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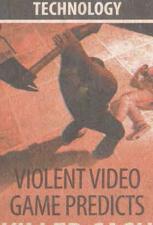


4 days, 99 bands Bonnaroo music festival features The Police, Tool — SEE VARIETY A8



THIS UGLY MUTT COULD BE FROM DAGOBAH

Elwood, a 2-year-old Chinese Crested and Chihuahua mix, was crowned the world's ugliest dog Friday. Elwood, dark and hairless, except for the mohawk, is often referred to as "Yoda," or "E.T.," for his resemblance to those famous science-fiction characters. "I think he's the cutest thing that ever lived," said Elwood's owner, Karen Quigley.



KILLER CASH

Software Inc. to suspend distribution of the violent video game *Manhunt 2* could actually end up boosting demand from curious gamers, according to industry

Security deadlines advanced to fall

DONALD THOMANN Contributing Writer

Two security provisions being proposed by the security task force could be implemented as soon as August 15.

Retired U.S. Navy Vice Adm. Al Harms, head of the task force, said in a meeting Thursday that many of the estimated completion times for the provisions needed to be moved forward.

"I'm not the kind of person that likes to sit around and study these proposals until the cows come home," Harms said. "We need to innovate and integrate some of these measures right now."

One of the measures that could be integrated by the fall semester is placing placards inside buildings and classrooms. The placards would contain a number of emergency or crisismanagement procedures and contact information.

"Putting the placards in buildings and classrooms will hopefully be done by August 15," he said. "Those are going to need some work, though, and maintenance people will help put those up, so if they're not up by then, they'll be up soon into the fall semester."

More immediately, the task force will be approving and issuing a sticker to be put on the back of students' IDs. They will have four or five emergency contact numbers and other information printed on them, Harms said. "Doing the small things like this is easier and quicker, which is why we want to have them done first," he said. "The more hardware- and infrastructurerelated proposals will obviously have to be studied more, and they will take longer to implement."

All of the proposals have to follow strict guidelines set by the National Incident Management System. NIMS, a branch of the Department of Homeland Security, enforces a set of guidelines that local first responders and emergency personnel adhere to; this includes those who write university emergency procedures, such as UCF's Security Task Force.

Harms organized the Security task force at the request of President John Hitt after the Virginia Tech shootings and the wave of brush fires that swept through Florida. The task force will send Hitt a security plan

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LIGHTNING STRIKES SECOND FIRE IN THREE WEEKS



Concern for UCF's gopher tortoises

Arboretum to study species' health issues

TARA YOUNG Staff Writer

Walking in the Oak Hammock natural area of UCF's Arboretum, Alaina Bernard, environmental steward and prescribed fire coordinator at the Arboretum, made a surprising discovery — a dead gopher tortoise.

While touring the area to take a look at some burrows that she spotted the day before, Bernard hoped to catch a look while the tortoises foraged for food.

"I was taking someone out to go look at some of the burrows I had seen before, thinking that the tortoises may all be foraging around the area, and I turned the corner and saw a medium-sized one that was dead," Bernard said. Prompted by the tortoise's fate,

analysts. The game, which initially got a rating of "Adults Only" — one step above "Mature" — has been banned in England and Ireland.

AROUND CAMPUS, A2 ACADEMIC ADVISERS ON LOCATION AT THE UCF BOOKSTORE

Academic advisers from the Student Success Center will be in front of the UCF Bookstore today and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students can receive quick answers to withdrawal, registration and schedule questions.

LOCAL & STATE, A2 CRIST SIGNS FIRST PART OF HISTORIC PROPERTY TAX-CUT LEGISLATION

The first half of the biggest tax cut in Florida's history became law Thursday, but some taxpayers are disappointed. The average homeowner will save less than \$200 a year. The measure will be on Florida's Jan. 29 presidential primary ballot.

NATION & WORLD, A4 'CHEMICAL ALI' GIVEN THE DEATH SENTENCE BY IRAQI COURT

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Lightning strikes Pegasus Pointe



Top: Residents of Pegasus Pointe watch as firefighters respond to a fire caused by lightning at Building 16 on Tuesday. Above: Firefighters cut holes into the roof to push the fire out and keep it from the apartment below.

WHITNEY HAMRICK Staff Writer

Incoming freshman Katherine Carter, 18, was looking forward to watching TV on Tuesday, her second day in her new apartment.

Then, lightning struck her Pegasus Pointe apartment building. Carter sat straight up and jumped out of her seat when she heard what, she said, sounded like a bomb hitting the building.

"You could feel it hit," Carter said.

The electricity went off within seconds and flicked back on, but the TV was fried.

A bolt of lightning struck Pegasus Pointe Building 16 Tuesday evening, igniting a section of the roof into three-foot flames over one of the apartments, displacing several students but injuring no one.

Four fire engines, two police cruisers and two ambulances were on the scene within five minutes. Police directed incom-

ing traffic away and blocked the entrance. Some residents drove to neighboring apartment complexes and ran across six lanes of Alafaya Trail traffic to see what was happening.

Firefighters climbed three flights of stairs and pulled a hose to the top floor with a rope and made their way into the apartment. The fire hadn't reached the apartment directly below the burning patch of roof.

The crew sprayed extinguishing foam into a hole that they cut in the ceiling to push the flames up and out of the apartment to minimize further damage, said Capt. Jon Behr of the Orlando Fire Department.

Residents of the apartments watched a fire engine ladder stretch to the top of the roof and firefighters throw debris down to the pavement while the storm continued to

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LIGHTNING TIPS

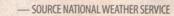
- If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning. Go to safe shelter immediately.
- Find shelter in a building or car.
- Telephone lines and metal pipes can conduct electricity. Unplug appliances. Avoid using the telephone
- or any electrical appliances.
- Avoid taking a bath or shower or running water for any purpose.

If Caught Outside

- If you are in the woods, take shelter under shorter trees.
- Go to a low-lying, open place away from trees, poles or metal objects.
- Make sure the place you pick is not subject to flooding.
- Squat low to the ground. Place your hands on your knees with your head between them. Make yourself the smallest target possible.
- Do not lie flat on the ground this will make you a larger target.

If Struck

- People struck by lightning carry no electrical charge and can be handled safely.
- Call for help. Get someone to dial 911 or your local Emergency Medical Services number.
- The injured person has received an electrical shock and may be burned, both where they were struck and where the electricity left their body. Check for burns in both places.
- Give first aid. If breathing hates, stopped, begin rescue breathing. If the heart has stopped beating, a trained person should give the victim CPR.



PLEASE SEE TORTOISES ON A5



ISAAC BABCOCK / SEMINOLE CHRONICL A gopher tortoise emerges from its burrow in the eastern portion of UCF's Arboretum.

Faculty and staff won't get a raise in 2007-08

LAUREN PAULAUSKAS & ABE ABORAYA Staff Writer and Editor-In-Chief

The faculty and staff of UCF, everyone from tenured professors to groundskeepers, won't be getting a salary increase this year, in part because of Gov. Charlie Crist's veto on tuition increase.

At a collective bargaining session on Thursday, the United Faculty of Florida and the Board of Trustees continued talks to update the contracts between UCF's faculty and the administration. The meeting, expected to last about three hours, only lasted half

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AROUND **CAMPUS**

News and notices for the UCF community

Advisers in front of the bookstore

Student Success Center academic advisers will be in front of the UCF Bookstore today and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Students can find out whom their advisers are and receive quick answers to questions.

For more information, call 407-823-3789.

Advice offered about majors

Students can seek advice about their majors and minors today from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Room 224 of the Student Union.

Advice will be offered about UCF majors and minors and how employers view majors.

For more information, call Sophomore and Second Year Center at 407-823-3375.

Get help applying to grad school

Students can get advice about graduate school applications on Thursday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Ferrell Commons Career Resource Center, Room 185-C.

The workshop will assist students with applications, entrance exams, personal statements, letters of recommendation and graduate interviews. For more information, call

407-823-2361.

LOCAL & STATE

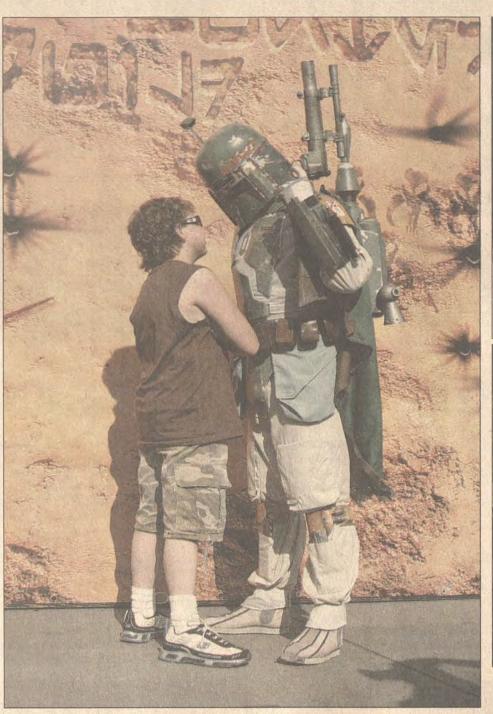
Keep local with headlines you may have missed

FAMU has six months to clean itself up to avoid losing accreditation

TALLAHASSEE — The accrediting association that oversees Florida A&M University has voted to place the historically black public college on six-months' probation, citing financial and managerial problems.

The decision on Thursday by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is the latest blow for Florida A&M, which has been reeling from financial turmoil, turnover and infighting.

Florida A&M was placed on probation for problems with 10 standards, including those dealing with financial stability, compliance with financial-audit requirements, and the integrity of administrative and academic officers. Other violations dealt with control of sponsored research and outside funds, and compliance with Title IV of the Higher Education Act, which governs federal student aid. The decision also came the same day that a special commission was appointed to resolve financial and operational problems at Florida A&M.



