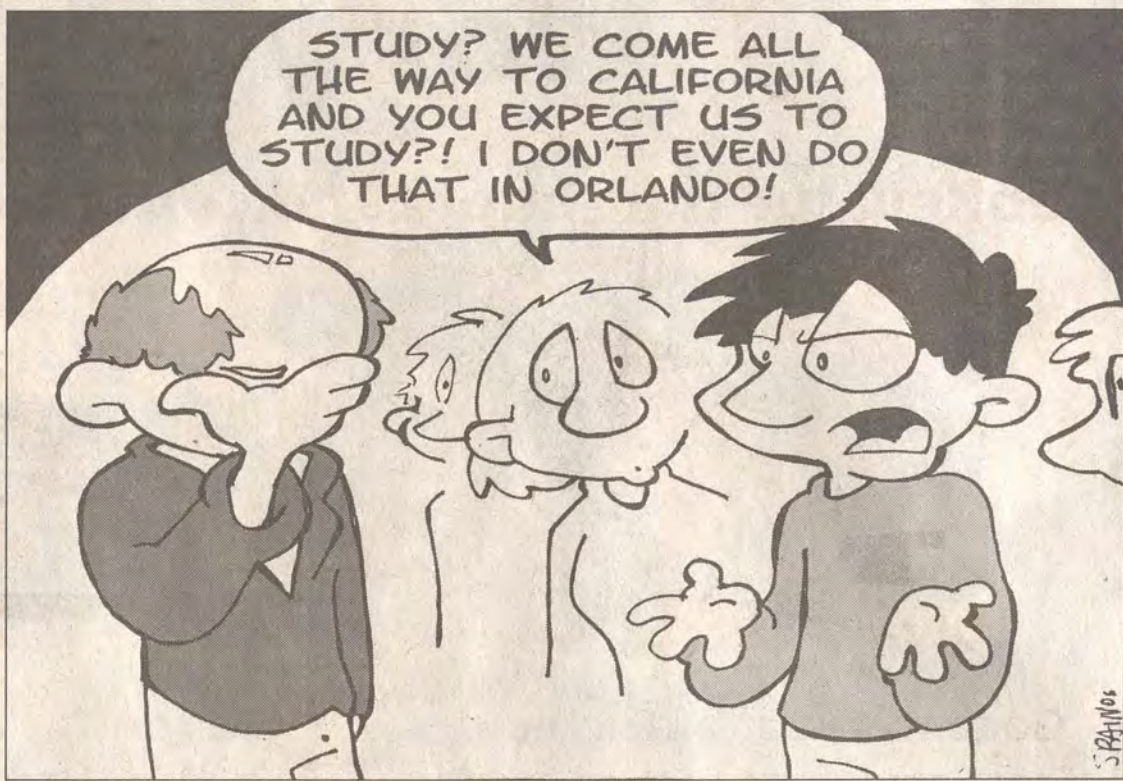
As if forcing everyone to adjust their schedules by one hour twice a year isn't complicated and jarring enough, the government wants to mess with the reliable "spring forward, fall back" method of remembering which direction we're getting screwed up in.

April is associated with spring showers, and October conjures images of fall colors like candy-corn orange and dying-leaf brown, which are staples of the fall. At least that would be the case in Florida if we had actual seasons. March and November are just ... bland and forgettable. The government would do well to get rid of daylight-saving time altogether.

A year-round daylight time would be simple and convenient. A little more daylight during the winter evenings would save energy and only sacrifice some darkness in the mornings.

This would mean all those daily-grind workers waking up at 6:30 a.m. wouldn't be bombarded with the "dawnslaughter" of morning sunshine while they're sleepily staring at their coffee; they would be able to enjoy the tranquility of early-morning darkness.

Then, on their morning commute, they could witness the beauty of the gradual sunrise, becoming acclimated to it slowly instead of suddenly. America needs to permanently lose an hour instead of having it given and taken away every year like a sick joke.



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READER VIEWS

Witnesses not questioned

Reinstate Student Rights! Recent procedures (discussed in Letter to Editor [abbreviated LtE], *Central Florida Future*, March 16) at the Office of Student Conduct (OSC) violate the intent of the Florida Department of Education (DoE) Code 6FLADC6C-6.0105. This code clearly states that at disciplinary hearings: "The student may hear and question adverse witnesses."

This wording has been adopted by all state universities. UCF has now unilaterally added "who testify at the hearing" which circumvents the intent of the DoE code. It has far-reaching consequences since OSC has used, and now can officially continue to use, "statements" of absent "adverse witnesses" at hearings (LtE) to reach disciplinary decisions. Although this clearly simplifies OSC disciplinary hearings, shouldn't the goal be fair proceedings and compliance with DoE code? The Florida District Court of Appeal clearly reaffirmed the right to question adverse witnesses in *Morfit v. USF* (794So.2d655 [2dD.C.A.2001]).

