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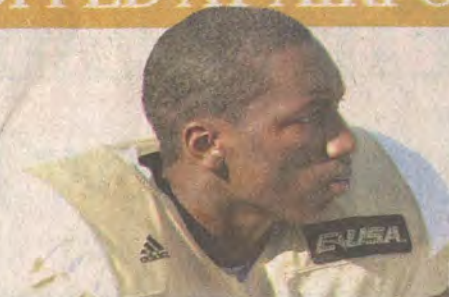
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O'Leary confirms one lineup change, opens possibility for more — SEE SPORTS, A7



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The NATO commander of Europe speaks on the group's new global goals

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Two-hour bus delay angers students, SGA

BARTZINO
Staff Writer

A communication error between the Student Government Association and a local bus company resulted in disaster last week when a caravan of buses that were supposed to take students to the Citrus Bowl showed up two hours late.

SGA arranged for 22 buses to pick up students at the Visu-

al Arts parking lot at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 16 and take them to the Citrus Bowl for the 2:30 p.m. game against USF. However, the buses did not show up until about 1:30 p.m., forcing students to make other arrangements. Those who chose to wait did not arrive at the Citrus Bowl until as late as 2 p.m.

"I was frustrated and disappointed," sophomore film major Mike Marcous said. "It was UCF vs. USF, so it was kind

of a big deal."

Marcous is a member of the UCF Honors Congress, a student organization affiliated with the Burnett Honors College. Marcous, along with Honors Congress President Pamela Androff and 45 other members, had been told buses would be departing from UCF by 10:30 a.m., or four hours prior to kickoff, as advertised by fliers that were put up around campus.

When Androff later asked

SGA for an explanation, she was told that SGA pushed the scheduled departure time back an hour to accommodate some groups who did not want to be at the stadium four hours in advance. Honors Congress wound up being the last group to board a bus.

"The first time I saw any SGA representatives was at 11 a.m.," Androff said in an e-mail interview. "He did not explain why the buses had not arrived

yet, but rather said they would be there 'any minute' and we would definitely be gone by 11:30."

She said that despite this announcement, the buses failed to arrive on time.

"He told us that we could 'hang out at Wackadoo's or something' until the buses arrived. He was not helpful at all," she said.

The lack of an explanation led many students to speculate

about what happened.

Some, like junior molecular and microbiology major Dan Leventhal, had decided to take one of the buses in order to avoid the hassle of parking at the Citrus Bowl. Leventhal said that while errors were probably made on both sides, he feels American Coach Lines is to blame.

Others disagree. Marcous

PLEASE SEE **THIS** ON A3

Students' parking loss is faculty's gain



Faculty parking lot G2 sits mostly empty while a parking spot in the student lot by the Visual Arts Building is hard to come by. The UCF chapter of the United Faculty of Florida successfully lobbied to make the lot faculty-only in May.

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Students lose lots to make room for faculty parking

TIFFANY PALMA
Staff Writer

UCF faculty can enjoy more parking spaces this fall, thanks to a United Faculty of Florida proposal passed last May. At the same time, student parking lots are still overflowing.

The UFF chapter at UCF had been working on the proposal with university administration since April 2005, with the proposal going into effect May 2006.

UFF president Lisa Logan said the proposal's revisions were based on the national average of permits sold per space available.

"Our goal is to work with UCF administration, faculty senate and the Parking Advisory Committee to monitor the ratios so that they reach alignment with national averages," Logan said.

The proposal was successful in increasing faculty parking spaces from 397 to 438 spaces, for a total gain of about 10 percent. New spaces are located in lot G2 near the West Parking Garage and in lots E1 and E3 near the Business and Engineering Buildings.

Currently, the national average for faculty is 1.3 parking permits sold for every space available. After the adjustments made this summer, the UCF average for faculty parking permits

PLEASE SEE **STUDENTS** ON A5

New policy bans drinking games

ERIC GRIMMER
Staff Writer

A ban on drinking games is the latest addition to the UCF football tailgating policies and procedures this year at the behest of President John Hitt and his Alcohol Use Policy Task Force.

Last year, the AUPTF was delegated the responsibility of examining UCF's current tailgating policy and other alcohol-related activities in order to make necessary amendments to ensure a fun and safe environment at UCF football games and other university events.

However, before the UCF student body throws its collective hands in the air and demands recognition of its constitutional right to flip a cup or throw a pingpong ball across a long wooden table, it must realize that this is one of those regulations that is more of a guideline than a rule.

"The intention was never to go from tailgate to tailgate looking for people playing a game of horseshoes and drinking a beer and say, 'You've got to go,'" said Tom Hall, director



Students play drinking games at a tailgating party. Drinking games such as beer pong and power hour are banned from Citrus Bowl lots.

UFF ARCHIVE

of Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Programming and member of the AUPTF.

Al Harms, chairman of the AUPTF, agreed with Hall. Harms stressed that the purpose of the guideline is to set a tone of responsibility and safe-

ty that still allows fans to have a great time at a UCF football game. However, it is not the rule, but the way it was passed that has Student Body President Mark White and Vice President Jared Stout crying foul.

Over the summer, White and Stout served on the Future Tailgating Action Group, which AUPTF created to offer its own recommendations on tailgating policies and other

PLEASE SEE **STUDENT** ON A6

Amended bills to be voted on

SGA's line of succession could change

JENNIFER ALVIRA
Contributing Writer

When the original students wrote the UCF constitution, they never considered the possibility that there would be problems with an exhausted line of succession or separation of powers, Student Body Vice President Jared Stout said.

"It's just one of those things that we wanted to make sure was clearly spelled out so that we had a line of succession and could take care of ourselves if something ever happened," Stout said.

Bill 38-68 presently states that if the president cannot do his job in office, the vice president becomes the president. If there is a vacancy in both the offices of president and vice president, the speaker of the Senate becomes president, followed by the Senate Pro Tempore. The bill has been amended to say that in the event the

line of succession becomes exhausted, a special session of the Senate will be held to elect a new president. The officer must be confirmed by a two-thirds vote and serve until the next general campus elections.

Aida Latorre, Legislative, Judicial and Rules Committee chair, said a vacancy in the office of the president can be filled by anyone the Senate sees fit.

"That new president could be anybody, it could be a regular student or another student government," Latorre said. "It would have to get confirmed and that would be the new president."

Bill 38-69 currently states that when the office of the vice president is vacant, the speaker of the Senate automatically becomes the vice president.

Latorre said this violates the checks and balances system of

PLEASE SEE **SGA** ON A6

NATO European commander introduces 'new NATO' to UCF

Jones says humanitarian response team is just one crucial aspect

ALEX WALL
Contributing Writer

Gen. James Jones spoke at UCF Thursday about the evolving role of NATO overseas.

Jones is the top commander of NATO's European forces and commander of the U.S. European Command.

Jones spoke to over 400 audience members at the Fairwinds Alumni Center; and his message was clear.

NATO is a necessary component of the geopolitical dynamic; and as that dynamic changes, NATO must and will evolve to meet the constantly coalescing demands of the global community, Jones said.

The rise of terrorism has provided a new focal point for NATO.

Jones explained that the alliance of the 20th century was built on a reactive ideology, and had the advantage of seeing a clear, identified and uniformed enemy. But the advent of organized terrorism and non-linear tactics has given NATO a new purpose.

"The new NATO cannot be static," Jones said. "It must be both reactive and proactive."

He said that in 2000, NATO's only international involvement was in the Balkans. Today 38,000 NATO troops are deployed on three different continents.

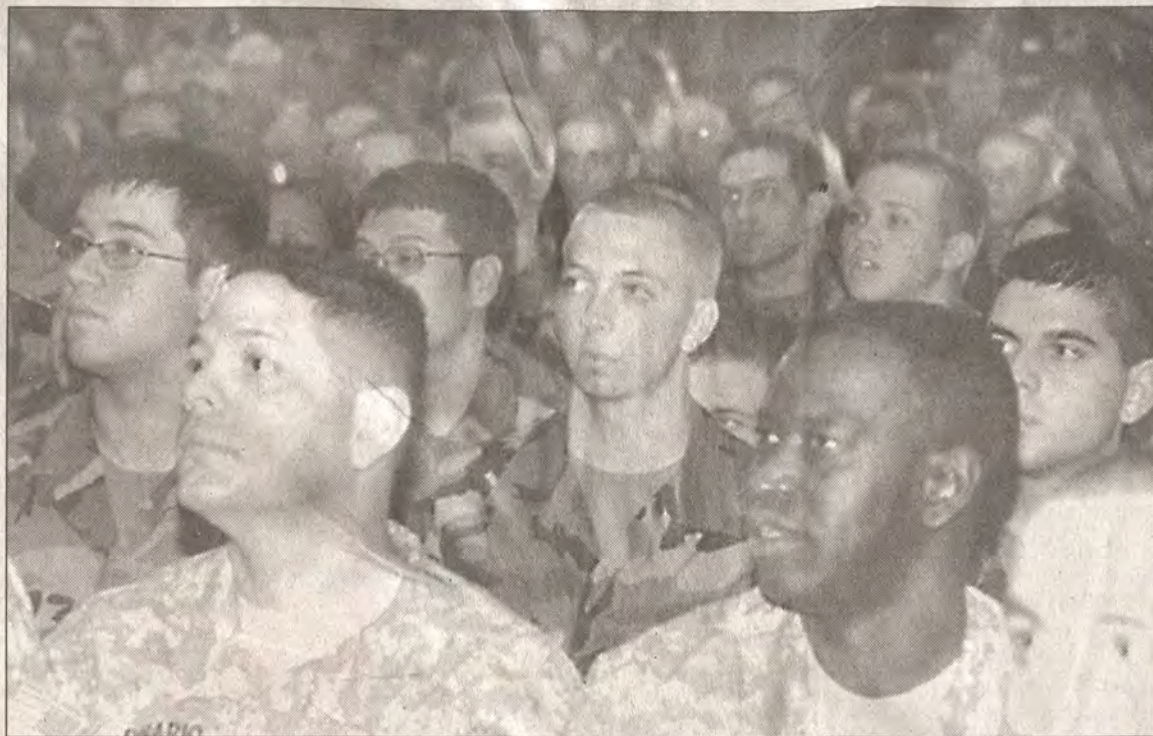
Since then, NATO has also undergone a successful expansion from 19 to 26 member nations in 2004, with 20 partner memberships.

"The United States played a major role in the expansion into former communist and Soviet countries; these countries appreciate what many of us take for granted by being a part of NATO," Jones said.

Jones touched on many of NATO's various missions, such as the post Sept. 11 operations in the Mediterranean, a mission in Iraq to train army officials, and a "modest but important" mission in Darfur to provide training to officials and airlift support in and out of the region.

NATO's most complex mission is in Afghanistan, an endeavor that has lasted over three years and occupied 85 percent of the country, Jones predicts that in the next 30 to 60 days, NATO's job there will be complete. It will be a tremendous accomplishment for both NATO and the Afghani people.