LUKE, I AM YOUR FANBOY

Star Wars fans feel the Force at **MGM** studios

LAUREN PAULAUSKAS Staff Writer

With a league of fans from around the country, Star Wars Weekends at Disney-MGM Studios proved to be the highlight of the year for everyone who loves dressing up like a Jedi or Darth Vader.

With several events like the Jedi Training Academy and Padawan Mind Challenge, the costume-clad bunch of Star Wars fanatics got a chance to live out their fantasies at the place "Where dreams ome true "It blends two of my favorite things, which is awesome," said David McCloughan, who came to Disney from Lambertville, N.J. "I have an Anakin costume, but it's 95 degrees; I'm not going to wear it - I wore it for Halloween." The "Force" was with most of the crowd. A woman with a Princess Leia combat outfit arrived with her daughter dressed in a Jedi cape. A man in full Dark Side gear walked by without a second glance at onlookers.

gy graduate student at UCF.

During the event, the park is divided into two sections: one for the good boys and one for the bad.

The ride Star Tours, which is at the park all year round, simulates Star Wars style space travel - with a little trouble. "I'm still getting used to my programming," the robot in charge of the mission said.

R2-D2 and C-3PO greet you at the entrance of the ride, talking to each other about the adventure ahead.

The Jedi Training Academy features a man in a Jedi outfit showing young children how to fight like a Jedi with a Light Saber. After learning the three rules of being a Jedi - remember to stay on your training position, be mindful of your Light Saber at all times and do not fall off the training stage - the novices are chal-









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CORRECTION

In the June 18 article titled "Soldiers mentor future scholars," Rudy Darden's name was misspelled in the third paragraph.

CLARIFICATION

"Cool To Be Blue: Blue Man Group at Universal," stated that Blue Man Group will be at Universal Orlando until the end of the year. It is a permanent show.

Han Solo stood in front of the Backlot Tour of the Disney-MGM Studios. "I'm here on vacation," he said.

'The 'Dark' people never really get attention, so they come out [to the Backlot area]," said Eric Resinger, a psycholo-

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lenged by Darth Vader.

"I'm sensing the Dark Side over here," the Jedi trainer said. "Nobody likes to see a clumsy Jedi."

Princess Leia, Darth Vader and other Star Wars characters also got to introduce themselves to guests.

"Today, we mostly just took pictures with the characters," said Kristin Alonso, a student who came from Miami Dade College to MGM Studios with her friend, Alex Mizrahi, a student at Florida International University. Her favorite character is Darth Vader, and she makes it known with her "I love Darth Vader" Tshirt.

PLEASE SEE FANS ON A3

LOCAL WEATHER

TODAY IN DETAIL Today: Calm wind becoming east between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight: Mostly clear, with east northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.



Tuesday High: 91º **CHANCE T-STORMS** Low: 74º

Star Wars Weekends at Disney-MGM Studios, which

were held Friday, Saturday and Sundays from June 1-

meet their favorite characters, such as (clockwise from

left) Boba Fett, Darth Vader, Figrin D'an, Darth Maul

and Gamorrean Guards.

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Legislature limits Residents unaware of strike

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FROM A1

proposal in regard to not only violence, but severe weather and fire as well.

"One of the categories of our plan is to implement a large scale notification and warning for the entire campus family," Harms said. "Right now, a lot of research is going into this section, and a lot of contractors are trying to sell us their systems."

One such company, which the task force is already looking to integrate, is Mobile Campus. Mobile Campus is a free service for students and faculty that sends emergency and news announcements via text messaging.

With Mobile Campus, sign-up is optional, but UCF may be looking to collect information from students for the Mobile Campus data-base through students' MyUCF contact information, which is updated every registration period.

"Penn State goes with a similar company and system called e2Campus," said Chad Binette, assistant director of News and Information and a member of the task force. "They get the phone numbers when students register for classes, get their grades or pay tuition online, just like our MyUCF contact info update each semester."

To complement this system, UCF may also be making some adjustments to the maps around campus. At Thursday's meeting, the task force discussed the feasibility of doubling the number of maps, making them taller, attaching a blue-light phone to each one and attaching sirens or loudspeakers, to the top of them.

"The provisions that need a lot of hardware are obviously going to take longer than the others," said James Uhlir,

the director of Environmental Health and Safety. "We'll be getting the messaging service, but that is only a minor one. We'll be getting outdoor sirens; we'll be getting indoor enunciation systems and scrolling LED displays like in the Student Union. An effective system is one that can communicate on many different levels, and we're handling all of them."

While the proposals for the provisions are already laid out on paper, the question still remains as to how the larger projects will be funded. In addition to Gov. Charlie Crist's tuition increase veto, the state legislature has denied Florida public universities additional money for security projects.

"It's my understanding that the board of directors at all the Florida public universities put together what they thought each university needs to get up to speed on school security," said Dan Holsenbeck, vice president of university relations. "At first, the state legislature allotted the whole state university system \$20 million. Then they scaled it down. In the final analysis, the legislature did not fund any of those items."

Because of this - or in spite of it — the task force hopes to implement the placard and the emergency contact sticker proposals by the fall semester; and that's just a start, Harms said.

"Some university funds can be moved with discre-tion," he said, "and that is always a possibility, but right now, we are trying to get the quicker, more cost-effective things done, and then we'll tackle that problem. Simply upgrading our day-to-day security goes a long way in upgrading our security response to a catastrophic event."

FROM A1

dump buckets of rainwater. "I walked up [to the building], and the roof was on fire, and I've been standing here ever since," said Sydney Herman, 20, a hospitality management major and resident of the apartment beneath the spot where lightning struck, after an hour of waiting.

"This is really cutting into my homework time," said Heidi Conrad, a physical therapy major and a resident of one of the building's third-floor apartments, as she watched small pieces of the roof fall onto her car.

After firefighters mopped up the last of the hot spots, they nailed a red tarp over the hole.

"Right, try explaining that to your teacher. 'Sorry, my building was on fire," said Matt LaMotte, 20, also a hospitality management major and Herman's roommate.

"You could see the flash of light through the window," said

Katrina Cesaire, 19, accounting major and Conrad's roommate. LaMotte said, looking around for "It wasn't even raining when someone of authority in the lightning hit the roof."

Frightened by the flash, Conrad checked to make sure her roommate Cesaire was OK.

"It was that scary," Conrad said. "We went to look, and there was fire on the roof. Then we knocked on doors [on the third floor] to see if everyone was OK."

The fire alarm went off only in the apartment below the lightning strike. Arriving home from work,

LaMotte walked up the stairs to find Conrad and Cesaire knocking on his door. By this time the fire, doused by the heavy rainfall that followed the lightning strike, no longer seemed to be a problem.

He then went into his apartment looking forward to a shower when the fire flared up again, accompanied by heavy knocking from Conrad and Cesaire on his door.

Fans don't shy away from the lures of the Dark Side

FROM A2

"I would have come here regardless of Star Wars," Mizrahi said.

"It's awesome. I would come again next year and the year after that," Alonso said after her first visit to MGM Studios.

Another costume-clad fan wore Jedi clothing while waiting for the next person from the Dark side of the park.

"We've been here the last two years," said Heidi Bromund, who lives in Orlando. "I think it's a blast. I wish they had Jedi training for adults, but it's still fun. It's the one time adults actually get to dress up."

Her favorite character is Obi-Wan Kenobi.

Another MGM Studios employee said that most of the Star Wars fans came out earlier this month, since this past weekend was the last weekend Star



Ray Park, the actor who played Darth Maul in Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace, chats with a fan at Star Wars days.

Wars made an appearance at Dis-

ney. "I've seen a lot of people in Jedi garb," said Matt, an MGM Studios employee, who works at Star Tours.

With several people in their matching Star Wars shirts and favorite character costumes walking throughout the park, Disney proves they can show folks a good time outside the norm.

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"I just want to take a shower," crowd that had gathered to watch the firefighters work.

"I tried to talk to the fire department and asked if the fire was out, and they keep saying 'possibly' ... 'probably' — only words that started with 'P,"' LaMotte said. "What's that supposed to mean?"

UCF Housing and Residence life and Pegasus Pointe Apartments management said they would find the residents of the damaged apartment places to stay if the damage made the apartment unlivable, said Zenaida Gonzalez Kotala with the office of News and Information.

After an hour of waiting, LaMotte and Herman were told they had 10 minutes to collect whatever they needed for the night. Permanent transfer to another apartment due to smoke and water damage would be discussed later.

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Both decided to stay elsewhere. LaMotte and Herman walked into their apartment of shifted furniture covered in remnants of ash and foam. Their trash was all over the floor, and a large bin from LaMotte's closet was used to catch the water under the hole in the roof.

His comic book and card collections were strewn across the porch.

"I'm not mad. It's an act of God with no way to prepare for it. I just wish the fire department would have handled it better," LaMotte said, thinking of his comic books.

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Crist signs first part of historic property tax-cut legislation

TALLAHASSEE — The first half of what is billed as the biggest tax cut in Florida's history became law Thursday with Gov. Charlie Crist's signature, but some taxpayers are disappointed the average homeowner will save less than \$200 a year.

The measure will be on Florida's Jan. 29 presidential primary ballot.

The new law will spread the permanent tax cuts across-the-board to all kinds of property, but that will dilute its effect. Cities, counties and special districts will also have the power to override the law's cuts or ask voters to overturn them.

The estimated average cut for the owner of a primary home, known as a homestead, is \$174, or 7 percent, in the first year, assuming no overrides.

Most homeowners have been protected by the Save Our Homes Amendment voters adopted in 1992. It limits increases on the taxable value of homesteads to 3 percent annually.