Although President Hitt has termed denying actions such as the right to question adverse witnesses as not "inappropriate" in the past, I appeal to him to reconsider and to: 1. Reinstate student rights back to that intended by DoE, namely "The student may hear and question adverse witnesses" at disciplinary hearings; 2. Issue a public statement that student rights, as outlined in the DoE codes, including those at disciplinary hearings, are truly rights that must be respected by everybody and that violations will be dealt with seriously and openly; 3. Ensure the openness associated with university life by constituting a broadly based panel with representation from the UCF Administration, faculty and students to deal with allegations of misconduct at all university levels, including OSC.

All evidence should be considered, witnesses heard, etc. This will enhance his growing legacy to UCF.

— GEORGE STEGEMAN

Soldiers being used as tools

The various arguments about the Iraq War and the proper way to think about soldiers, as discussed in the *Future*, have all missed a key point: empire. The Iraq War is part of a war for empire; the administration's goal is to expand U.S. control over the Middle East. The soldiers have been used as tools for this war, and the administration lies to them about their mission. The last thing the administration wants is mass defections, although they have already begun; at least 400 soldiers and national guards have fled to Canada. Americans don't like to think of their country as capable of using war for empire. There is little to no discussion of empire in our mainstream media. But that's the issue we need to discuss. What better place to discuss it than at a university?

— GREGORY RANDS

Selection process wrong

I am glad to hear that University Marketing is revamping the commercial. But cherry-picking students to make up diversity for a commercial is not the way to go for a school trying to tout its identity.

For what it's worth, I'm pretty disappointed. For one, most of the called-for cast is in their 40s, yet the average student age is almost half that. And although I'm sure you'll meet your goal with regards to the list [sent out by University Marketing], the commercial won't embody the integrity that UCF also stands for.

Even if the commercial is aesthetically improved, only in that aspect will it be better. Not to be cynical, but I hope that University Marketing sorely fails at this casting call, and that the failure influences the department and the university to stop playing politics with education and such advertising. It's embarrassing to the school, and it does not tout the true spirit of UCF.

— SHELDON HALL

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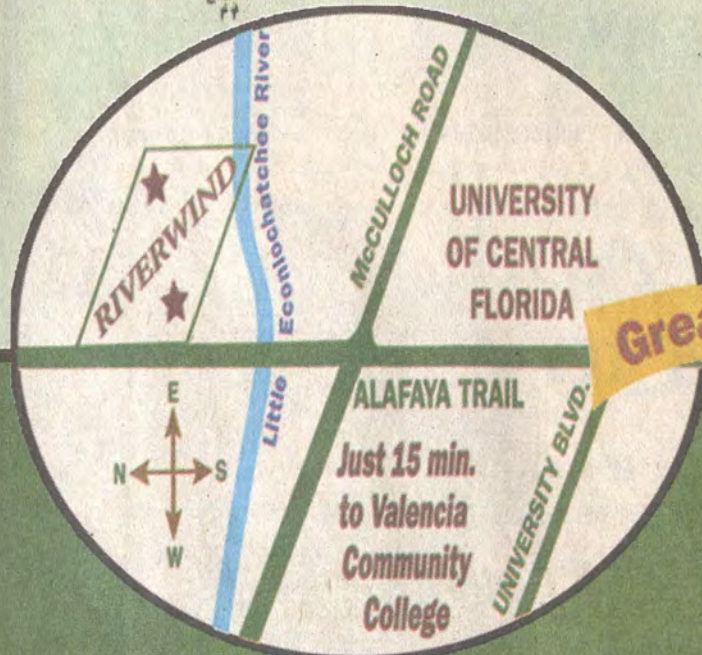
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The only thing more fun than the NCAA Tournament is K-Fed

Mr. Spears certainly has a nation praying he's on fire

According to ESPN, there were three people nationwide who correctly predicted the NCAA Tournament's Final Four.

That means aside from me, two other people were brilliant enough to predict George Mason to wind up as one of the Top 4 teams in this year's tournament. OK, so I'm obviously embellishing my psychic abilities. I was actually happy that Connecticut lost to George Mason last week because I thought it marked the first time in my gambling history that I had not managed to predict any of the Final Four teams.

So close, yet so far, Burnsy. Nope, I forgot I picked UCLA to make it, and, therefore, I'm an even bigger idiot because I managed to get only one team right. Sometimes I even amaze myself with my own "square peg, circle hole" tactics.

The one good thing that has come from this year's incredibly random NCAA Tourney is a truly classic championship matchup. Florida against UCLA is fantastic. Seeing UCLA back in the title hunt is a throwback to the time when there were a dynasty in college basketball. Of course, none of us was alive to ever witness it, but people say it was cool, so let's just roll with it.

I'm kind of on the fence with the Florida Gators. Joakim Noah is an absolute blast to watch play, and I can't wait to see him in the NBA. The problem is that it's those damn dirty Gators, and I don't like cheering for anything that involves orange and blue. However, since I've had so much fun the past few times I've been to Gainesville, I'll throw my prejudice aside and hope for the best for those backwoods reptiles.

After all, I pick the Gators to go deep in the Big Dance year in and year out, and they always let me down. It's fitting that the one year I had absolutely no faith in Florida, the Gators punch their ticket to the championship game and help make me look like a colossal idiot. But as my No. 1 fan Connie reassured me, at least I picked UCLA. So to her, I offer this tirade ...