Jones also spoke about the focus of NATO and where its



UCF ROTC cadets listen to Jones' speech, in which Jones explained that the rise of terrorism has provided a new focal point for NATO.

expansions should be. Using energy as a weapon and piracy on the high seas are both areas of critical concern that the organization could address.

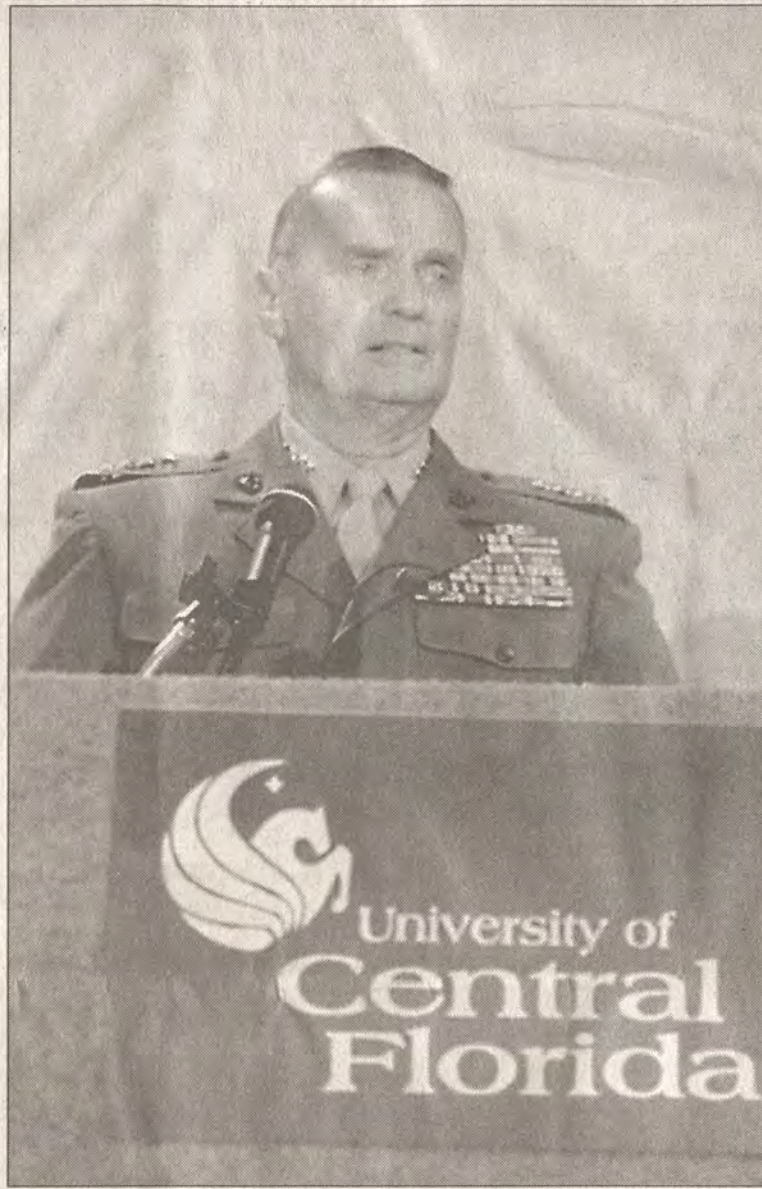
Jones also pointed out that NATO has a foothold in the Eastern European continent as a result of the expansion and should use some of its resources to help the struggling democracies there.

However, while the reliance on NATO has increased, the average gross domestic product contribution from the member states has fallen to about 1.5 percent. Jones advocated a 2 or even 2.5 percent average allocation to fulfill NATO's present and future goals.

But one of the most crucial aspects of the "new NATO," is its humanitarian response team, Jones said.

"People don't think of NATO as a humanitarian organization. They think of it as a war machine. NATO was the first humanitarian relief to Pakistan after they suffered a devastating earthquake. Officials told me they couldn't understand why NATO was out there helping ... but when we were done, and left, those officials also told me that the people would never forget what NATO had done for them," he said.

By making their intentions transparent and fulfilling missions simply, quickly and completely, the world's understanding of NATO has and will continue to increase, giving the alliance more credibility and access to Third World nations and otherwise hostile regions,



Gen. James Jones, the top commander of NATO's European forces, speaks at UCF on Thursday.

Jones said.

"It's not how many insurgents we kill, but how many people we help," he said.

Jones closed the seminar by

saying that the U.S. and NATO have the moral obligation — and the privilege — to spread that humanitarian message across the world.

Intelligence assessment says Iraq war has worsened terrorist threat

WASHINGTON — The Iraq war has contributed to an increased threat of terrorism, according to an intelligence assessment that has not lessened the Senate majority leader's defense of the U.S.-led invasion three years ago and occupation.

The classified assessment of the war's impact on terrorism came in a National Intelligence Estimate that represents a consensus view of the 16 disparate spy services inside government, an intelligence official said Sunday. The official, confirming accounts first published in Sunday's New York Times and Washington Post, spoke on condition of anonymity because the report is classified.

The report found that the war has helped create a new generation of Islamic radicalism and that the overall terrorist threat has grown since the Sept. 11 attacks.

A White House spokesman, Blair Jones, said, "We don't comment on classified documents" and that the published accounts' "characterization of the NIE is not representative of the complete document."

Congress may pass legislation this week that would set rules for the interrogation and trial of suspected terrorists. The president has pressured lawmakers to put it into law before adjourning for the midterm elections.

The legislation is the result of a compromise between the White House and holdout Republican senators who had disagreed over how far the U.S. should be allowed to go to get information from suspected terrorists. The bill lists acts that would constitute a war crime, including torture, rape, biological experiments and cruel and inhuman treatment.

Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., would not say whether the legislation would ban techniques that U.S. agents reportedly have used in the past, such as simulated drowning, cold cells, prolonged standing and sleep deprivation. He also said he did not know whether the bill would prevent prosecution of North Koreans, for example, if they captured Americans and simulated drowning, a technique known as "water boarding."

Iraqi soldiers hinder U.S. efforts to combat militias and tame streets

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The plan was simple: Iraqi troops would block escape routes while U.S. soldiers searched for weapons house-by-house. But the Iraqi troops didn't show up on time.

When they finally did appear, the Iraqis ignored U.S. orders and let dozens of cars pass through checkpoints in eastern Baghdad — including an ambulance full of armed militiamen, American soldiers said in recent interviews.

It wasn't an isolated incident, they added.

Senior U.S. commanders have hailed the performance of

PLEASE SEE NATION ON A4

Jazz concert

WUCF will host a concert today as part of its Jazz Concert Series in the Communications Building, Room 130 from 4 to 5 p.m.

The concert will feature vocalist Michele Amato, saxophonist Jeff Rupert and pianist Chris Rottmayer who will perform songs off Amato's new album, *I'm All Smiles*.

For more information, contact Jan Whitehouse at (407) 823-2666.

English Honor Society meeting

The UCF chapter of Sigma Tau Delta will meet today in the Communications Building, Room 210.

The meeting is open to current and new members, as well as those who are considering joining the group.

For more information, contact Ashley Carney at ashleycarney_ucf@yahoo.com.

Self-esteem workshop

The Counseling Center will host a workshop today in the Student Union, Key West Room 218AB.

The workshop will provide information about the benefits of self-esteem and how to improve one's self-worth.

For more information, contact Andrew Blair at (407) 823-2811.

Language program

International Services Center will host a cultural program at the Barbara King Center on Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m.

The program, called Language Tables, will explore cultures through foreign languages, and basic foreign language skills will be offered to those in the UCF community.

For more information, contact Paul Schatz at (407) 823-5491.

Good Sports volunteering

Volunteers are needed to act as Good Sport Ambassadors at the Citrus Bowl for home games. The next home game is on Tuesday, and there will be a shift from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and another from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Good Sport Ambassadors work with SGA and Student Development and Enrollment Services to assist fans during tailgating.

Ambassadors issue citations and put out trash bins, among other duties.

For more information, contact Tom Hall at ambassadors@mail.ucf.edu.

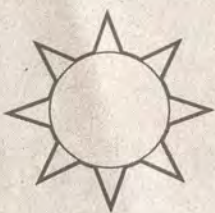
CORRECTION

In Friday's issue we identified the UCF Hockey club as having lost to Florida by a score of 8-1. It did not lose; it beat UF 8-1.

LET US KNOW

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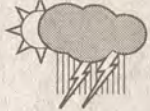
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TODAY IN DETAIL

Today: Sunny, with possible stray showers and thunderstorms. Winds southwest at 5 to 10 mph.
Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Winds southwest at 5 to 10 mph.



Tuesday High: 90°
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Wednesday High: 89°
SCATTERED T-STORMS Low: 72°

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This is not our fault—SGA

FROM A1

said he feels SGA is responsible because it did not confirm the pickup time prior to game day.

"When they screw up like that, it hurts," he said.

According to Brian Dickson, the director of operations for American Coach Lines, SGA officials contacted the company at 11:20 a.m. on game day.

Dickson also said he was personally contacted 20 minutes afterward and immediately began making emergency calls to other buses for help. However, American Coach Lines' remaining buses had been reserved for other assignments at that time.

"Once we found out what happened, it does take a while," Dickson said. By 1:30 p.m., however, he said most of the buses that were needed had arrived at UCF.

Dickson said the reason the buses had been late in the first place was because they had been scheduled for a later kickoff time.

"It was simply a scheduling error," he said.

However, John Zimmerman, SGA director of communications, said that by failing to arrive on time, American Coach Lines breached its contract.

"This is not our fault," Zimmerman said.

He explained that it was the responsibility of American Coach Lines to get the appropriate times and dates from the UCF Athletics Web site. According to the contract that was signed in early September, "services will be performed on UCF football game days as published by UCF."

"We are not happy with the performance of American Coach Lines," Zimmerman said. "If we don't see 100 percent we will not be using them again. They understand that if this doesn't go without a hitch, they won't be our company anymore."

According to a written



Two types of shuttle buses are parked in the loop behind the Student Union. American Coach Lines buses are used to transport students both to football games and to nearby residences.

statement released by SGA Public Relations Director Julie Bream, American Coach Lines has taken full responsibility for the incident and will reimburse the organizations that purchased buses for Saturday.

Dickson said his company has taken steps to ensure that the incident will never happen again. He explained that he plans to become personally involved in the scheduling of future bus rides and will also get written confirmation from SGA regarding the scheduled arrival times of the buses from now on.

"UCF is very important to us," he said. "We would never have knowingly allowed this to happen."

However, some students say this is the last time they will be using SGA to get to a game. Androff is one of them.

"I will personally never use the SGA buses again," she said. "Unfortunately, I don't think that anyone that was there that day will ever use the service again either, unless they don't have a car and this is their only way to get the game."

But Zimmerman said he has received a considerable amount of positive feedback regarding the bus idea in general.

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— BRIAN DICKSON
DIR. OF OPERATIONS
AMERICAN COACH LINES

"SGA has always put students first," Zimmerman said. "Please give us another shot. The service is going to be great."