The proposed amendment is designed to reduce those inequities by phasing out Save Our Homes. It's impossible to get a true estimate of its overall effect because homesteaders will have the choice of keeping their current protection or taking a new "super exemption:" 75 percent off the first \$200,000 of a home's value and 15 percent off the next \$300,000.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

Bush likely to see more legislation on stem cell research

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress who want taxpayer dollars spent on embryonic stem cell research answered President Bush's veto by advancing a spending bill Thursday that includes permission to do just that.

The Senate Appropria-tions Committee's 26-3 vote was only the first of several waves of Democrat-driven efforts to reverse the effect of Bush's veto a day earlier. It's not clear that any part of the plan will succeed in directing more federal funding to the controversial research before the 2008 elections. Vetoing the bill a second time Wednesday, Bush also sought to placate those who disagree with him by signing an executive order urging scientists toward what he termed "ethically responsible" research. Bush's executive order encourages scientists to work with the government to add other kinds of stem cell research to the list of projects eligible for federal funding, so long as it does not create, harm or destroy human embryos. The pushback began Thursday. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved a must-pass bill for the Labor and Health and Human Services departments that includes permission to use federal funding for embryonic stem cell lines derived after Bush in 2001 banned taxpayer dollars from being used on new studies of that kind. The provision, proposed by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, would allow taxpayer dollars to be spent on research on human embryonic stem cell lines derived prior to June 15, 2007, moving the date of Bush's August 2001 ban on public funding for such research up by nearly six years. The overall bill now moves to the full Senate for debate later this year. Research on stem cell lines derived in the interim would be eligible for federal funding. The new provision also would add ethical standards to be used for selecting embryos to be studied using federal funds.

NATION & WORLD

Keep current with headlines you may have missed



CHIANG YING-YING / ASSOCIATED PRESS Lien Chan, former chairman of Nationalist Party, raises Ma Ying-jeou's hand as the party endorsed his nomination as its presidential candidate in Taiwan Sunday.

'Chemical Ali' sentenced to death for role in '80s genocide

BAGHDAD — An Iraqi court on Sunday sentenced Saddam Hussein's cousin known as "Chemical Ali" and two other former regime officials to death by hanging for their roles in a 1980s scorched-earth campaign that led to the deaths of 180,000 Kurds.

Ali Hassan al-Majid, Saddam's cousin and the former head of the Baath Party's Northern Bureau Command, trembled silently as the verdict was read.

The judge said al-Majid was convicted of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes for ordering army and security services to use chemical weapons in a large-scale offensive.

Roadside bombs kill 7 U.S. soldiers in Iraq; 4 in one strike

BAGHDAD (AP) — Roadside bombers killed seven U.S. troops in one day, four of them in a single blast near Baghdad, and three other soldiers died of other causes — raising to at least 30 the number of American soldiers killed last week.

Explosions aimed at U.S. patrols that kill several troops at once are common, officials said, but the recent frequency of such largescale attacks may signal militants are using larger bombs or explosively formed penetrators, known as EFPs, as they fight back against a series of U.S. military operations.

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Disciplinary rules still remain hazy



JAMES ANDRES / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE Jim Gilkeson, an associate finance professor and the chief negotiator for the United Faculty of Florida, speaks about the proposed three-year contract for 2007-2010.

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FROM A1

Crist vetoed UCF's 5 percent tuition increase this year, and the state legislature passed a bill that gives all state employees a one-time, \$1,000 bonus instead of raises.

No state employee will be given a raise this year, from police officers to UCF's teaching staff. In years past when this has happened, the Board of Trustees has been able to add on to what the legislature has been allowed.

"It's something that we've done in past years, but unfortunately, this is just a tough year in terms of budget," said Chad Binette, the assistant director of UCF News and Information.

However, at Thursday's negotiations, the representatives of the BOT made it clear that there simply isn't enough money this year.

Both sides discussed articles to be revised at future sessions.

For doctoral institutions in Florida, number one among public doctoral universities, UCF has the highest paid full professorship, at \$111,300 annually.

Still, the faculty said the non-existent pay increase makes faculty slip further behind with finances and inflation.

"We will never catch up because of no raise and basic inflation," said Barbara Fritzsche, professor of psychology.

Jim Gilkeson, chief negotiator of UFF and a finance professor, said this problem may also beckon professors to leave, especially if this continues as a trend.

And some experts are speculating that the next few years won't get any better in Florida in terms of budgeting, Binette said.

Still, the BOT offers a way for teachers to win awards for increase their base salary by \$5,000. However, there are only about 70 of these awards available this year, and more than 1,700 faculty and staff at UCF.

The other main topic discussed at the meeting was disciplinary actions for faculty. The negotiators went back and forth with hypothetical situations about discipline in order to help clarify the language in the contracts. For example, what if they found a briefcase full of drugs owned by a faculty member?

The BOT said they would give a notice of discipline, "going toward the path of discipline," said Michael Mattimore, chief negotiator of the BOT.

Gilkeson pointed out a related situation where an employee would have to respond in 10 days of the notice, but if the employee were to have difficulty getting the paperwork on the case, it wouldn't be fair to continue the disciplinary actions upon the employee.

"You can't just put this dark cloud over my employment," he said.

The UFF proposed an alternative; if the employee doesn't respond or choose what to do, the action would either be imposed or completely dropped by the university.

"We want to make you all take action," Gilkeson said.

While the administration seemed to agree, Mattimore was a little cautious.

"We don't want to talk about it and have our people say something else," Mattimore said, talking about when they bring the revisions to other board members.

Gilkeson summed up the faculty's position.

"The bulk of bargaining is on us," Gilkeson said. "I mean, we're people, too — we have kids and mortgages."

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Tortoises susceptible to lung disease

FROM A1

Bernard is in the beginning phases of a project to investigate the health of the tortoise population at UCF which includes checking for upper respiratory tract disease.

The gopher tortoise, found throughout the state of Florida and southern areas of Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama and the tip of Eastern Louisiana, is an important species to these regions.

The destruction of its habitat has been a major killer of the tortoises

The gopher to:toise is what is called a keystone species," Bernard said. "So they're a staple species, so to speak. If you lose them, you lose a lot."

Considered a "species of special concern" by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the gopher tortoise has sparked recent debate in Melbourne. There, local developers were purchasing permits that allowed them to bypass removing tortoises from their burrows on developable land and instead, entombing them alive.

However, after some controversy, developers are no longer able to buy the permits.

In addition to the loss of habitat, the tortoises face lung disease

URID afflicts the tortoises' upper respiratory system, and eventually, their breathing is so impaired that they can no longer feed themselves, said biology professor Jack Stout.

Ultimately, however, respiratory failure is the final cause of death for the tortoise, Stout explained.

"The loss of their respiration function is certainly the final blow," Stout said.

Bernard is in the preliminary phases of the tortoise project, or what is considered the observation phase, she explained. The next step is to discern the gopher tortoises' health.

"The next phase for us will be to form a question, such as, how healthy is our tortoise population on campus?" Bernard said.

This involves measuring population density and also looking at health issues, such as illnesses, Bernard explained. If it is found that there is a small outbreak of the disease among the tortoises, it could be detrimental.

"I wouldn't say that it would kill the entire UCF population because you're still going to have juveniles that might be resistant to the infection, but it could definitely decrease the

"The reason that I hesitate to interpret the death of one tortoise is that people drop tortoises on the campus that have been brought from other locations," Stout said. "So if you find a dead tortoise, it could be because it came from another population."

While it is common for people to think they are doing a service to the tortoises, moving them is actually illegal. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, it is illegal to kill, harass, injure, possess, transport, relocate or sell gopher tortoises or their eggs, or destroy their burrows, without a permit from the FWC.

Taking the possibilities of death one step further, Stout explained that it may have just been the tortoise's time to die.

"I think the belief now is that this is a natural disease," Stout said. "This is not something that has been introduced, and it's probably always been a part of the natural history of tortoises."

Signs of the disease include a runny nose and mucus secretion from the eyes. This makes it highly transmittable among tortoises, Stout explained.

"As a social behavior, tortoises touch one another with their heads together, so it's an almost automatic opportunity to transmit the disease from one to another," Stout said.

A current population estimate, however, is still difficult to provide at this point, Bernard explained.

"Again, we're in that observational stage, which is answering that question," Bernard said.

However, Stout, who in 1985 was among the first researchers in the state of Florida to receive a permit to do research on the relocation of tortoises, took a guess at the current population count.

"If there are more than 15 tortoises on campus, I would be surprised," Stout said.

If this number turns out to be anything close to correct, the number of tortoises on UCF land will have dramatically decreased in size over the past several years.

"Over the 15 to 17 years that I was really active in studying the animals here, we must have marked over 400 individuals," Stout said.

Martin Quigley, interim chair of the biology department and the director of the Arboretum, was also optimistic about the tortoise project, noting that restoring the habitat was the key to success for the tortoises.

"I'm optimistic about the project and our ability to manautomatically manage the species," Bernard said, "fauna and flora, animals and plants."

With habitat being a factor to the tortoises' health, the rise of development in the UCF area and elsewhere in Florida, such as Melbourne, harms gopher tortoises, Bernard said.

"The tortoises are under stress because of all the development," Bernard said. "I mean, they're losing land. You have to understand that the habitat that they live on is upland pine, and upland pine is the most developable in Florida, and it's not protected."

According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, FWC biologists estimate that the gopher tortoises' numbers have gone down by 60 to 80 percent in the last century, mainly because the places they live have been taken over by human development.

The gopher tortoise, which feeds on grass, is also dependent on prescribed burnings to enhance its food source, Bernard explained.