One of the greatest feelings in the world is deciding which city I'm going to start my professional career in. Having options in random cities around the country is really fun, and I can't wait to finally decide and get away from this city's absurd traffic problem.

I had to drive out to see an old friend at Sea World the



MOUTHING OFF

ASHLEY BURNS
Newsroom Manager

other night, and I don't think my middle finger has ever had so much exercise on I-4. I swear this city will never be pleasant unless someone finishes the nightmare of construction on this road.

I can't wait to tell my grandchildren to stay in the middle lane so they don't get forced off on John Young Parkway like every country bumpkin who brings the kids to Disney because the welfare check came early ...

The first Wednesday of every Major League Baseball season should be a national holiday. There is nothing I love more in life than the ESPN triple-header that kicks off the first week each new year. Of course I have to work on Wednesdays, but I've never believed life was very fair.

But with each new season comes the satisfaction of

back in the courtroom as he faces charges of illegally possessing ammunition.

I know, I know, it's not the same as having his teenage girlfriend pop a cap in his wife's head and then pretending like nothing happened, but a man has to do something to stay in our lives if FOX won't produce anymore celebrity boxing shows.

People have always liked to make fun of Buttafuoco, but I, for one, am putting my foot down and demanding respect for this bastion of style and genuine masculinity. After all, if it weren't for him, we may have never known the beauty that once was Zubaz ...

If you haven't already seen the news broadcast footage from St. Patrick's Day in Mobile, Ala., please do yourself a favor and go to www.youtube.com and type "leprechaun" in the Web site's search engine. I promise you that it will be the best three minutes of your life.

Everyone else who has seen the leprechaun news footage, let me get a "hell yeah!" But seriously, I want to know where the gold is ...

Quick random questions: Has President Bush reached a point that we all should just say, "Awww" everytime he speaks? Should people who

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knowing these certainties in life: Mark Prior and Kerry Wood will spend more time on the disabled list than every other MLB player combined, all we'll hear about all season is the Yankees-Red Sox rivalry and neither team will make it past the first round of the playoffs, and my fantasy baseball team will be as successful as a mute girl on *American Idol* ...

Speaking of baseball, is there anything more nonsensical than this steroid investigation?

I was initially all for it, but Papa Redbird talked a lot of sense into me. The fact remains that there was never a steroid policy in MLB until 2002. Punishing players for possible infractions that happened last century is like my high school principal tracking me down and giving me detention for stealing a pad of hall passes and skipping physics every other day ...

Walking stereotype and embarrassment to males everywhere, Joey Buttafuoco is

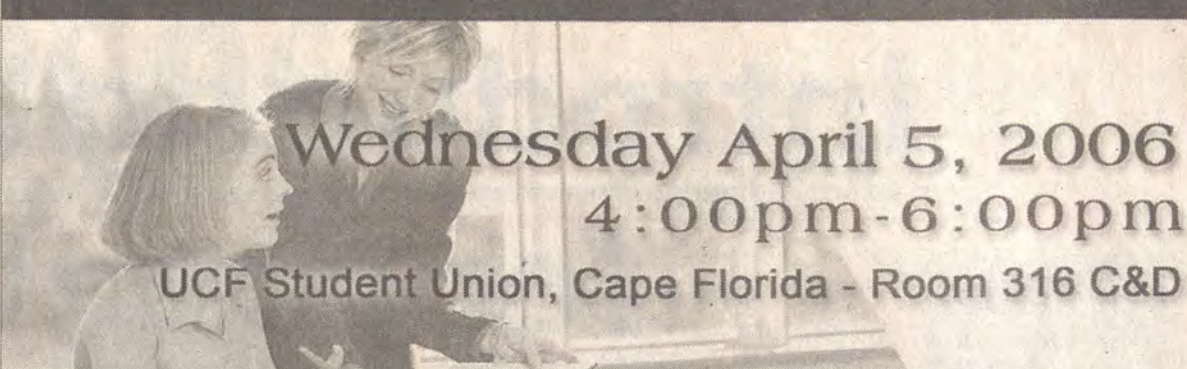
refer to figure skating as a sport be subject to prison sentences? Should I be flattered that almost every ESPN baseball analyst has the St. Louis Cardinals losing in the World Series? I need answers in no specific order ...

Finally, I'm not sure that anything in this world could ever be as entertaining as Kevin Federline's life. The hardest working five o'clock shadow in show business has his album coming in August, and, in various interviews, Mr. Spears has said that people will love his musical debut.

He also said that his relationship with Britney Spears is fine, despite tabloid reports claiming otherwise. K-Fed claims that his career is "on fire," and his song "PopoZao" is the next big thing.

In related news, I'm pretty sure there will be fire and brimstone raining from the sky very, very soon.

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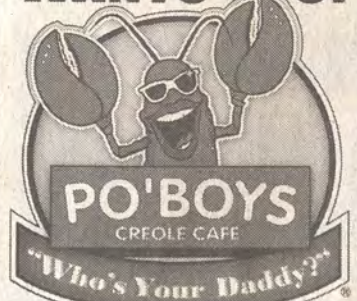
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