Students who wish to take the game-day buses must purchase a \$3 wristband 48 hours in advance from the SGA Ticket Center located in the Student Union.

Organizations may also purchase an entire bus. On game days, buses will depart from the Visual Arts Building two and four hours before kickoff and will return to campus half an hour after the game ends. For more information, visit the SGA Ticket Center or call (407) 823-2060.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

Culinary Institute buys from local farms, other colleges follow suit
HYDE PARK, N.Y. — An earthy abundance from local farms comes through the loading docks of the Culinary Institute of America: sprigs of asparagus in the spring, peas and beets in the summer, apples and squash in the fall.

The food — much of it taken from the dirt the day before — provides fresh fodder from the Hudson Valley for the riverside school's five restaurants and classroom kitchens. Just as importantly, it drums up business for the farmers.

The culinary institute, which buys directly from about two dozen local farms, is among the many colleges providing healthier choices for their students while throwing a lifeline to farmers getting by on thin margins.

These purchasing plans are catching on as more Americans become attracted to the notion of buying fresh, wholesome food. Think of the boom in local farmers markets, which doubled over 10 years to more than 3,000 nationwide in 2004. But while the markets are a boon, they aren't quite enough to sustain many farms.

Enter colleges and other large institutions.

The Web site farmtocollege.org lists more than 100 college buying programs, with participants including Harvard, Ohio University and the University of California, Santa Barbara.

University of Baltimore freshmen to get free tuition for one year

BALTIMORE — The University of Baltimore will give every freshman a one-year scholarship in 2007 in a plan designed to attract students to its first freshmen class in three decades, The Baltimore Sun reported Sunday.

It will be a one-time grant program.

The university is changing from serving only junior and senior undergraduates and graduate students to one offering a full four-year undergraduate education.

"We made a determination that we would rather spend money on student support than on marketing dollars," said Robert L. Bogomolny, president of the public university. "We think when word gets out on the availability of the scholarship, that it will be very powerful. We'll see."

The university is hoping for an initial enrollment of 100 to 130 freshmen. Undergraduate tuition and fees for 2007 are expected to be roughly \$7,000. That means the total costs of the free-tuition program could approach \$900,000.

Will scrapping early admissions cure what ails application process?

The recent decisions by Harvard and Princeton to drop early admissions have reignited a spirited debate: is ending the practice a recipe for making the college application process better, or worse?

Starting with the class entering in 2008, the Ivy League schools will cut programs common at many American universities that give high school seniors who apply in the fall a decision by mid-December — before most universities' regular admissions application deadlines.

Now, they will evaluate all students in the same pool, and notify everyone together in the spring.

The schools argued that early admissions informally discriminates against disadvantaged students and fuels anxiety.

Only a tiny sliver of college-bound students will be affected by Harvard's and Princeton's decisions, but the schools' prominence — and the prospect of other schools following suit — have sparked debate among educators and alumni about whether scrapping early admissions will improve the application process. Harvard, for instance, has used "early action," which gives high school seniors who apply in the fall a decision by mid-December, but still allows them to apply elsewhere in the spring.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATION & WORLD



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Iraqi women walk past unchecked at a checkpoint guarded by Iraqi army soldiers, in Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday. American troops have been complaining about Iraqi soldiers.

FROM A2

Iraqi troops in the crackdown on militias and insurgents in Baghdad. But some U.S. soldiers say the Iraqis serving alongside them are among the worst they've ever seen — seeming more loyal to militias than the government.

That raises doubts whether the Iraqis can maintain order once the security operation is over and the Americans have left. It also raises broader questions about the training, reliability and loyalty of Iraqi troops.

Last week, for example, Sgt. 1st Class Eric Sheehan could barely contain his frustration when he discovered that barriers and concertina wire that were supposed to bolster defensive positions had been dragged away — again — under the noses of nearby Iraqi soldiers.

U.S. soldiers from the 4th Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment eventually blocked the road again while Iraqi troops watched from a distance.

Some Americans speculated the missing barriers were dragged off to strengthen militia defenses in nearby Sadr City, a sprawling Shiite neighborhood that is a stronghold of anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

U.S. military leaders have repeatedly called on Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite, to aggressively disband the predominantly Shiite militias, but so far little progress is seen on Baghdad's streets.

Children of slain woman found dead in washer, dryer of home

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. — Authorities on Sunday were trying to pinpoint the cause of death for three children an investigator says were found decomposing inside the washer and dryer of their apartment, hours after a woman was accused of killing their pregnant mother and her fetus.

Saturday night's discovery inside apartment 28J at the John DeShields public housing complex came two days after the mother of the children — ages 7, 2 and 1 — was found in a weedy lot, her abdomen torn open and the fetus missing.

Investigators carried out a furious two-day search, including scouring a 1,100-acre state park, for the children they said were last seen Monday with 24-year-old Tiffany Hall, a family friend prosecutors charged Saturday afternoon with killing Jimella Tunstall and her fetus.

Hours later, Hall pointed authorities to Tunstall's apartment that investigators had briefly visited earlier in search of photographs of the children for media outlets to publicize as the search pressed on, said Ace Hart, a deputy St. Clair County coroner.

When authorities found them, two of the children were nude, the third wearing only underpants, Hart said. The oldest, 7-year-old DeMond Tunstall, was found in the dryer, the younger two children — 2-year-old Ivan Tunstall-Collins and 1-year-old Jinela Tunstall — in the washer.

An autopsy showed that Jimella Tunstall, 23, whose body was found Thursday, bled to death after sustaining an abdominal wound caused by a sharp object, believed to be scissors, Hart has said. Authorities believe her womb was cut open after she was knocked unconscious.

Relatives say Tunstall grew up with Hall and had let her baby-sit her children.

Officials suspect Tunstall,

who was seven months pregnant, was slain on or about Sept. 15, said Robert Haida, St. Clair County's prosecutor. The same day, Hall summoned police to a park, saying she had given birth to a stillborn child, Hart said.

Hall and the baby were taken to a hospital, where she would not let doctors examine her and offered conflicting reasons for why she went into labor, alternately saying she had consensual sex and was raped, Hart said. The dead baby showed no signs of trauma, and an autopsy the next day failed to pinpoint a cause of death, Hart said.

Authorities say Hall acknowledged to her boyfriend during the baby's funeral Thursday that the child wasn't his, and that she had killed the mother to get it. The boyfriend, reportedly a sailor home on leave, told police, who arrested his girlfriend hours later, investigators said.

Lawyer: Hussein's defense team to boycott trial 'indefinitely'

AMMAN, Jordan — Saddam Hussein's chief lawyer said Sunday the defense team will boycott his genocide trial "indefinitely" because of alleged violations by the Iraqi court trying him.

"The court committed several violations of the law and we will not just sit there gagged to give it legitimacy," said Khalil al-Dulaimi, who heads the nine-member defense team for the deposed Iraqi leader. Softening his tone somewhat, he said he hopes, "the court will listen to our requests and that's when we'll go back to the courtroom."

The ousted president and seven others are on trial for the Operation Anfal crackdown on Kurdish rebels in the late 1980s. The prosecution says about 180,000 people, mostly civilians, were killed.

In a sudden move Tuesday, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki approved a request by the Iraqi High Tribunal, the country's supreme court, to remove Judge Abdullah al-Amiri after he angered Kurds by declaring 10 days ago that Saddam was "not a dictator."

He was replaced by Mohammed Oreibi al-Khalifa, who presided over a turbulent session Wednesday in which he threw the former Iraqi president out of court, and his lawyers stormed out in protest.

Al-Khalifa said after the lawyers stormed out that he would appoint new lawyers if they refused to return — a move al-Dulaimi rejected as illegal because at the start of the trial Saddam had insisted on having his own attorneys, not court-appointed ones.

Al-Dulaimi said another violation is the Iraqi High Tribunal's refusal to hear non-Iraqi lawyers in the case, and the requirement that those foreigners apply for permission just to enter the courtroom. Among Saddam's nine lawyers are a Jordanian, a Spaniard, a Frenchman and two Americans, including former U.S. attorney general Ramsey Clark.

"These are our counselors and it's their right to be present in the courtroom without a prior requirement from the court," he added.

Asked about the legal repercussions of the boycott on the trial if the court appointed new lawyers, al-Dulaimi said: "Our boycott will certainly give momentum to [Saddam's case] because we are exposing the illegitimacy of this court."

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Student cars are lined up in the VAB student parking lot. In May, students lost the G2 parking lot next to the West Parking Garage to faculty, whose on-campus parking spaces increased by 10 percent after a United Faculty of Florida proposal was put into effect. JAMES ANDRES / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Students lament G2 loss

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Garage.

Before it was converted into a faculty- and staff-only lot, the G2 lot eased congestion from both the parking garage and the Visual Arts lot nearby.

"That's actually one of the lots that [the faculty] were able to convince the board that they needed," Clark said.

Sophomore business major Christie Cowan said the G2 lot in particular is one place students will definitely get a ticket.

"Who hasn't gotten a ticket in that lot?" Cowan said. "Everyone I know has gotten a ticket on campus."

"It's important that faculty can park on campus," Cowan said. "But still, it's not fair that we have to pay tuition and then we can't even park on campus. We can't even get to the classes they're teaching," she added.

Senior music education major Rachel McMillan received a ticket last week in the G2 lot.

"I didn't know I couldn't park there," said McMillan, who had been taking classes at the Brevard campus over the summer. "I didn't know that they changed it."

McMillan said that when she pulled up to that lot, all she saw were cars affixed with student decals, and figured it was

fine to park there.

"The lot was only like, three-quarters of the way full," McMillan said. "Besides, there was nowhere else to park."

The question remains, however: If the ratio for students and permits is up to national standards, why can't students find a place to park?

"Sometimes it's the time of day you come to campus," Clark said. "Certain days, too, are worse."

The best strategy is to arrive early and simply to wait.

"In fact, we'd prefer it if you'd sit and wait for a space instead of driving around," Clark said.

Logan said students need to see the larger picture when it comes to parking dilemmas.

"Students might consider the problem of parking in a broader context, since parking is a problem nationwide on college campuses," Logan said.

Logan also said that faculty members pay more for their parking privileges, which run from \$244 to \$365 per year.

But until the new parking garage opens in Spring 2007, the changing of 791 spaces from student parking to faculty and staff use will continue to have a negative effect on student parking.

sold per space is 4.9.

In contrast, the national average for students is 4 parking permits sold per parking space.

Despite overflowing parking lots and congested garages, UCF's student parking permit ratio is roughly 3.5 permits per space, according to UFF and Parking Services Manager John Clark.

When it comes to UCF's student parking ratio, determining how many students actually need to park on campus is difficult.

"The problem is [finding out] who's a student and who's not," Clark said. "Some are counted as employment. But it's generally a 4-to-1 ratio."

Clark said that there are 12,252 spaces available on campus, but the number of full-time students on campus is approximately 33,030.