"Their species is completely dependent on the burnings," Bernard said

In addition to securing the tortoises' habitat, Bernard is also interested in tracking the tortoises' migratory routes to get a better understanding of their habits. She is applying for a permit from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission so she can mark them to track their routes.

"Tm applying for a research permit, and what we'll do is mark each of the tortoises," Bernard said. "They'll each get an individual mark, and that will give us some idea of where they're moving without having specialized equipment."

There is an area on the northeast side of campus where animals can get from UCF over to the Little Econ River Wilderness area, Bernard said.

"So my question is, how much are they crossing the road and are they using some of these migratory routes, and if they are, is there a way for us to provide a wildlife crossing in some of the more dense areas that they're crossing over," Bernard said.

To get a good handle on UCF's large size, Bernard has broken the campus down into four quadrants and will begin with the natural areas northnortheast of CREOL Pond.

Using a Global Positioning System, Bernard records notes on the area. She is also able to form a grid that she can work within or on the border of to cover a particular area. She can then record the number of active, inactive and old tortoise burrows. "An active burrow is usually very cleared around the entrance where you can see that a tortoise has been in and out because the sand has been swept up and it appears that it is

"If you manage the land, you inhabiting the burrow," Bernard said

Reiterating the importance of the gopher tortoise to other species, Bernard pointed out the ultimate goal of the Arboretum: restoring native habitats as well as their species.

"On the UCF campus, one of our priorities is to protect as many species as we can, and with the constant development going on on UCF's land, the only thing we can do in the Arboretum is utilize the land that has been delegated as conservation land to protect the species," Bernard



In this file photo, a gopher tortoise scurries back toward its burrow. The animals, which are in the early stages of research by Arboretum officials, build burrows on the UCF campus.

said. "Whether they're listed or not, they're all of equal importance as well as the habitats that they're associated with. So the

gopher tortoise project is one in a million projects that we're doing to protect native habitats and native ecosystems."

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size of the current population,' Bernard said.

However, Bernard and others are optimistic that the one tortoise found dead may just be a rare case.

Yet, there may be arother explanation to the toroise's death that shouldn't be ruled out just yet, Stout explained.

age the tortoise population in an effective way," Quigley said. "I'm confident that if we can restore the habitat, then we can restore the population."

Bernard said restoring the tortoises' habitat, a long-leaf pine savannah, is crucial to the survival of the tortoise population.

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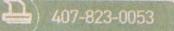
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Changes threaten school's spirit

A little over a year ago, UCF's administration and athletics department took a step, a colossal step, forward, in becoming a high profile, highly competitive athletic program.

The construction of an oncampus



football stadium became a reality instead of an ill-conceived pipe dream. There is no doubt that Bright

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MELISSA HEYBOER Sports Editor

Networks Stadium is a significant, if not mandatory, move for UCF to become a more recognizable

athletic program. Nearly three months ago, however, UCF took 10 giant steps back when they announced a logo-redesign and the deletion of "golden" from our school's athletics teams.

I've been stewing on this since I laid eyes on the new logos. I've been trying to convince myself that I'm over exaggerating. Maybe the new logos will just get overlooked. Maybe nobody will notice them.

Maybe, but I don't think so. True fans notice. They believe in this school's tradition.

OK, OK, I know. What tradition? But that's the point. UCF can't expect to gain credibility or a sense of respect if it continues to alter the one thing that is supposed to make one's respected institution stand out from the next.

UCF's And Sports Information office has done a great job of spotlighting that tradition over the last month on UCFAthletics.com with the "The Knights are Coming Home" Set

COURTESY CHRIS SCHUBERT Dwayne Bailey, second baseman for the FSCL Sanford River Rats connects with a pitch in Tuesday's game against the Leesburg Lightning. Bailey is one of 19 UCF players participating in the Florida Summer Collegiate League. Bailey is second on his team in batting average (.294) and leads his team with six runs, 10 hits, four RBIs and six stolen bases through 10 games.

FSCL helps many **Knights** improve for 2008 season

BRIAN MURPHY Staff Writer

The UCF Baseball team's season ended on May 25 with a 12-6 loss to Memphis. In Major League Baseball, most players try to get away from the game after their season has ended and try to stay in shape for spring training in February.

It's a different story in college. Less than a month after being knocked out of the Conference USA Championship, Many Knights are turning their attention to summer baseball leagues to improve for the 2008 season.

This year, 19 Knights are playing in summer baseball leagues in Massachusetts, Maryland, Virginia and Florida. If players have to attend summer school, they play in the Florida Collegiate Summer League, which has teams in Altamonte Springs, Leesburg, Sanford, Winter Park and Winter Springs.

Some other players, such as first baseman Kito Vazquez, are playing in the prestigious Cape Cod League. Players who play outside Florida live with so-called foster parents who house and feed them

"It works out really good," UCF coach Jay Bergman said. "It's a great experience and they get to play with the better players from all over the southeast and the United States. It gives them a chance to really improve their skills."

This year, eight Knights are playing summer ball outside of Florida. Vazquez and right-handed pitcher Austin Hudson are both playing for the Cape Cod League's Ayannis Mets and both are off to rough starts through Sunday. Vazquez is hiting only .227 in his first seven games. He has no extrapase hits. Hudson has allowed seven

From the humble beginnings of the football program against St. Leo in a downpour on a September night in 1979 to the legacy left behind by Torchy Clark's basketball team that went to the Division II Final Four in 1978.

The biggest critics of UCF have been those that complain that we have no tradition within our school or our campus.

Every school has to start somewhere, right?

Michigan, Notre Dame and even our neighbors in Gainesville didn't evolve overnight. These are schools that you associate their logos and uniforms with the school.

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Oden, Durant and UF alum round out top five

WOODY WOMMACK Staff Writer

After the least-watched Finals in NBA history concluded a little over a week ago, experts have spent more time talking about the onagain, off-again trade demands of Kobe Bryant than they have about Thursday's NBA Draft.

However, while they've been covering Kobe, this reporter has been glued to the draft coverage. After attending the four-day Orlando Pre-Draft Camp at Disney's Wide World of Sports and watching this years prospects strut their stuff for NBA coaches, scouts and general managers, I'm ready to share my knowledge with you.

So without ado, here is my 2007 NBA Mock Draft, which doesn't include trades,

in any draft.

1. Portland Trailblazers: Greg Oden (Ohio State) 7'0" 257 lbs. There's been a lot of debate in the state of Oregon about whether this is the right pick or not. It is.

2. Seattle Supersonics: Durant Kevin (Texas) 6'10" 215 What a great consolation prize for the Sonics. Not

only do they get a player that will make an immediate impact, they may be drafting the man that can help keep the franchise in Seattle.

> 3. Atlanta Hawks: Al Horford (Florida) 6'10" 246 I really expect

the Hawks to trade

which are bound to happen down and end up with a different player, but Horford will definitely be the third player selected.

> 4. Memphis Grizzlies: Corey Brewer (Florida) 6'8" 185 Brewer can defend three positions and I really think he flew under the radar at Florida. Look for him to have an instant impact defensively, especially playing alongside Pau Gasol

5. Boston Celtics: Joakim Noah (Florida) 7'0" 223

The Celtics love Noah, even though I don't. Noah probably would have been the No. 1 overall pick last year, so at least Celtics fans can pretend they won the lottery.

Green (Georgetown) 6'9" 228 Green played great alongside Roy

Hibbert at Georgetown, now he'll be

paired with former No. 1 overall pick Andrew Bogut in Milwaukee.

> Minnesota 7. Timber-wolves: Al Thornton (Florida State) 6'7" 221

Thornton may be the best scorer in the draft outside of Durant. Hopefully for the T-Wolves he can take some of the load off of Kevin Garnett.

Charlotte 8. Bobcats: Yi Jianlian (China) 7'0" 230 Yi is supposed to be the Chinese version of Kevin Garnett. Hopefully for the Bobcats

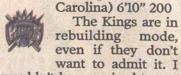
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6. Milwaukee Bucks: Jeff he's the real deal, because them bicking much closer to they desperately need to start turning potential into wins.

> 9. Chicago Bulls (From CHICAGO New York): Spencer Hawes (Washing-ton) 7'1" 244 Hawes showed

flashes of brilliance while playing for the Huskies. Hopefully for the Bulls he can provide some inside scoring to take the pressure off players like Ben Gordon and Luol Deng. I also wouldn't be surprised to see Chicago trade this pick.

10. Sacramento Kings: Brandan Wright (North



wouldn't be surprised to see

the top of the draft next year.

11. Atlanta Hawks (From Indiana) Mike Conley Jr. (Ohio State) 6'1" 175

The Hawks are going to be in a

great position if Conley falls this far. If he does look for Portland to try to swing a trade in order to reunite Oden with Conley.

12. Philadelphia 76ers: Acie Law IV (Texas A &M) 6'4" 186 Lw is a poor mans Allen Iverson, without the attitude.

13. New Oleans Hornets: Nick Young (USC) 6'7" 26

Young will pro-PLEASE SEE INTERNATIONALS ON A7



Vazquez, Hudson struggle in Cape Cod

FROM AG

earned runs in 11.1 innings.

Left-handed pitcher Mitch Houck, who has recovered from an injury in 2007, has struck out four batters and hasn't allowed an earned run in two innings for the Chatham Athletics.

The Cape Cod league has been a summer baseball home to hundreds of MLB stars and is one of the top summer leagues in the coun-

"For the Cape Cod League, they'll go after the drafted players out of high school or the players that have had

good years," Bergman said. In the Valley League, based in Virginia, shortstop Eric Kallstrom is hitting .267 in 11 games, and outfielder Chadd Hartman is hitting .222 with six RBIs for the

Right-handed pitcher Matt Goodyear has a 2.08 ERA and five strikeouts in 4.1 innings for the Staunton Braves. Goodyear had a 9.00 ERA in

New Market Rebels.

only three innings in the 2007 season. In the Cal Ripken Sr. Collegiate Baseball League, based in Maryland, third baseman Chris Duffy is hitting only .133 with 12 strikeouts in 30 at bats. Left-handed pitcher Mitch Herold has had a little bit more success, posting a respectable 3.27 ERA over 11 innings. They both are playing for the Bethesda Big Train.