"Not all of those students have cars," Clark said.

Still, parking problems are a way of life for many students on campus. The increase in faculty parking has concerned many students, particularly in high-traffic areas such as the G2 lot next to the West Parking



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Venezuelan foreign minister delayed at N.Y. airport

IAN JAMES
Associated Press

Venezuela's foreign minister said he was illegally detained for 90 minutes at a New York airport Saturday by U.S. authorities whom he accused of treating him abusively and attempting to frisk him.

U.S. and U.N. officials called the incident regrettable but said Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro had been identified for "secondary screening" — an added security check that can kick in for a variety of reasons.

"We were the object of an illegal detention by the U.S. government," Maduro told reporters at Venezuela's mission to the U.N. "We were detained during an hour and a half, threatened by police of being beaten."

Maduro said the authorities at John F. Kennedy International Airport at one point ordered him and other officials to spread their arms and legs and be frisked, but he said they forcefully refused.

He said his passport and ticket were retained for a time, and finally given back to him. But he said the incident prevented him from traveling home Saturday.

Homeland Security spokesman Russ Knocke denied that Maduro was mistreated. "There's no evidence to substantiate any sort of abnormality in the screening process."

The incident comes as tensions between the two countries — strained for several years — took a particularly confrontational turn. Both Maduro and Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez were in New York the past week attending the yearly U.N. General Assembly, where Chavez called President Bush "the devil" during his speech and criticized him during a stop in Harlem.

Knocke said in Washington that Maduro was referred for further screening but never reached that section of the airport.

"He began to articulate his frustration with secondary screening right after he went through the magnetometer," he said, referring to the walk-through metal detector. "Port Authority officials confronted him when the situation became a ruckus."

Airlines check passengers names against watch lists and apply certain criteria to direct passengers to a more intensive, or "secondary," screening process.

A U.N. diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly, said that Maduro's trip was delayed because he showed up late without a ticket, prompting the screening.

"There's no evidence to substantiate any sort of abnormality in the screening process."

— RUSS KNOCKE
HOMELAND SECURITY SPOKESMAN

"We can confirm that a regrettable incident occurred at John F. Kennedy airport for which the U.S. government has apologized to Foreign Minister Maduro and the government of Venezuela," U.S. State Department spokesman Tom Casey said.

Maduro told the reporters that his government has been in touch with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan about the incident and was gathering a team of lawyers to challenge a detention that he said violated international law.

Earlier, Chavez said on Venezuelan TV that U.S. officials had detained Maduro after linking him to a failed coup that Chavez led in Venezuela in 1992.

"They have held him accusing him of participating in terrorist acts here," Chavez said in



Venezuelan Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro speaks at a news conference at the Venezuelan Mission to U.N. after returning from JFK International Airport in New York Saturday. Maduro was detained by U.S. authorities at a New York airport for more than an hour.

Venezuela. "He didn't even participate in that patriotic rebellion," he said, referring to the uprising he led while still an army officer.

Chavez has previously called Bush a "devil," "donkey" and "madman." While the two countries are tied by oil — Venezuela is among the top five suppliers of crude to the U.S. — relations soured sharply in 2002

after the Bush administration swiftly recognized leaders who briefly ousted Chavez in a coup, before the Venezuelan returned to power amid street protests.

Bush's political foes and friends alike have condemned the remarks, while a call has emerged for businesses to boycott Venezuela-owned Citgo Petroleum Corp. One U.S. governor said his state is no longer

interested in buying discounted heating oil from Venezuela this winter.

Earlier Saturday, Chavez said Bush may be seeking to kill him for calling him "the devil" at the U.N.

"Some worried friends over there have called me [to say] that because I called him the devil they have condemned me to death," Chavez said.

SGA chair says old bill hinders checks and balances

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the government.

"A lot of senators expressed their concern about this because there is supposed to be a separation of power between the executive and the legislative branches," Latorre said. "When the speaker moves up, you're getting rid of that separation of power potentially."

Stout said the constitutions for UCF, state and federal government are set up so that the legislative and executive branches do not always agree. The president and vice president have to work closely together at all times, but the speaker is the head of the checks in the checks and balances system.

"There is a possibility that

the speaker could either disagree with the president or not agree with all that great," Stout said. "It's important that the president picks someone that is his choice so someone isn't just thrown in there."

Amendment to Bill 38-69 says that instead of the speaker assuming the vice president's position, the president will recommend a vice presidential

candidate that the Senate must confirm by a two-thirds vote. If the candidate is rejected, the president will suggest a new candidate.

Stout said that although the amendments to the UCF constitution will not directly impact the student body, students should know what's being changed in their student government.

"It is the constitution that governs their leaders, so just by that they have an automatic right and duty to understand what's being changed," Stout said.

Speaker of the Senate Anthony Furbush said students should read the information on the SGA Web site to gain a better understanding of the amendments.

"Make sure you really research the amendments, look into things before you vote and make a very educated decision," Furbush said. "When you're voting during senate elections don't just vote off of someone saying, 'Hey, vote yes and yes.'"

Students can vote on both bills during election week starting Sept. 25 at 8 a.m. and ending Sept. 27 at 5 p.m.

Student officials had other ideas about drinking games ban

FROM A1

related issues. One of the issues analyzed by FTAG, composed of UCF staff, faculty, alumni and students, was the possibility of prohibiting drinking games at UCF tailgates.

FTAG's consensus, according to White and Stout, was that the prohibition of drinking games was neither practical nor enforceable.

"There are students who are 21 and want to play cards," White said, "and they have a legal right to do that."

Another issue with the poli-

cy is the lack of definition of a drinking game. According to White, the other rules are concrete: a couch is a couch and a keg is a keg. Because the potential rule was considered a non-issue in both FTAG meetings and meetings involving both committees, they never had the opportunity to define it, Stout said.

This is one aspect where Harms is in complete agreement with White and Stout.

"If you went to a 300-person party, you might find 150 definitions on what is or is not a drinking game," Harms said.

After two months of weekly meetings, FTAG presented a 25-page document of its recommendations; the ban on drinking games was absent. Stout assumed their recommendation would be followed, based on their previous meetings.

When AUPTF released the new tailgating guidelines with the ban in place, White and Stout were shocked and disappointed.

"The decision was made in a committee that the university puts its trust in and that decision was not followed," Stout said.

White questioned his purpose on the committee and whether he had a reason for being there or not. UCF senior marketing major Jeremy Crawford had the same question.

"We elect these people (White and Stout) to be our voice, the voice of the students," Crawford said. "If their voice isn't heard, what's the point?"

According to White, he still has not been given a definite reason for what happened. However, if students wanted to point a finger, Harms said they could point it in his direction

because he crafted the final guidelines for Hitt's approval.

According to Harms, there may have been some miscommunication between the two groups, and the committees did not go over the guidelines word for word, nor did they have a 100 percent agreement about the recommendations.

"I was not trying to do anything under-the-table," Harms said.

After the culmination of the first home football game against Villanova, White and Stout no longer had concerns about how the new rule would

be enforced.

"Students need to understand who is enforcing it and what they are trying to accomplish," White said. "If I'm of age and drinking responsibly, I'm not going to be bothered."

However, Crawford still sees the issue a little differently.

"Cops should be able to recognize where there is a situation that needs to be attended to without needing a rule, otherwise, leave us alone," he said.

More information on tailgating procedures can be found on the SGA Web site at <http://www.sga.ucf.edu>.

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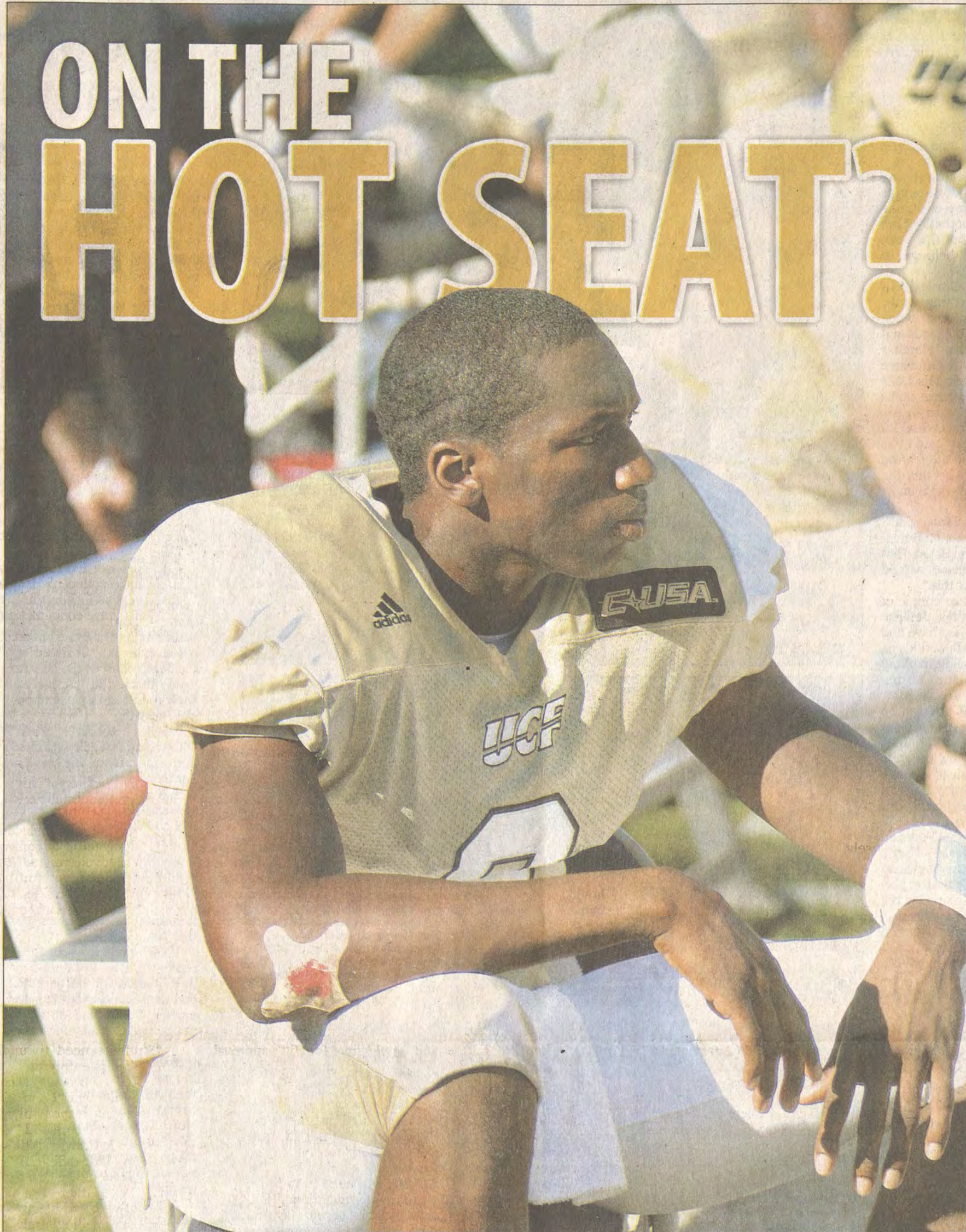
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ON THE HOT SEAT?



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UCF senior quarterback Steven Moffett has struggled in the Knights' last two games, losses to Florida and South Florida. UCF coach George O'Leary said he was working with several quarterbacks in practice this week, but that Moffett still has the starting job and "he has to go out everyday and keep it."

Lineup changes already made, more possible

CHRIS HOYLER
Sports Editor

South Florida defensive end Chris Robinson burst around the edge, shedding the block of tight end Mike Merritt. He zeroed in on quarterback Steven Moffett, blindsiding the senior to force the fumble that clinched a 24-17 win for the Bulls on Sept. 16.

The ball was not the only thing to come loose on the play. Moffett's hold on the starting quarterback is starting to slip according to UCF coach George O'Leary.

"I am working with a lot of quarterbacks this week, because I think we need to do that," O'Leary said at his Thursday press conference.

"Sometimes the assistant coaches get stereotyped into one guy, and I don't. I want to find the most productive guy that can move the football team up and down the field. Right now, that's Steven, but it is his job to keep. He has to go out everyday and keep it."

O'Leary did say that Moffett has "played better," but that he expects something more from the position as a whole.

PLEASE SEE **STARTING** ON A8

Knights open C-USA schedule against USM

CHRIS HOYLER
Sports Editor

UCF coach George O'Leary stood helpless on the sidelines as his team blew assignments, missed tackles and allowed a visitor to win a regular season game in the Citrus Bowl for the first time in nearly two years.

When South Florida walked off the field on Sept. 16 as 24-17 winners over UCF, the mood changed around the Golden Knights, starting at the top.

"I hate head-coaching," O'Leary said. "I want to coach, that's what I love to do, and that's what I'm going to start doing."



UCF VS. SOUTHERN MISS

Where: Citrus Bowl

When: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

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"I hate standing around, walking around the damn field. I'm going to take a group each day, just so I can coach and I have a reason why I'm showering (at the

end of practice)."

O'Leary started by working with the offensive and defensive lines on Thursday, taking time after practice to run the position drills his way, with no other coaches involved. It's created a different feeling for the players on both sides of the ball.

"I feel like this week at practice, we have a renewed enthusiasm," senior defensive end Kareem Reid said. "It was kind of a wake-up call for us, the South Florida game, so coach O'Leary has picked up the tempo."

PLEASE SEE **PLAYERS** ON A9

GAME BREAKDOWN

True freshman running back leads Golden Eagles' offense

BRIAN MURPHY
Staff Writer

With a 1-2 record, all UCF football players and coaches are stressing confidence and improvement. With so much football left to play, you can't let yourself think any differently. But it is no lie that it's been a rough two weeks for the Golden Knights.

The contest versus Florida was

hard to watch; the result against South Florida was hard to stomach.

But that is one of the beauties about college football. With so much emphasis on a team's conference record, those losses can stand as just learning experiences.

Hopefully the Knights have learned as much as possible because their conference season starts Tuesday and everyone knows the importance that carries.

"Conference play is key because that really dictates where we head and what we do," coach George O'Leary said. "The kids understand that."

Under the bright lights of national television, the Knights will begin their 2006 conference journey with the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles. Last October, the

PLEASE SEE **KICKING** ON A8

Volleyball falls to SMU in five games

Youngblood kills 15, assists 45 against USF

VICTOR ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Last week, it was mentioned how this season was starting to look eerily similar to last year. It is evident that statement might have been used as bulletin board material as the Golden Knights came back home for a pair of matches with South Florida and SMU.

Although UCF split the pair of matches during the week, the pieces are in place for UCF to become a force in Conference USA. With freshmen Andrea Youngblood and Tricia Scott making an immediate impact, the return of Jana Mitchell and the emergence of Lorin Lukas, UCF is on the brink of becoming a force in C-USA.

UCF vs. USF

Maina Heming and Schanell Neiderworder each had 15 kills and Andrea Youngblood had 45 assists as UCF was able to fend off USF on Tuesday night 31-29, 30-28, 31-29.

Game one was back and forth throughout with eight ties and five lead changes. UCF had a 26-22 lead during the first game when USF went on a 7-2 spurt to take a 29-28 lead and looked ready to snatch the from the Knights.

After taking a time out, UCF ran off the final three points to win the game 31-29.

Game two would prove to be a mirror image of the first game with 11 more ties and seven lead changes. Once again, USF held the lead late, but this time, a 8-3 run by UCF gave the Knights game two 30-28. In game three, USF went out to a 14-7 lead early on only to see UCF go on a 15-5 surge to take a 22-19 lead. After that, it was a seesaw battle, but UCF scored five of the last six points to complete the sweep 31-29.

It was UCF's third straight home win over USF and their third win in the last four matches against the Bulls.

Stephanie Serna added 11 kills in the victory while Lukas had 13 kills in her first game since setting a school record with nine aces against Troy.

USF's Ashley Reavis led the Bulls with 16 kills and nine digs as Marcela Gurgel chipped in with 13 kills.

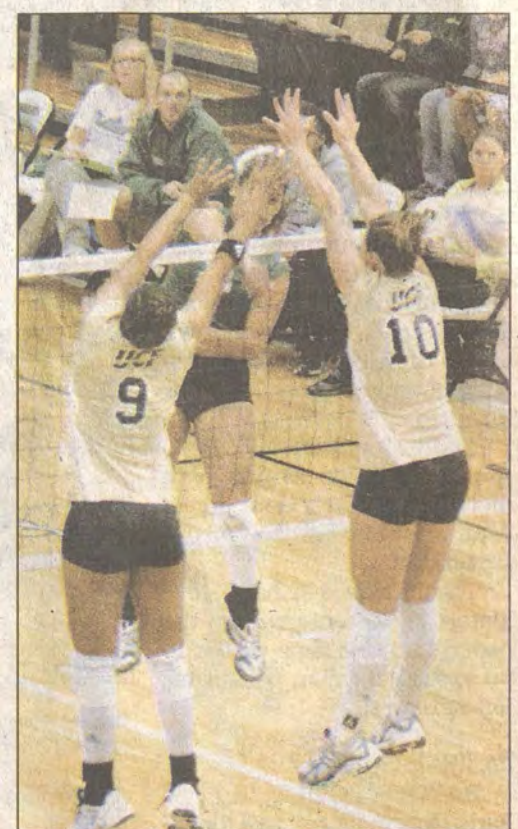
UCF vs. SMU

Friday night saw UCF look to continue their winning ways as they headed back into C-USA action versus SMU. Despite double-doubles from Heming, Lukas and Neiderworder, SMU was able to come away with a thrilling five-game win over UCF 25-30, 30-22, 30-22, 30-16, and 15-11.

UCF took the first game thanks to a balanced attack led by Schanell Neiderworder and Maina Heming who had four kills in the 30-25 victory.

The Knights outscored SMU 19-10 to snatch the win from the Mustangs, who led

PLEASE SEE **KNIGHTS** ON A9



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Stephanie Serna, left, and Schanell Neiderworder go up for a block against South Florida Tuesday.



Kicking game issues not new to UCF

FROM A7

Knights suffered their lone regular season C-USA loss with a 52-31 blowout in Hattiesburg, Miss. In that clash, the Knights went into the half trailing 45-7, mainly due to five turnovers in the first 40 minutes.

The Knights may be looking for revenge, but they were supposed to be looking for that last week as well. How did that turn out?

Here are the matchups to watch on Tuesday night...

When UCF has the ball...

UCF running back Kevin Smith versus USM defensive back Brandon Sumrall.

Did Smith's suspension last week cost the Knights a win? It's a question that O'Leary asked himself, but we will never know for sure. All that matters is that Smith is back this week.

O'Leary says that Smith knows that he did wrong and understands that he let the team down, but all he can do now is get back out on the field and carry on like the Smith that UCF fans know. This week, he'll get that chance and he will be a big focus of the Knights' game plan.

Last week, quarterback Steven Moffett threw for 44 times. But, that is not the strength of UCF football. O'Leary says that he may have abandoned the running game too early last week, so Smith could have many opportunities to endear himself to his team and fans once again.

Smith's attempt to redeem himself will come against an advantageous defense. USM has caused seven turnovers this year that they have converted into 38 points. Sumrall is a big part of this success. Sumrall, the Eagles' second-leading tackler, is pacing C-USA with three forced fumbles. He has also picked up a couple of sacks and an interception.

Overall, the Eagles lead the conference in scoring defense with seven touchdowns allowed this season. And don't be surprised if Smith has some trouble finding running room in this match. Last week against North Carolina State, the Eagles limited the Wolfpack to 77 yards on 21 carries.

When Southern Miss has the ball...

Key matchup: USM running back Damien Fletcher versus

UCF defensive end Chris Welsh.

A true freshman running back who has come on scene as one of the top first-year players in Division I football? That sounds familiar, but this year, that commodity belongs to Southern Miss.

Fletcher leads all true freshmen with 382 rushing yards. After his outing last week where he gained 177 yards and three touchdowns, Fletcher was named C-USA Offensive Player of the Week. His 1,273 yards per game average ranks ninth among all backs in the nation. He has recorded 110 total yards in every game this year, even against the Gators three weeks ago, who shut the Knights down to 21 yards on 24 carries.

"For a true freshman, nothing fazes him," coach Jeff Bower said. "He isn't intimidated. He's poised, athletic and has learned fast. I didn't expect this."

For UCF, the past couple of games have left their defense very frustrated. They have had lapses in the fundamentals of defense, like tackling, making plays on balls and hitting receivers over the middle. After the loss to USF, Welsh said he felt like he had let his fans and his school down. Welsh does not have mind-blowing stats (five tackles, a half of a sack), but with his defense fighting through hard times, his role as a leader is invaluable.

"I see too many stall-outs on defense," O'Leary said. "They'll make a play, then they'll give up a play and then it is like bad play (followed by) bad play. Hey, the next down is the most important. Someone needs to remind them of that on the field."

And that someone is Welsh. If the Knights' defense is going to turn around, he will need to lead the charge.

Special teams...

Key matchup: UCF kicker Mike Torres versus Southern Miss kicker Darren McCaleb.

Simply, the Knights will be at a disadvantage if Tuesday night comes down to a field goal. On one side you have the junior Torres, who is kicking in his first year at UCF. Torres has made just one of three attempts this year. After the USF game, where Torres misfired from 35 yards out, O'Leary called the situation "concerning."

Fifth-year senior Nick



JOHN RAOUX & STEVE COLEMAN / ASSOCIATED PRESS (Clockwise, from top) Southern Miss quarterback Jeremy Young delivers the ball in the face of a rush against Florida; Josh Barnes makes a tackle on Florida's Reggie Nelson; Damien Carter rises to make a touchdown catch against Southeastern on Sept. 2.