Based on impressive showings so far in the Florida Collegiate Summer League, six Knights baseball players were named to the FCSL Select Team by the league's board of directors. UCF has more representatives on the team than any other school. Catcher Tim Russell is the most deserving selection. He has the second-highest average in the FCSL. He is hitting .387 for the Winter Park Diamond Dawgs. He is tied for the league lead with 12 RBIs and 16 total bases.

Russell's summer league teammate and UCF signee Colin Arnold is hitting .324. He tied for the league lead in doubles and is second in runs scored.

Former UCF hitting coach Derek Wolfe is the head coach of the Winter Springs Barracudas, and he is assisted by Matt Horwath, who finished his playing career for UCF in May. They have four Knights on their team: pitchers Justin Weiss, Jaager Good and Kyle Sweat, and outfielder Matt Lambert.

Weiss, Good and Sweat all

made the FCSL Select team. Weiss is second in the league with two saves and Good has recorded 13 strikeouts. He has allowed only one run in 9.1 one innings. Opponents are batting only .222 off of Sweat.

Four players are on the Sanford River Rats, including second baseman Dwayne Bailey, catcher Bryan Bennett, outfielder Ryan Williams and outfielder Ryan Richardson. Bailey made the FCSL Select team by hitting .294, scoring six runs and stealing six bases, the league's secondhighest total.

Catcher Bryan Bennett earned a spot as one of the team's offensive reserves.

Last year, The Knights saw the large impact that summer baseball can have on a player in the cases Good and Vazquez.

In the 2006 regular season,

Good pitched just 11.1 innings and had a 7.15 ERA. Good pitched as a closer during summer league play in 2006 where, in 12 innings of relief, he allowed just four hits, two earned runs and has struck out 15 batters. Good carried that success to become the Knights' top starting pitcher in 2007. He led the team in wins, strikeouts and starters' ERA and innings pitched.

Vazquez finished the 2006 season with a .247 average. Vazquez then played in the Florida Collegiate Summer League and hit .342. This season, Vazquez led the Knights with a .364 average.

After the Knights finish their summer season, which lasts 30 to 35 games, they will get a little bit of a break from baseball. That is, until fall baseball begins in mid-October.

Fazekas is well known in

Utah Jazz: Marco

Belinelli (Italy) 6'5"

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the Southwest, and he fits in

with the Suns up-tempo style

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Track and Field

At the 2007 Finish Line USA Junior Track and Field Championships Friday in Indianapolis, Ind., UCF freshman LaKendra Thames earned a top 20 finish in the discus



LAKENDRA THAMES Placed 19th at the 2007 Finish **Line USA Junior Track and Field** Championships. successful season. U P against some of the nation's top throwers, Thames throw of 137 feet, 11 inches was good enough to land her in 19th place overall.

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an already

Thames

qualified for the event in April when with a throw of 160 feet, three inches at the Miami Elite Invitational. The throw also broke the UCF record in the discus.

Aside from breaking the school record in discus, Thames posted new freshman records in the shot put and weight throw and is currently ranked third all-time in both events.

Women's Golf

UCF's Sara Hurwitch took home top honors Thursday at the 30th Virginia State Golf Association Women's Stroke Play Championship at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

The Conference USA Freshman



Golfer of the Year finished the event with a 4-over-par 217. The freshman

secured the victory shooting a 2over-par 73 in extra holes to beat **Championships in** University of Virginia's Whitney

Neuhauser.

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HURWITCH

Earned top

30th VSGA

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honors at the

"I had to play steady all day," Hurwitch said in a press release. "I knew Whitney was going to be right around par, so I tried to stay focused. This feels great. It's a whole different environment when you are playing for a team, and it's really helped me mature as a player." The win was Hurwitch's second VSGA title of her career. She also won the 2003 VSGA Junior Girls' Championship.

New logo does in . 30 years of history

FROM A6

The Gators didn't even win their first SEC football championship until Steve Spurrier arrived as a coach in the 1990s.

Notre Dame wouldn't dare drop "fighting" from their nickname.

Now these programs are some of the most respected and most successful in college football. There is no denying that these programs have made improvements minor along the way but they've always kept their roots.

My argument to those critics of UCF has been to give the program time. Tradition will build itself. Those fans sitting in the stands on that rainy September night never thought they would see the day of Bright House Networks Stadium, the **UCF** Convocation Center and Conference USA.

Now, I feel like my arguments are useless. I'm tired of being betrayed. a difference There's between rebuilding a team and redesigning its school.

We just threw away nearly 30 years of our school's history because we needed to sell more 1shirts and hats. An update wasn't good enough for UCF. We needed a completely new look for some reason.

decided on "Knights" as the official nickname shortly after changing to the University of Central Florida from Florida Technological University.

The choice to add "golden" to the name wasn't even made until the early 90s and our mascot "Knightro" was intro-duced at Spirit Splash in

So, I understand UCF's argument of wanting to go back to our roots. However, if we were truly going back to our roots, we would go back to our original mascot the "Citronaut."

But for this school, and this football team, our roots began in the 90s.

Those were the years where we switched from Division II to Division I football, and those were the years we saw our athletic programs begin to gain national attention and credibility.

It's 2007, and we're starting over. Charging onto the field in white helmets.

I thought our spirit never yielded with black and gold charging right through the line with victory being our only cry. We built our school on "Golden name the Knights," and our old logos are what should be plastered all over the new Bright House Networks

FROM A6

vide the Hornets with an instant scorer.

14. Los Angles Clippers: Wright Julian (Kansas) 6'9" 211 ame Wright has seen his stock drop, but he's still a great athlete with an enormous upside.

15. Detroit Pistons (From Orlando): Javaris Crittenton (Georgia 15100 Tech) 6'5" 194

This is the pick the Magic gave up for Darko Milicic. Hopefully they re-sign Darko so they don't end up empty handed.

16. Washington Wizards: Thaddeus Young (Georgia Tech) 6'8"

210 Young was another player expected to go way earlier. This is a steal for the Wizards if he falls this far.

17. New Jersey Nets: Stuckey Rodney (Eastern Washington) 6'5" 207

Stuckey is a relative unknown, but will serve as a great insurance policy in case the Nets can't resign Vince Carter.

18. Golden State Warriors:

19. Los Angeles Lakers: McRoberts Josh (Duke) 6'10" 240

Internationals rule end of round 1

Do you think this is what Kobe had in mind when he

asked for help? 20. Miami Heat: Tiago

> 245 Splitter has entered the draft the

out at the last pulled moment. The lure of playing with Shaq and Dwayne Wade may be enough to lure Splitter away from his Euroleague team.

21. Philadelphia 76ers (From Denver): Almond Morris (Rice) 6'6" 215

almost single handedly ended UCF's basketball season finally comes off the board.

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Charlotte Bobcats Toronto): (From Fernandez Rudy (Spain) 6'6" 172

known about the Spaniard, but he could be a

> New York Knicks (From Chicago): Daequan Cook (Ohio State) 6'6" 203 Cook would have

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The player that

Not a lot is steal this late in the draft.

Belinelli made a Splitter (Brazil) 7'0" name for himself at the World Championships a few years ago. last four years and

of play.

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Houston Rockets: Taurean (Florida) 6'1" 173 The fourth Gator taken in the first

round will get a chance to play alongside T-Mac.

> 27. Detroit Pistons: Sean Williams (Boston College) 6'10" 230 Williams gives size to the suddenly old Pistons.

28. San Antonio Spurs: Petteri Koponen (Finland) 6'5" 194 BPURS) Can the Spurs find another great international player late in the draft?

> 29. Phoenix Suns: Aaron Brooks (Oregon)

6'0" 160 Brooks is undersized for the NBA,

but is the fastest player in this year's draft class.

I know what some of you are thinking. We Stadium come Sept. 15. Jason Smith (Colorado State) 7'0" 233

The Warriors were killed in the playoffs because of their lack of size inside. Maybe Smith can help.

been a lottery pick if he was allowed to enter the draft last year.

> 24. Phoenix Suns (From Cleveland): Nick Fazekas (Nevada) 6'11" 225

30. Philadelphia 76ers: Jared Dudley College) (Boston 6'7" 219

Dudley was a good college player and played well at the predraft camp.

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Material World '80s & Retro Night, AKA Lounge, 10 p.m. Put on your best '80s prom duds, tease your hair and relive high school. \$5.

WEDNESDAY

Street Dogs, The Social, 9 p.m. Punk rock all-stars play catchy, highenergy punk. With The Tossers. \$12.

THURSDAY

Spacebar, Back-Booth, 9:30 p.m. Band plays both heavy, guitar-fueled rock and atmospheric beats. \$6.

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A fter a day of travel, we had arrived at the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival, a four-day annual music event held on a 700-acre farm in Manchester, Tenn. As we set up camp, others were doing the same. Like flowers blooming in spring, tents popped up across the horizon.

After our three-tent enclave was set up, we were quickly greeted by fellow campers who approved of our setup, saying we "knew how to festy."

Walking down Shakedown Street through the campsites to Centeroo, the horizon light and its shadows guide attendees to the entrance. Dust and smoke fill the air. Day after day, as the crowds clog under the Bonnaroo arch, the oncoming crowd roars, "ROOOOOOOO!"