Beucher, who is also in his first season with UCF, is Torres' backup. If Torres' struggles continue, Beucher may find himself doing something more than just kickoffs.

The Golden Eagles are very comfortable with their kicker. McCaleb set school records last season with 23 field goals and 255 points. So far in 2006, he has shown that he deserves his tag as C-USA Preseason Special Teams Player of the Year. After hitting three fields and four extra points in last week's victory, the senior was named the conference's Special Teams Player of the Week.

The final words...

Hopefully UCF fans were not driven away by last week's loss because tomorrow should be a lot of fun. Sure, it is always a privilege to play on national television, but the importance of a conference game and the Knights' opponent should be enough to bring in the crowds.

In the Golden Eagles, the Knights will have to stop one of the game's best running attacks.

They will have to find a way to get through an experienced offensive line that has yet to allow a sack.

They will need to find their way around a stingy defense.

And they must beat a conference opponent that just got done rolling over an accomplished Atlantic Coast Conference squad in NC State.

It is going to be a lot of work, but understand that this is not the Gators. Through all these tasks, a victory over the Golden Eagles is attainable. The Knights will need to improve on those aforementioned fundamentals create some big running lanes and be turnover-free.

But, win or lose, one thing is certain: This will be the toughest opponent that UCF will face for the rest of 2006.

AROUND THE C-USA

Pirates can't take advantage of West Virginia turnovers, lose at home

No. 4 West Virginia 27, East Carolina 10

GREENVILLE, N.C. — Patrick White threw for two touchdowns and ran for another and the Mountaineers pulled away in the fourth quarter.

White was 17-of-24 passing for 216 yards with touchdown passes of three yards to Owen Schmitt and 60 yards to Darius Reynaud.

The Mountaineers (4-0) shook off some sloppy play, including White's three interceptions, to win their 11th straight game.

The Pirates (1-3) held Steve Slaton, who entered as the nation's third-leading rusher, to 80 yards, less than half of his 168-yard average.



BOB LEVE / ASSOCIATED PRESS Houston running back Roshawn Pope (3) fumbles the ball as Oklahoma State safety Andre Sexton (20) knocks the ball loose during the first quarter of Saturday's game.

No. 10 LSU 49, Tulane 7

BATON ROUGE, La. — Early Doucet caught two touchdown passes and ran for a third score as LSU jumped out to a big early lead and knocked Tulane quarterback Lester Ricard out of the game late in the first half.

It was not clear if the injury would force Ricard to miss Tulane's home opener in the Louisiana Superdome next Saturday, the Green Wave's first

game in New Orleans since Dec. 4, 2004.

JaMarcus Russell was 17-of-23 for 199 yards and two touchdowns in three quarters for LSU (3-1).

Ricard was 6-of-16 for 44 yards before being knocked from the game and replaced by Scott Elliot and later Anthony Scelfo, who scored the only touchdown by Tulane (1-2).

Tulane has not beaten LSU

since 1982.

No. 15 Tennessee 33, Marshall 7

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — LaMarcus Coker ran 89 yards for a touchdown and Montario Hardesty added a 20-yard scoring run for the Vols (3-1).

Lightning and heavy rain held up the start of the game by an hour. There were showers

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Starting corner Neal moved to free safety

FROM A7

"I'm putting the heat on the quarterback because I think that's the key position," O'Leary said. "With it goes a lot of praise, but when things don't go right, there are a couple of ways of looking at it. I'm not blaming him at all, I'm just saying that the position, overall, needs to play better."

Moffett is not the only starter whose seemingly established spot is in question. Cornerback Johnell Neal, who started all 13 games as a redshirt freshman last season and was praised by O'Leary at the end of 2005 as the team's most physical defender, likely will not start at cornerback Tuesday against Southern Miss. In favor of true freshman Emery Allen.

This move is more of an indictment of the poor play at free safety, where Neal took over against USF for struggling starters Marlon Williams and Jason Venson. Allen, who is still listed on the depth chart as the backup to Joe Burnett at left cornerback, took Neal's place opposite Burnett.

"He's gonna start," O'Leary said of Allen. "I liked him right from the get-go. Sometimes, things come in a blessing. He got an opportunity and I don't think anyone will beat him out now, I don't."

"He comes from pretty good stock and he understands that when you have an opportunity, you don't let it go by. Some of the other freshmen don't understand that yet."

UCF has allowed 1,007 passing yards in their first three games, and Burnett said that the secondary's struggles against USF came down to not being "mentally focused."

With Southern Miss quarterback Jeremy Young playing well (he was 13-for-19 with 181 yards and no interceptions in a 37-17 win over North Carolina State on Sept. 16), Burnett knows the mistakes that plagued them against the Bulls must be corrected.

"(USF) got open in seams and stuff like that, and they had the momentum," Burnett said. "They kept going with it, drive, drive, drive, and put the points on the board. We just gotta get better, we gotta play harder and finish."

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Knights prepare to face Southern Miss in conference battle

FROM A7

15-11 prior to the UCF run. The next two games saw UCF get out to early leads only to see the Mustangs comeback and take games two and three 30-22.

In game two, UCF led 13-9 when SMU called time out and roared back on a 21-9 run tying up the match.

Game three was very similar to the previous game with UCF taking an early lead only to see it vanish thanks to eight kills by Rachel Giubilato and a Mustang squad who hit .372 in the victory.

UCF rebounded in resounding fashion in game four by holding SMU to a .062 hitting percentage while hitting .213 as the Knights coasted to a 30-16 triumph.

The decisive game was back and forth in the beginning with the final game tied at seven. A 5-1 run by SMU helped pace the

Mustangs to a 15-11 victory. Giubilato led SMU with a career-high 31 kills and 18 digs while Caitlin Rainbird added 16 kills and 16 digs.

Youngblood had 57 assists and a career-high five service aces for UCF in the loss.

On Deck...

Next up for the Knights will be a Friday afternoon conference matchup versus Southern Mississippi at 4 p.m. in the UCF Arena. Admission is free and coach Meg Colado wants to see the biggest crowd of the season at this conference affair on Friday.

As of Sept. 23, Southern Miss is 7-9 overall and 0-2 in conference play.

UCF won their conference opener versus the Golden Eagles for the second consecutive season on Sept. 15. They won 22-30, 30-23, 30-23 and 31-29.

Heming led UCF with 20 kills and a .545 hitting percentage while Lukas posted a double-double, recording 14 kills and 11 digs in the victory.

Youngblood had 48 assists and seven digs while Serna recorded seven kills in place of Jana Mitchell.

Stevi Cherry had 15 kills to pace the Golden Eagles while Angela Hlavaty added 11 kills and setter Cassie Lavery had 30 assists in the losing effort for Southern Miss.

The Last Word

While beating rivals at home is always a plus, the important stat says UCF is 1-1 in conference play.

The two matches UCF played at home this past week were possibly the best they've played all season long and the fan support was tremendous, though Colado said she wants more fans and more support.



Stephanie Augustavo, bottom, and Johari Williams hit the ground after missing a save attempt in Tuesday's game. Williams had three kills, nine digs and one assist for the match. Augustavo led the team with 11 digs.

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Players, O'Leary say enthusiasm is up; Kevin Smith returns from suspension

FROM A7

"We got back to some of the fundamentals, working on the little things to make sure we have our techniques right and continue to progress through the season."

The season continues Tuesday night with the opening of Conference USA play. The Knights will host the team that handed them their only regular season C-USA loss last season, Southern Miss. It's a matchup of the teams picked to finish first (UCF) and second (S. Miss) in C-USA East by the coaches this preseason.

"Their rankings say we're the top two teams," Reid said. "We like playing against good competition and we feel like last year was not who we were as a team."

In Hattiesburg last October, the Knights turned the ball over five times in the first half and were down 45-7 after 30 minutes. O'Leary said there was only one lesson to be learned from that game.

"Do not turn the ball over," O'Leary said. "It was ridiculous giving up (five) turnovers in the first half. You just cannot give teams that kind of field position."

Establishing good field position starts with the running game, which O'Leary said he has not used enough so far this season. With Kevin Smith back after a one-game suspension to re-join Jason Peters and true freshman Philip Smith in the UCF backfield, expect the Knights to come out and try to control the game on the ground.

"We're a team that has to run the ball to set up the pass, not pass to set up the run," O'Leary said.

Sophomore offensive tackle Kyle Smith said, "Rushing for 100 yards is our goal every week. That's what we pride ourselves on and we know Kevin Smith can break big runs, so as long as we give him a hole there should be no problem with him getting 100 yards."

O'Leary did call Kevin Smith the team's best running back, admitting that while the USF game might have been different with him in the backfield, there was some good that came from it.



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UCF running back Jason Peters was impressive against South Florida, but sophomore Kevin Smith will get the bulk of the carries on Tuesday, UCF coach George O'Leary said.

"Obviously, I think he would have been somewhat of a difference," O'Leary said. "But I'll tell you what, I like that Philip Smith kid. He just now needs to see more action because he has a great burst. He was a bit of a nervous Nelly there (against USF) when he hit some of the holes, his feet caught up with his shoulder pads. He's a breakaway guy because he has great speed, and he'll see more time this week too."

The Eagles will try to slow down the Knights' running game with an inexperienced defense that returns just five starters from last season (Wayne Hardy, who started last season, would be six, but he is the backup at weakside linebacker to Tokumbo Abanikanda.)

Southern Miss coach Jeff

Bower said nose tackle Sean Merrill's ankle injury suffered against NC State will likely not keep him out Tuesday, but the junior will have strong support from the man he lines up next to, defensive tackle Martavius Prince.

"We expect a lot out of him," Bower said of Prince. "We had high expectations of him coming into the year. He's a smart player. He's grown up and has played better than he's ever played. He can play better, but he's done a good job and has played consistently well so far."

The Knights and Eagles will hook up for their second all-time meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Citrus Bowl. Rece Davis, Mark May and Lou Holtz will call the game on ESPN2 (Bright House Networks Channel 30).

Kolb leads Houston with 313 yards, four TDs

FROM A8

mixed with sunshine and even a rainbow during the game.

Tennessee, which netted minus 11 yards rushing against the Gators, finished with 176 yards on the ground against the Thundering Herd (1-3).

No. 18 Florida State 55, Rice 7

TALLAHASSEE — Antone Smith ran for 137 yards and two touchdowns and Lorenzo Booker added 115 yards in a game played before one of the smallest home crowds in years.

The Seminoles (3-1) led 26-7 at halftime on Drew Weatherford's 18-yard touchdown pass to Greg Carr, who also caught a 57-yard touchdown pass in the

fourth quarter from Xavier Lee. Florida State scored earlier in the half on short runs by Joe Surratt and Smith and a pair of field goals by Gary Cismesia, including a 53-yarder.

Rice is 0-4.

Houston 34, Oklahoma State 25

HOUSTON — Kevin Kolb outdueled Bobby Reid by throwing for 313 yards and four touchdowns to lead Houston to a 34-25 win over Oklahoma State on Saturday night and keep the Cougars undefeated.