Day 1: June 14 was a buildup to what lay ahead for the weekend. Headliners included Clutch and the acoustic guitar duo Rodrigo y Gabriela. As everyone settled into their camps, it was a good time to get familiar with my surroundings. Bonnaroo is truly a marathon and not a sprint. I didn't want to burn myself out the first night.

Day 2: June 15 was our first taste of the dry heat of Manchester. Tents turned into saunas as the sun rose, making it impossible to sleep past 9 a.m. In the scorching dry heat of the daytime, the shade was magnetic. Like bug lights, trees and every patch of shade attracted the Bonnaroo masses.

The highlight set of the day had to be Tool's mesmerizing performance at the What Stage. Orchestrated to perfection, laser lights and animations on the large screens captivated the enormous crowd. After asking if there was any marijuana or LSD use, the clever front man, Maynard James Keenan, quipped, "Ya'll are under arrest."

Hearing Tom Morello of Rage Against the Machine plug in and join Tool for "Lateralus" was a classic moment. Other highlight sets of the day included Kings of Leon, who played through a P.A. outage at the What Stage, a SuperJam feature with the likes of Ben Harper, John Paul Jones of Led Zeppelin and Ahmir "?uestlove" Thompson over at The Other Tent, and a switch to hiphop as El-P brought his intensity to This Tent. DJ Shadow closed out the night at This Tent with his wide array of musical craftsmanship. El-P, possibly influenced by Michael Moore's documentary on the subject, talked about army recruiters that "go to every strip mall with their cute button-up shirts."

Day 3: The June 16 schedule was packed with great acts. Jam bands such as Ween, The Flaming Lips and Gov't Mule performed in true Bonnaroo jam-band fashion with extended improvisation.

Franz Ferdinand brought the emo shake to the Which Stage with their dance party rock. The headlining and most anticipated performers of the festival, The Police, were on in prime time at the What Stage. The Police did entertain their fans, but some were left unsatisfied.

They played hit after hit including an extended version of "Roxanne" but left the stage an hour earlier than scheduled. As one fan said, "You would think that a band that has been around for 30 years would have enough material to be able to fill up two-and-a-half hours."

Clearly, it seemed like Sting wasn't totally into the show at one point, calling everyone "Tennesseans." Their performance was good, but not the great one that was expected.

One of the more bizarre attractions that was on the festival grounds was the Silent Disco tent. Completely silent other than slight bass, all insiders had headphones on and danced to the music. Outside it was comical to watch as participants clapped and danced to the music.

Throughout the night performances of the festival, glow sticks were tossed in the air above the crowds like fish jumping upstream. Glow sticks, lighted hoola-hoops and flashing lights were a Bonnaroobian's best friend. the water if you go."

With the global warming debate heating up, Bonnaroo has continued its quest to be a green festival. This year, featured in Planet Roo, there was a solar stage, powered by solar energy. The festival also had recycling centers and provided recycling bags to campers. All non-music stage generators now run on biodiesel fuel. Speakers and activists presented "essential information on these critical issues" during the festival at Planet Roo.

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Day 4: By Sunday, everyone is dragging a little bit. The ground you lay on seems a little harder, the sun is your enemy and you probably haven't showered in a few days. Some are brave, denying themselves bowel movements, as comedian Demetri Martin put it, "This guy told me he hadn't took a dump in three days, I don't know if I should be impressed or scared."

The John Butler Trio, noted as Australia's Dave Matthews Band, opened the day at the What Stage. Next, Wolfmother ripped it up at the Which Stage with their bassist/keyboardist

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FRIDAY

Three 6 Mafia, House of Blues, 9 p.m. The group won an

Academy Award for "It's Hard Out There for a Pimp." \$48.50.

SATURDAY

Nugget Fest, Island Oasis, 2 p.m. Free kegs and food

from Gator's Dockside and ear-busting metal by local bands. \$5.

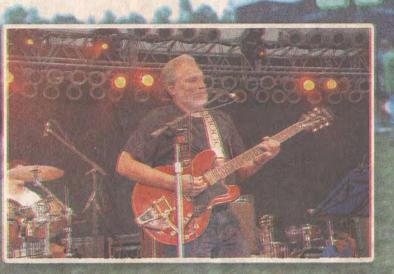
Calle 13, Hard Rock Live, 10 p.m. The pair has won three Latin Grammys for original sound and sarcastic, controversial lyrics. \$40.

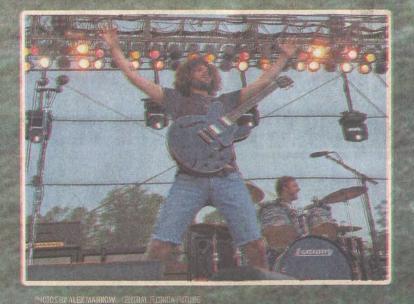
SUNDAY

Rockstar Bowling, Colonial Lanes, 9 p.m. Winning team gets a trophy! \$10 for the shoes, three games. Similar to festivals of the '60s, many of the performers took time to discuss politics, as anti-war sentiments echoed through performances.

At the Centeroo fountain, there was exhibition on display, While dancing in the fountain, some decided that clothes were optional. People would try to coax each other into going into the fountain with the classic line, "Tll go in

Below: Jorma Kaukonen of Hot Tuna during the band's afternoon set at The Other Tent. Bottom: Lead singer/guitarist Andrew Stockdale of Wolfmother gave a heck of a performance during the band's set at Bonnaroo 2007's Which Stage.





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LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG-13) An attack on the vulnerable U.S.computer infrastructure begins to shut down the entire nation. The mysterious figure behind the shattering scheme has figured out every digital angle — but he never figured an old-fashioned, "analog" fly-in-the-ointment: John McClane. Directed by: Len Wiseman Starring: Bruce Willis, Justin Long, Maggie Q, Timothy Olyphant, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Jonathan Sadowski



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A rat named Remy dreams of becoming a gourmet chef in a five-star French restaurant. Together with a down-and-out garbage boy named Linguini, the pair carves their own imaginative path to becoming the greatest chef in Paris. Directed by: Brad Bird

Starring: Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm, Lou Romano, Brian Dennehy, Peter Sohn, Peter O'Toole, Brad Garrett, Janeane Garofalo, Will Arnett, Julius Callahan, James Remar, John Ratzenberger, Teddy Newton, Tony Fucile, Jake Steinfeld, Brad Bird, Laurent Spelvogel (narrator)



MONDAY JUNE 25

9 p.m. NBC Age of Love Women ranging in age from 21 to 48 vie for the attentions of Australian tennis star Mark Philippoussis. We found out last week that there was a twist; neither Mark nor the women knew what they were getting themselves into, and this week we get to see what happens when the Kittens meet the Cougars.

TUESDAY JUNE 26 9 p.m. ABC Shaq's Big Challenge Shaquille O'Neal and his team of experts begin their quest to help six obese Florida youngsters become healthy and fit. It's interesting that a guy whose weight has fluctuated over the past few years will be helping teens lose weight. Thankfully, for Heat fans, Shaq follows his own advice this summer.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 27

10:30 p.m. MTV The X Effect Old flames are reunited and after a romantic weekend, contestants have to choose whether or not to stay with their current mate or go back with their ex. Another MTV reality dating show is on, except this one doesn't seem to be scripted, and every episode involves watching people get really mad at each other. My type of show.

CD REVIEW **Cranberries singer** back with solo album

AMANDA K. SHAPIRO Staff Writer

Dolores O'Riordan has been released back into the wild, only this time she is unaccompanied by her fruitfamed band mates, The Cranberries.

It has been four years since the band's hiatus; though each member has gone on to pursue solo musical careers. Seizing her turn, O'Riordan debuted Are You Listening?, her musical comeback after having spent a few years out of the limelight.

Released on Sanctuary Records, the album features 12 tracks very near and dear to the Irish songstress. The making of the album felt different for the radio veteran, whose near-20 years of industry experience has involved showcasing her talent to the world.

"It was the first time in my life I was a free agent. I had no inhibitions, which is how I felt when I first started out. That's all visible here," says O'Riordan of her solo album.

O'Riordan's voice sets her apart from other female vocalists in much of the same way that Shakira's voice has the infamous pitch modulation. Though she appears inde-

pendent of her band on Are You Listening?, the album still sounds like something The Cranberries could have released. Save for the extremely personal lyrical content, there is a consistent familiarity among the melodies that lends itself to the early '90s and The Cranberries' Everybody Else Is Doing It, So Why Can't We?

This is not to discredit the newly solo artist, but to further the point that the magic is in her trademark voice. Let's be honest; the song "Salvation" wouldn't have played out anywhere near the same had it been sung by someone else. The same case can easily be made with O'Riordan's new material.



Dolores O'Riordan Album: Are You Listening? *** • •

Label: Sanctuary Records **Available Now**

These days, she seems to have let the sunshine in on her lyric lines. Her departure from former musical endeavors and a newfound focus on the joys of motherhood might be to blame for upbeat tempos and poppy vibes.

O'Riordan embraces an echoed chorus effect on the new album. "Black Widow" and "Apple of My Eye" are reminiscent of songs by Enigma with their ethereal lullaby-like chanting.

The album peaks with the songs "October" and "In the Garden." For those seeking a flashback fix, look no further than "Stay With Me" for its Cranberries-like evident influence. The instrumentation of supporting melodies on the album is carefully held together by heavily rhythmic piano pieces and various guitar parts.

Are You Listening? is impressive but cannot seem to entirely shed the references of O'Riordan's alter ego. Though she's built up a small tour in the U.S., there are currently no dates scheduled in Florida. O'Riordan will spend most of her time in the upcoming months playing shows in Europe and promoting her new album.

Send questions, comments and album suggestions to:

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A LA MODE iPod making mark in music, fashion worlds



THURSDAY JUNE 28 8 p.m. FOX Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?

This show is lame; I'll be honest, but if you watch it on a DVR, you can fast forward through all the boring parts and just watch the questions. And it still has new episodes on, which is something that most other shows can't say in late June.

FRIDAY JUNE 29

9 p.m. Discovery Man vs. Wild Bear Grylls demonstrates how to survive in Mexico's Copper Canyon. I love this show. It has to be the best thing on this summer. Check it out if you haven't seen it yet.

SATURDAY JUNE 30

10 p.m. NICK America's Funniest **Home Videos**

Nick at Night is really scraping the bottom of the barrel with the old Bob Saget version of this show. It's worth checking out just to hear Bob do those stupid voiceovers on every video.

SUNDAY JULY 1

9 p.m. FOX Family Guy After Peter's dad, Francis, dies, Peter finds out that his real father lives in Ireland. So Peter and Brian head there in search of his father, who ends up being the town drunk, which is a great honor, and he challenges him to a drinking game to prove his paternity. Meanwhile, Stewie acts out and Lois spanks him, but he quickly realizes that he likes it and does whatever he can to get into trouble.

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BILLBOARD **TOP 5 ALBUMS:** Artist / Title / Label

1. Toby Keith / Big Dog Daddy / Show Dog Nashville

2. Fabolous / From Nothin'To Somethin' / Desert Storm

3. Paul McCartney / Memory Almost Full / MPL

4. Maroon 5 / It Won't Be Soon Before Long / A&M

5. T-Pain / Epiphany / Konvict

JAMIE SALMASIAN Staff Writer

Fashion and music have a relationship that mixes together like peanut butter and jelly, and the Apple iPod is a fine example of that.

I mean, look at those colorful TV ads they have! It's pure bliss for a musician turned fashionista. These portable music players have made their mark in the fashion world and on our campus.

Porsha Buckner, a 21-yearold senior business management major purchased her iPod from Wal-Mart. She chose the iPod over other MP3 devices because of its quality. She listens to hip-hop on her blue iPod nano, complete with a red "skin" covering it, mostly while riding the UCF shuttle and working out at the gym.

Another student spotted following the iPod trend on campus, Ken McWilliams, a 20-year-old junior marketing major, has a white, 30-gigabyte iPod. He bought it from Best Buy and because of convenience.

"I have a lot of music, and it's easier to have it all on one source," McWilliams said. He prefers to listen to music from the '80s and '90s while strolling around campus or jamming out in his car.

Ashleigh Detreville, a 21year-old junior marketing major, loves to wear her iPod while she walks around campus or does homework. (See? Music can help you get your studying done!) She received her 30-gigabyte, white iPod, which she keeps covered with a pink iPod "sock," as a birthday gift.

She prefers it to other MP3 players because it holds more music, and she can find her songs faster. She also likes the fact that her iPod can play videos.

That day, Detreville was listening to the band Wilco,







PHOTOS BY JAMIE SALMASIAN / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE Students (from top) Porsha Buckner, Ken **McWilliams and Ashleigh Detreville** model with their Apple iPods. Fusing fashion and music, iPods come in all shapes and sizes to suit your style.

but said she always has her iPod on shuffle. "I listen to so much [music]," she said.

Seeing that iPods are available in a variety of colors, styles and sizes, it can make both your fashion and musical senses content. Prices range between \$80-\$400 depending on model and number of gigabytes.

Whether you're working out, taking a long drive, or dancing in your room while brushing your teeth, like Sandra Oh in Grey's Anatomy, the iPod is a fashion and musical must-have.

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Musical buffet at Bonnaroo 2007 unmatched

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Chris Ross using his keyboard like a seesaw as lead singer Andrew Stockdale bounced around stage.

Wilco, known for their great live shows, did not disappoint, and The White Stripes closed down the Which Stage as the sun set with "Seven Nation Army," and the song's signature riff had the crowd enthralled.

Although not the final performance of the festival, for many it was their last. The camps began to empty as festival goers, anxious to get home, packed up and waited in standstill traffic. All they had to do was put their windows down to enjoy Widespread Panic's clos-ing set that had them jamming way past their allotted three hours.

The musical buffet offered at Bonnaroo is outstanding. By the end of the festival, I realized that I had been infected with "Bonnarhea." Once afflicted by Bonnarhea, you will not have any problems laying in the dirt for four days while enjoying an amazing sonic experience and interesting sights.

No one can take your Bonnaroo experience away from you. The people that you go to Bonarroo with are like the people you went to high school with - you'll always have that bondaroo.



During the day you could play Xbox 360 in the Arcade Tent, but at night it turned into a rave as the Saturday Night Fever style floor pulsed to the music.

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Two Flugtag records sunk

ANDY JACOBSOHN Staff Writer

Imagine a giant sombrero soaring 80 feet over the Cumberland River with more than 80,000 of Nashville's residents and skyline behind it.

For the Soaring Gonzalez team from UCF, that is precisely what they were hoping for at the 2007 Red Bull Flugtag in Nashville on Saturday.

"Hopefully I'll see the sombrero glide off into the distance," William "Van" Lewark said shortly before his team took the leap off the 30foot high flight deck. "Andale, andale! Arriba, arriba!"

If by "distance" Lewark means 25 feet, then he got to see the craft he worked so diligently on for the past month go "into the distance."

Twenty-seven teams from throughout the country drove and flew to Nashville, the Music City, dreaming of one goal, one prize, one seemingly simple action: human-powered flight.

The concept of humanpowered flight fuels Flugtag, German for "flying day."

Saturday's day of flight in Nashville ended up breaking two Red Bull Flugtag North American records: flight distance and public attendance.

The Kentucky team Rocky Top Rocket flew a remarkable 155 feet en route to shattering the North American flight distance record of 81 feet, which was set a year before in Baltimore with its banjoshaped aircraft.

"We never would have thought we'd break the North American record. We came



PHOTOS BY ANDY JACOBSOHN / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE Top: Team Shuttle Shooter, also from Orlando, put on a skit mocking Astronaut Lisa M.

Nowak (diapers and all) before their contraption took a direct plunge into the river. Above: Months of preparation culminated in a 5-second flight for Soaring Gonzalez.

"The mark of success was running that thing down the ramp in front 80,000 people," Byrd said.

The team's two goals come flight time were that there be a minor tail wind and that the pilot stay in his seat to control the direction of the craft. These goals could have led the team to the podium.

"A little tail wind would be good, but this thing catches air really well. So, we don't want to fly into the side,"

Mechanical engineering majors Scott Pride traveled a sleepless 11-hour drive to see the Soaring Gonzalez repre-

sent his university. Pride was "showing off our symbols [with a UCF flag], and Vanderbilt is around here; we have to show them that we are better than them."

Pride was proud of what his fellow Knights could devise.

"They have the biggest and obviously the craziest design ... it's a hat," Pride said. Stephanie Martinez, a mass media communications graduate student, traveled with the team and helped out. "The guys are stressing, and we just took a little bit of the responsibility out of their hands," Martinez said. For the sake of the team, Martinez realized it was about time when the craft was loaded upon the flight deck. "My favorite part is finally seeing everything done; the craft is all together, just knowing that they are going to jump, at the point of no return."





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off of there and really flew super smooth," Team Rocky Top Rocket pilot Brandon Vincent said.

Nashville's Riverfront Park, which outlines the Cumberland River, accommodated over 80,000 spectators — the other new North American record.

The largest international record was set in 2003 at London's Hyde Park with 250,000 in attendance. The park gates were then closed due to venue capacity; this only happened one other time when the Rolling Stones played in the park.

Though the giant som-brero didn't break any records, the team's captain, Thomas Byrd, still sees its flight as a success after the build time and a combined 800 man hours of work.

team member Rick Browne said.

The wind was nowhere to be found when the craft took the stage.

"Don't fall out,' we warned him. He stays with the craft at all times," Lewark said of the Soaring Gonzalez's pilot, Daniel Cooledge.

The sombrero was not cooperating; Cooledge hit the water well ahead of his craft. Flugtag rules state that the distance is measured where the pilot hits the water, whether in the craft or not.

"Did you see him bail backward?" Byrd said, "It wasn't supposed to happen. It did, and it is funny."

Five feet or 100 feet, the Soaring Gonzalez traveled with the support of family, friends and other UCF students.

For the captain, the first time competing in this historic Flugtag is the last.

"No, no, that was it. We have to go to school and graduate now," Byrd said.

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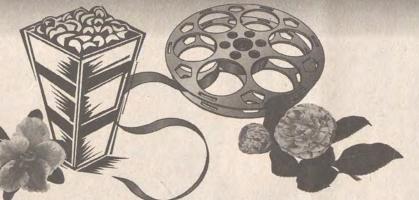
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NCAA, UCF need to lay off the suds

fter all these years, the Knights will finally have their own stadium. It's a monumental event worth getting excited about. We're so thrilled, we feel we have to celebrate waters all around!

Heck, a new stadium comes about once in a lifetime — let's make that sparkling water!

Abiding by the NCAA's alcohol policy, UCF decided to disallow the sale and consumption of alcohol within the stadium, except in the luxury suites. But if you can afford to pay that much to watch the Knights get manhandled in their first game, then you deserve a beer.

It's not as if UCF is moving toward a clean and sober football image. On gamedays, the university will suspend the open container law, allowing tailgaters to drink on campus. No, you can't show off your talent with a beer bong in front of the Library. Bottles are also a no-go, but cans and paper cups are fine. Public intoxication laws are still in effect on gamedays.

If it seems like UCF is trying to have it both ways, then you're right. The university gets to claim that its stadium is alcoholfree, and guests can still enjoy a drink as long as they confine it to the parking lot.

Dark and nutty outside, sweet and sober inside - kind of like a Baby Ruth.