Kolb, who is the active career leader in Division I-A completions, passing yards and total offense, had touchdown passes of 42, 33, 27 and 7 yards. He was 21-of-28.

Reid, who is from the Houston area, kept the Cowboys (3-1) in the game and finished with 281 yards passing and three touchdowns. He also had 85 yards rushing.

The Cougars (4-0) took advantage of an overturned call to take a 24-17 lead just before halftime.

Oklahoma State threatened with about eight minutes left, but Ernest Miller broke up a pass from Reid on fourth and two from the five.

With less than three minutes to play, the Cougars again stopped a Cowboys drive inside the 5, when Houston recovered Crosslin's fumble on the 1-yard line.

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OUR STANCE

Iraq war creating more terrorism

The U.S. invasion of Iraq has not only killed more than 2,500 American troops and tested the will of our president and citizens; it has also increased the rise of Islamic radicalism so much that the overall terror threat to this country has grown since the Sept. 11 attacks.

The *New York Times* reported on the increase Sunday as it is outlined in a classified terrorism assessment.

According to government officials who have either seen the final document or worked on previous drafts, the National Terror Estimate explains how U.S. presence in Iraq has encouraged the growth of Islamic extremism instead of squashing terrorism like the White House claimed in papers released to coincide with the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The report, titled "Trends in Global Terrorism: Implications for the United States," said that it is possible for Iraq war veterans to return to their home countries, "exacerbating domestic conflicts or fomenting radical ideologies."

It details how the radical Islamists use the Internet to spread their beliefs to others. It also explains that extremists have spread outside the realm of al-Qaida, and while they still operate much like al-Qaida

cells, they are no longer governed by Osama bin Laden or any of his top officials.

That means even if Laden is dead, as an unsubstantiated French intelligence leak reported Saturday, these groups can function without the man that Americans associate most with terrorism.

While the details of this report have not been released to the public, Americans should nonetheless pay attention to the implications it lists for the U.S.

According to *The Times*, "National Intelligence Estimates are the most authoritative documents that the intelligence community produces on a specific national security issue... Their conclusions are based on analysis of raw intelligence collected by all of the spy agencies."

All 16 U.S. spy services provided information for this report, and all of those services back their conclusions.

And those conclusions are consistent with reports released by U.S. allies.

In May, a panel investigating the July 2005 bombings in London reported that British intelligence agencies, "emphasized to the committee the growing scale of the Islamist terrorist threat."

And the Council on Global Terrorism gave the U.S. a "D+" in its efforts to stamp out

Islamic radicalism across the globe.

A "D" by any standards is unacceptable.

It's time for the U.S. to wake up to the terror that is growing out of this ever-growing blunder called the Iraq war.

U.S. troops were supposed to go over to Iraq to dethrone Saddam Hussein, rid the world of weapons of mass destruction and make America safer than it was before Sept. 11.

But Saddam Hussein wasn't a threat to the U.S.; there were no weapons of mass destruction. And, as the report suggests, the U.S. is far less safe than it was five years ago.

The terrorists we were looking for weren't in Iraq, they were in Afghanistan.

We missed the mark and now terrorists are popping up in the country we were supposed to liberate.

We were told that Iraqis would greet us at the borders; they would welcome us into their country with open arms.

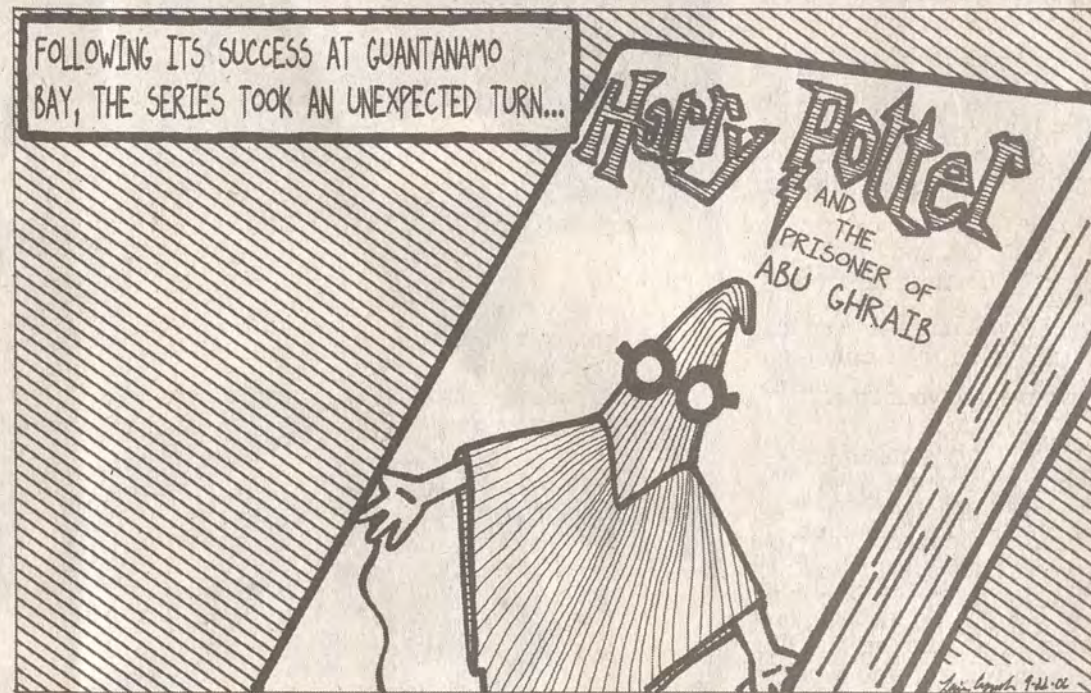
But instead of being seen as a liberator, the U.S. is seen as a bully on the global scene that wants everyone to follow its rules and its ideas of government and religion.

As this report simply states, our bullying has done nothing to stop Islamic extremism and everything to nurture the terrorists of tomorrow.



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NATIONAL VIEW



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READER VIEWS

Medication is not the answer to life's problems

America, land of the free and home of the medicated?

Less than 50 years ago medicinal drugs became the answer for every ailment in life; and that movement hasn't gone away, it has evolved. No longer should the drugs on the street be our main concern; it should be the drugs that are invading our doctor's offices and making their way into the family medicine cabinet.

Medicinal drugs are now so prevalent that probably every person reading this article has, or knows someone that has, taken an easy way out in pill or liquid form.

Look at the family line we have been placed into by the drug companies:

Parents, wanting to have a child, take fertility drugs and erectile dysfunction medication. Then, after having the child, they get put on anti-depressants because life is just too stressful and meaningless. Then, because the parents are doped up, they begin to believe that their child has such problems as the infamous Attention Deficit Disorder.

It couldn't be that the child just has behavioral issues, or in most cases is just a child acting like a child. It has to be that she has a mind-altering disease which, of course, can only be fixed by drugs.

So buying into the lie again, the parents place the poor child on mind-altering drugs. This inevitably leads to the child having problems throughout his life, due to the fact that the real problem was never taken care of

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Venezuelan president nothing more than an attention-seeking child

Here's a riddle:

What's the common thread between the Citgo sign in Boston's Kenmore Square, the devil incarnate and George W. Bush?

They're all tied to the controversy surrounding Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

Chavez delivered a speech at the U.N. Wednesday and called Bush "el diablo," or the devil incarnate.

"The devil lives in this country," Chavez said. "Yesterday [Tuesday] the devil came here, right here ... it still smells from defur today."

The reactions to the comments were pretty intense. Allston-Brighton City Councilor Jerry P. McDermott filed a resolution to have the famous Citgo sign in Kenmore Square replaced with the U.S. flag. The sign is so close to Fenway Park that it can be seen in televised Boston Red Sox games.

Citgo is a Venezuelan subsidiary.

Conservative talking head Rush Limbaugh latched onto the comments last week as well, equating the remarks to Democratic Bush-bashing.

Limbaugh did this despite the fact that he used to call former Democratic Sen. Tom Daschle "el diablo," according to columnist Jeff Cohen.

Both of these reactions were completely unwarranted. McDermott's resolution was nothing more than a political move to garner a few unnecessary headlines.

And Limbaugh is just being Limbaugh, which is an entirely separate topic.

Political name-calling does nothing for the international community. The U.N. is a forum for peace and diplomatic relations.

When the president of a country uses it as a forum for grade-school debauchery, it hurts the entire institution.

That's not to say that Chavez doesn't have every right to call Bush the devil incarnate. Chavez believes that the U.S. is behind a 2002 coup that briefly deposed him. But Chavez just chose the wrong forum to do it in.

Chavez needs to be dealt with like a two-year-old child. The man clearly hates the U.S., not just Bush, and is trying to garner attention. Whenever he throws a hissy fit, like calling the president the devil, ignore him. Otherwise, you reinforce negative behavior.

All Chavez really needs is a time-out.

UCF police officer's tragic death not in vain, forced needed change

Sunday marked the one-year anniversary of the tragic death of UCF Police Officer Mario Jenkins, and the changes UCF made to its tailgating policies after his death have made tailgating and patrolling pregame parties safer.

Jenkins was fatally shot by an Orlando police reserve officer after Jenkins fired his gun into the air. A tailgater had refused to show Jenkins his ID and ran off, prompting Jenkins to fire.

Because Jenkins was wearing plainclothes, the Orlando officer saw only a man with a gun and thought he was keeping the students safe by shooting Jenkins.

Jenkins' death shocked the UCF community and prompted several important reforms.

Now police officers have to wear uniforms at all times. Officers also have to have a pregame briefing so that different agencies know the plan for the day.

There are now security cameras that help officers see possible problems, and new locator signs that help officers locate backup if they need it. And tailgaters must be inside the stadium when the game begins.

These reforms keep police officers safe from one another because they can now easily recognize and know each agency's plans.

These reforms also keep students safe by discouraging endless partying outside the stadium and excessive drinking.

UCF police Maj. Randy Mingo told the *Orlando Sentinel* that before these changes were made there would be at least 40 tailgating fights. At the last game there were just 10, he said.

But law enforcement agencies weren't the only organizations to make changes after Jenkins' death.

The Student Government Association now provides buses to and from the Citrus Bowl and organizes activities to keep students from drinking.

Coca-Cola now offers free beverages to discourage drinking, and Domino's Pizza offers free food, which can help slow alcohol absorption in the body.

Without these reforms, UCF students and police officers alike would still be vulnerable at pregame parties.

And without these reforms, Jenkins would have died in vain.

MAN ON THE STREET

THE WORD AROUND CAMPUS

"How are you getting ready for Tuesday's game?"



ASHLEY BARODY
Childhood education

"I go early to get seats but I'm not going to prepare much this time."



DONOVAN LUI
Aerospace engineering

"I'm not going to prepare much; I'm disappointed with our USF loss."



TIFFANY MULLIN
Finance

"I'm probably going to tailgate while eating lots of food and drinking beverages."



CARLEN TENPENNY
Business

"I'm just not going to the football game."