It's all in keeping with the NCAA's vision, which, according to its 2005 policy, desires to provide "positive messaging related to the legal use of alcohol."

The NCAA guidelines for college football programs, which are encouraged rather than enforced, are a carbon-copy of the alcohol policy UCF has adopted: allow tailgating but remove all alcohol from within the stadium.

Looks like that positive message toward the responsible use of alcohol is "take it outside."

Obviously there is no way for a person, regardless of age, to drink a beer while at a football game without the entire experience ending badly. Our research suggests that nine out of 10 such people will eventually strip down to their skivvies while repeating the chorus to "We Will Rock You" before attempting to punt a Gatorade bottle into the adjacent stands.

Wait, that didn't happen? You sure?

Sorry, sometimes we forget that at the college level we're dealing with adults. We also ignore the fact that many visitors to the stadium this year will be middle-aged or older people who might not wish to partake in tailgating.

Though the NCAA claims to want to send a consistent message when it comes to the responsible use of alcohol, we are not quite sure how they can do this if they continue to promote backdoor policies such as this.

Alcohol can be enjoyed safely indoors, even while watching a football game, without the drinker falling into a pre-evolutionary, ape-like state. But the NCAA has opted to take the route of cutting off the leg to save the body. That is to say that because some people may abuse alcohol in the stadium, all responsible persons will have to decide between watching the

game and going outside to have a beer.

Expect the stands to be empty at halftime.

The way things are, UCF will be able to keep a tighter leash on fans who might overindulge. People who are noticeably intoxicated won't be allowed in the door, and the no-alcohol policy inside will keep rowdiness under control. But is there any other way to cut down on drunkenness without scrapping alcohol altogether?

How about limiting the amount of drinks a person can purchase? Let's be generous and say that you could get two drinks per ticket.

At the same time, why not reduce the amount of alcohol served

Even UCF's current policy won't keep people from sneaking in alcohol, and if someone went through that kind of trouble, you can bet he didn't fill up on Miller Lite.

You can't promote the responsible use of alcohol by telling people not to drink. Nor does letting people get soused outside the stadium walls do much to better the image of college athletics when it comes to alcohol.

Like it or not, this an adult game in an adult world, and most adults drink. There are some among us who tend to abuse alcohol in situations that call for modesty, but that doesn't mean the rest of us need to be restricted from having a good time. As long as we are allowed to do so responsibly, then the NCAA need not fear damage to its image.



DON WRIGHT / PALM BEACH POST

Guns on campus: the most dangerous game

There are some things in this world that I will probably never understand. One of those things is a fight to lift the concealed weapons ban on college campuses across the nation.

A new club at UCF plans to work with the National Rifle Association to do just that.

The movement is driven, as most NRA movements are, by the Second Amendment, and the need and right for people to be able to protect themselves.

Yet in light of the recent Virginia Tech shootings, as well as recent discoveries of weapons in off-campus housing at UCF, allowing people to carry concealed weapons on campus doesn't seem like such a good idea.

By now, you've probably heard the official NRA response: If at least one of the students who were forced to play dead at VT had a gun, he could have protected himself and everyone else.

It's an interesting point, but also a point filled with speculation.

There's no real way of knowing what would have happened had one of those students had a concealed weapon. Perhaps they would have been able to protect themselves and their fellow students? Perhaps an even more deadly gunfight could have erupted?

The NRA maintains that nothing can stop shooters from targeting schools, and if students and faculty are able to carry guns with them on campus, such incidents would be curbed.

Still, they seem more concerned with



his mission. What he is going to do is usually set in his brain, and at a certain point nothing will stop him.

The presence of guns on campus will only create a more hostile environment, one that will lend itself more easily to violence. Instead of spending money

JENNIFER LARINO to instill a policy where students Staff Writer

who choose to arm themselves can, money should be spent backing the campus police force, emergency response teams and other systems in place to serve the entire student population

UCF is a community, one that its members should take time to make sure is safe. Allowing personal firearms on campus promotes an "every-man-for-himself" mentality that has the possibility to quickly sour into chaos if an emergency should occur.

While one student may feel safe carrying a gun at his waist, another may feel very unsafe at the thought of one of his classmates being armed. I know I would probably be one of the latter.

Another important point to mention is who would know which UCF students carried concealed weapons? Would records of every gun-toting student be on file at Millican Hall? Would it be public record for those students who want to know who is carrying a weapon around campus?

Allowing guns onto campus promotes a volatile environment where the focus should instead be on other matters, such

scores all-time low

Gaming addiction

ike playing World of Warcraft? Do you spend more than two hours a day leveling up.your paladin to take on that tribe of orcs in the forest?

Well, we hope you're sitting down because this is your intervention.

According to the American Medical Association, video game addiction is a serious threat facing America's youth, and the AMA is moving to include it in the updated Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders IV.

The AMA credits video games with making people more aggressive and with consuming overly large amounts of their free time. The problem is so widespread, the AMA claims, that the medical society wants to take immediate steps to curb this dangerous behavior.

Call it "Playstationitis" or "Nintendophoma;" it's all the same. The AMA would have you believe that Mario is more addictive than crack. Well, he does like mushrooms ...

The AMA estimates that five million children may be addicted to video games in America. The culprit? While all video games may be addictive, special attention was given to role playing games such as WOW and Final Fantasy XII, which are games with interactive environments and characters that offer variable experiences for the player and require a large amount of time to play.

Pause it here. Let's see if we have this straight: The very elements that make a game enjoyable are also what make it dangerous to children? We'd hate to be Sony right now if our choices were to either make games that are boring and repetitive but child-friendly — or make games that are fun and risk a public flogging from children's advoca-

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cy groups.

Since when did enjoying video games make someone crazy? Or is the AMA's definition of "normal" a person who doesn't take particular interest in anything?

That means all you robots out there are officially off the hook, but for us human beings, the outlook is not so good.

You want to talk about addiction, how about America's addiction to label every idiosyncrasy in a person a "medical disorder?"

A person can be addicted to anything: television, football, doughnuts. The question is, is the addiction harmful? Does that interest cause you to miss out on other important aspects of life?

So to all the gamers at UCF, ask yourself this: What would you be doing if you weren't playing video games? If in that light, the world looks like a better place, you may want to think about cutting back. But if the concept makes you want to laugh, like much of the gaming community is doing right now, then you needn't worry that the AMA considers you weird because you expound the benefits of owning a Wii with the fervor of an evangelist.

But then again, the AMA isn't sizing up college-aged gamers for its at-risk list. Take a closer look and you'll see that the main concern is for children.

The word "children" is like a banshee howl for the gaming industry. Already we can hear legislators scribbling notes for their next sermon on the evils of video games. The AMA is urging for a revamped game rating system as well as emphasizing the need for parents to limit the amount of time their children spend playing video games.

Pause it again. Game ratings? Regulating

children's activities? It sounds like the AMA is not so much curing addiction as prescribing good parenting, but that in itself is a condition beyond the AMA's ability to heal.

Any new rating system that doesn't come with electroshock technology will not dissuade children from playing maturethemed games, and of course, there is no way for the AMA to peer into every home to make sure that parents are properly monitoring their children.

It's not up to the government to tell you what activities are right or wrong, but many Americans think otherwise. They want strict regulation of any potential danger, and when that fails, enough medication to ensure that the children and "child-like" among us will no longer have the desire to do that which has been deemed inappropriate by higher powers.

We doubt that parents will ever understand their children's interest, but that doesn't make kids bizarre or dysfunctional because they don't enjoy acceptable forms of entertainment as defined by the older generation.

There is no need to classify them as "sick" because they are having way too much fun.

If parents are concerned about their children playing video games for an excessive amount of time, they always have the power to tell their kids to go do something else.

You don't need a prescription for that.

The same applies for you older gamers out there. Rather than see your doctor to kick that gaming habit, why not try turning the game off or limiting your game purchases?

Go outside and read a book or something. We'll send you our bill.

taking out the bad guy than with preventing violence from reaching schools.

A shooter as determined as Seung-Hui Cho will not see the possibility of some students being armed as a hindrance to

as, I don't know, learning?

I don't believe guns should ever find their way onto the UCF campus. To me the situation has nothing to do with politics but is a matter of common sense.

AROUND CAMPUS ТНЕ WORD Do you think UCF should serve alcohol inside its new stadium?

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ANTHONY MARTELY 18, business

"I think that alcohol should be sold at the new stadium. They should do this to try to avoid people sneaking or doing it illegally outside of the stadium."



JESSICA GASPAROLO 22, creative writing (alumna)

"It's a bit ridiculous if you ask me. If they can drink in the parking lot, then they are going to be drinking anyway. I understand precautions, but the reasoning is weak."



ZACH WELLS 21, engineering technology

"I think UCF should serve alcohol because it is one of the top selling items at the last stadium. I have worked in concessions at the stadium now and have seen the fans more excited when they purchase alcohol."

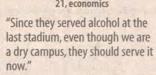


HILLARY KOTLER 20, interpersonal/ organizational communication

"Yes, if they served us alcohol at the old stadium, then what makes this one any different?"



JOHN WARD 21, economics





KALIN CHESTER 22, liberal studies

"Yes, I believe alcohol should be served inside the stadium. If it's being served in the suites, it should be served to outside seats as well, to the 21 and over students only, of course."

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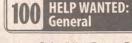
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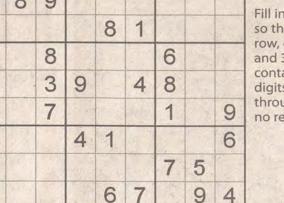
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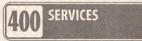
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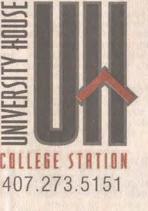
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