AC SANFORD
Acting

"Getting rallied up and dressing up."



ZACH LAYNER
Acting

"I'll drink in spirit."

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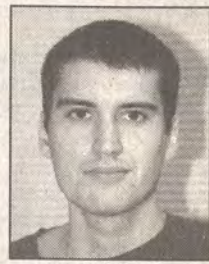


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Rudeness epidemic hits Fla.

Is it just me, or are people getting more rude every day?

A little while ago, *Men's Health* named Orlando the angriest city in the country. It makes me wonder, is this the cause of all the rudeness, or the result of it?



TROY HILLIER
Editor-in-Chief

Maybe it's just Florida; that would certainly correspond with my theory that the further north you go in the U.S., the nicer people are (with an anomaly in the New York/New Jersey area).

Of course, some things are more forgivable than others. I don't really expect people to say "thanks" anymore, and I'm genuinely surprised when I hear someone actually saying "you're welcome."

A virtual vacuum of manners is the roads of and around Orlando. The only time that people seem to use blinkers is when the Buick doing 30 mph in the fast lane leaves it on for 20 exits. Oh, and forget about giving the car in front of you three seconds worth of space, apparently that is just an invitation to the other drivers to swerve into your lane.

Then there's the "thank-you wave." This is one of those things that you're never taught, but anyone who has been on the road for a couple weeks knows that when someone lets you in front of them, they are entitled to a thank-you wave. Unfortunately, this unwritten rule of the road seems to be disregarded more and more.

As annoying as this is, nothing is as bad as the people who try to cut everybody when the road is merging. If you've been on I-4 during construction, which is kind of unnecessary to say since it's always under construction, you've seen these people. They know that the lane they are in is merging, but they still cut in front of dozens of cars.

So what can we do about this? The most important

thing is not to turn into one of these people. After most polite people are treated rudely, they start feeling helpless; what's the use of being polite when everyone around you is rude? Nevertheless, we

can't let the jerks of the world affect how the rest of us act.

When someone cuts you off, then slows down, do your best to not tailgate them. When you say "thank you" and someone doesn't respond with "you're welcome," try to not let it deter you from being polite in the future. And finally, when someone flips you off, try not to punch them in the face.

I'd like to say that by acting politely, we'll be able to convert people from their rude ways, but something makes me think that these people won't notice how much more considerate the people around them are, or they'll take it for granted.

It always makes me laugh when a rude person turns around and complains about the way that someone treated them. For some reason, the things that they do to other people without thinking twice are absolutely prohibited from being done to them.

In the end, I think that a lack of manners just boils down to bad parenting. I'm sure that ignoring a rude kid is easier than sitting them down and explaining how to be considerate and that going out and letting the TV raise your kids is easier than being there.

It's a kind of scary thought that many of us will be parents soon, if not already, but this will give us a chance to actually change things by raising our children well.

I'm sure that it will take more work than I can imagine, but what kind of society will the future hold if this trend of rudeness is allowed to continue?

READER VIEWS

FROM A10

or masked by mounds of drugs.

The doping of our future is a major problem facing the U.S. today.

Children no longer have to go to the streets to search for drugs; they are given to them by their own parents, in hopes of making them "normal."

That normal that they are so desperately seeking will never be attained until they address a central issue of behavior: children need attention, younger children need even more.

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Until you start loving your child enough to spend time with her, the problem will continue.

Stop this vicious family line that threatens to shake the very core of our nation.

Remember this one central point: Drugging your child is not loving your child.

— MATT KUKA
JOURNALISM MAJOR

Students, create 'sea of gold' at UCF's next game

I know many of you may be disappointed with how the

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Regardless, we need to remember that last year after three games we were in the same position, and there is no doubt this team is going to come through for us.

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If anyone happened to watch the Georgia Tech vs. Virginia game, the Georgia Tech fans were all wearing gold. This stands out much better and definitely helps to create a better game-day environment for the team and the fans.

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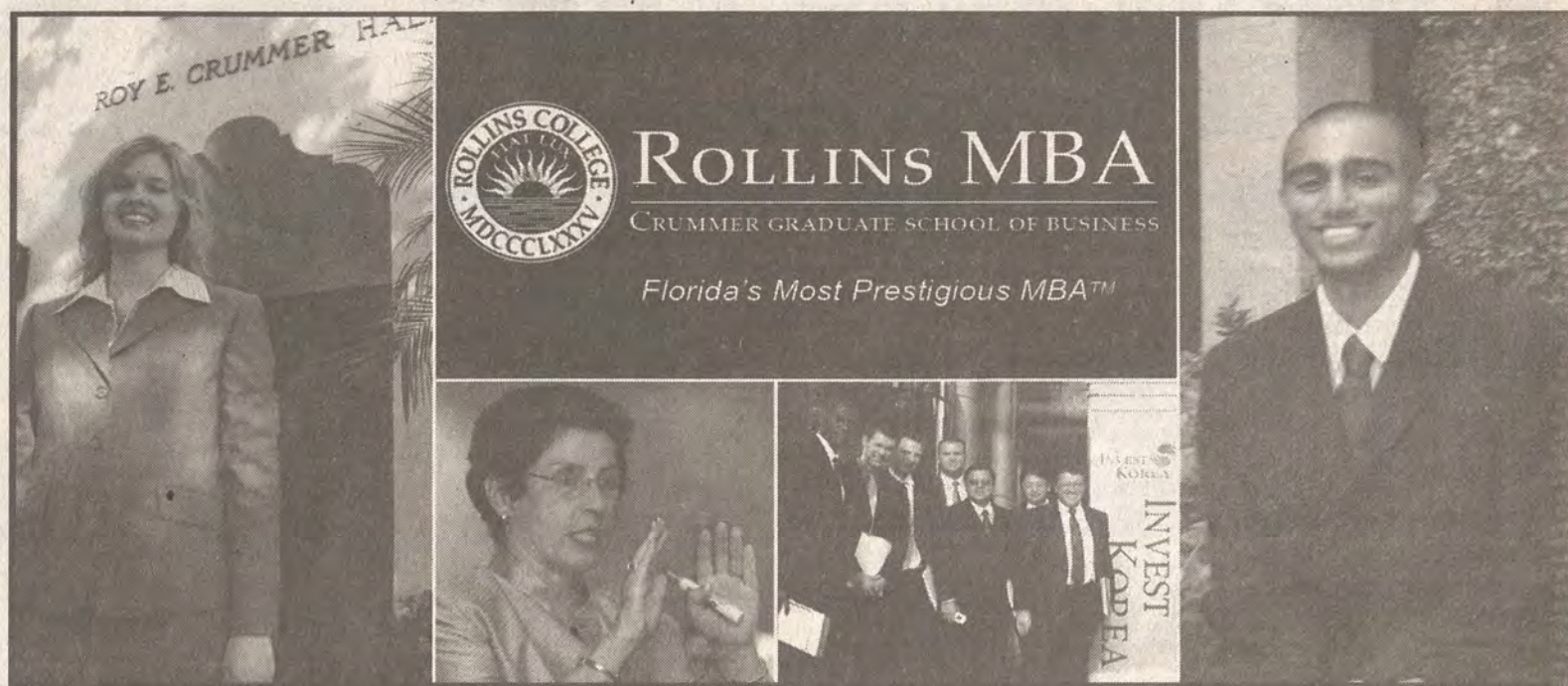
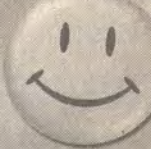
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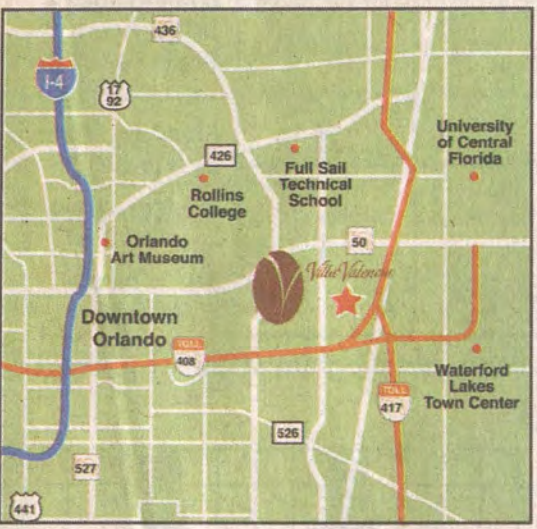
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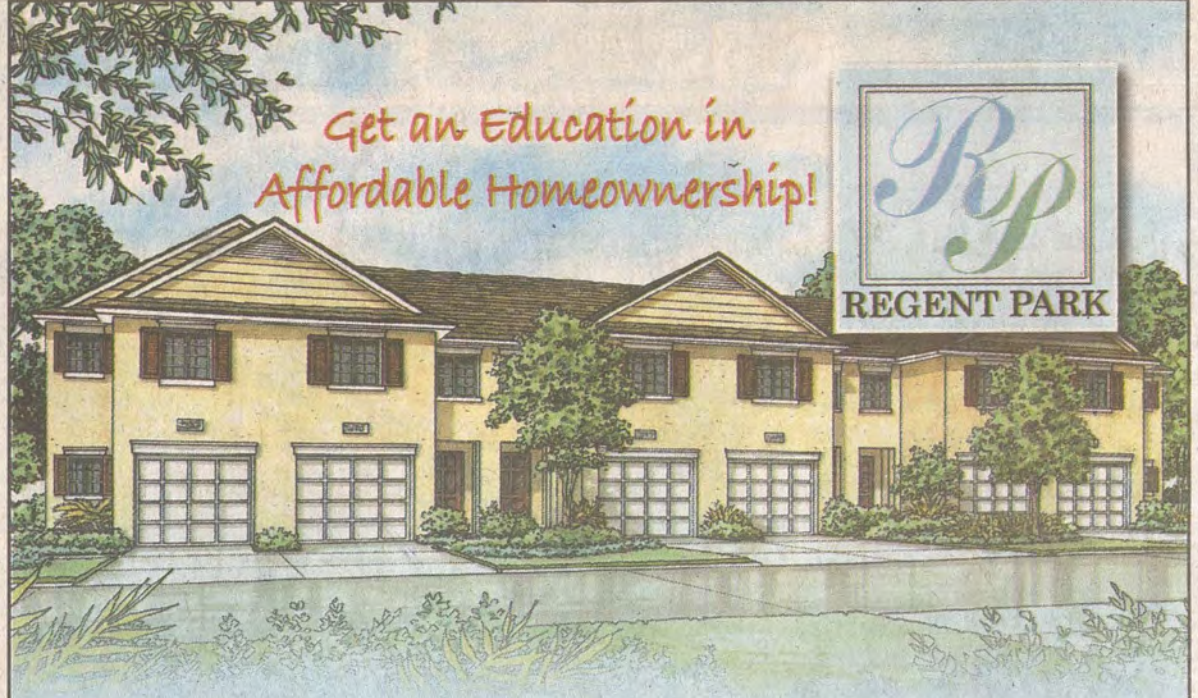
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